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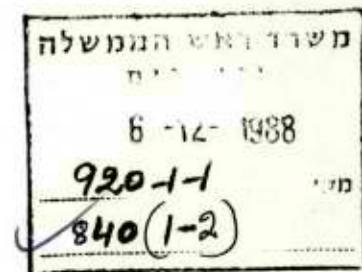
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November 15, 1988

The Honorable Yitzhak Shamir
Prime Minister of the State of Israel
Office of the Prime Minister
3 Kaplan Street
Jerusalem 91919, ISRAEL

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

This is an urgent request that you consider the amending of the Law of Return enormously damaging to the status of world Jewish unity.

The two enclosed statements of this Jewish community on this issue are:

1. Our statement sent to the Prime Minister in 1985 urging the rejection of the amendment, and
2. Our reiteration of the original statement in the strongest possible terms.

Mr. Prime Minister, we are deeply concerned about the effect of such an amendment on the financial contributions of our constituency to Israel - since over ninety-five per cent of our contributors are reform and conservative Jews. Our community is typical of other diaspora communities.

Respectfully yours,

NORMAN B. TILLES, President
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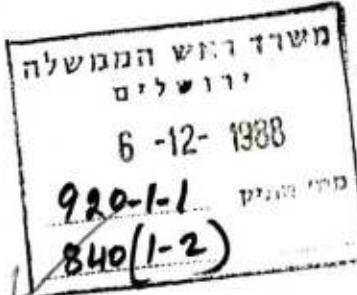
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November 14, 1988

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir
The Knesset
Jerusalem, Israel



Dear Prime Minister Shamir,

Since November 1, I have read my newspapers with a sense of fear and trembling. I wondered would you agree to join in a coalition with the Orthodox parties and accept a change in the Law of Return, would you accept the "Enabling Law" - in other words, would you give in to political black-mail?

This week-end on the front page of the N.Y. Times I received my answer, you had given in. Prime Minister Shamir I must remind you that in so doing you are threatening to tear the Jewish people in two. Israel was established as a state in which all Jews could come and live in freedom and safety. By agreeing to black-mail, you have accepted the "fact" that Israel is not a home for all Jews. You have accepted the "fact" that Israel is a home for only a small minority of the Jewish people. By accepting these changes, Israel will become a country in which there is freedom of religion for all, but Jews. The Orthodox parties with your assistance and support, will limit the religious freedoms of all Jews in the State of Israel. I urge you not to let this happen. I urge you to stand up for freedom and true Jewish values.

Prime Minister Shamir, if as reported by your press secretary, you believe that this is an issue that will blow over, and that we as liberal Jews will forgive the Israeli government, I believe you are sadly mistaken. The changes in Israeli law that are now being considered will have a lasting negative effect on Israeli society and on Israel/Diaspora relations.

I thank you very much for your time and your consideration of this matter.

b'Shalom

Rabbi Andrew Straus
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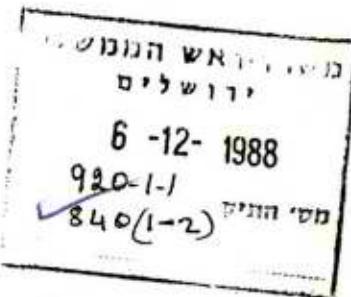


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City Council
of the
City of Los Angeles

November 14, 1988



Jewish Federation Council of Los Angeles
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This is to advise you that I am hereby disavowing my pledge for the Israeli Bond which I made during the High Holidays at my temple, Temple Ramat Zion, this year.

I am highly disturbed by the agreement of the Shamir government and the religious zealots to enact legislation limiting who may be considered a Jew. This flies in the face of all that is morally justifiable and in no way will I continue to support the State of Israel until this truly unacceptable policy is renounced.

Sincerely

HAL BERNSON
Councilman, 12th District

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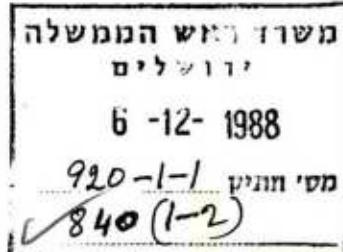
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November 10, 1988

The Honorable Yitzhak Shamir
Prime Minister
State of Israel
Prime Minister's Office
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Prime Minister Shamir:



We are writing to you at this time with warmth, affection and support for the people and the State of Israel.

Speaking on behalf of ourselves, the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston, Inc., and many members of our Boston Jewish community, we urge you to do everything possible to remove the "Who is a Jew" issue from the current negotiations on the formation of a new government. We believe that any change in the Law of Return would:

- divide and harm the American Jewish community;
- damage American Jewish unity and support for Israel;
- lead to a further deterioration of Israel's image among the general American population and, most importantly;
- ultimately endanger the support of the American people for Israel, thus posing a threat to Israel's security.

As you know, the American Jewish community has always supported, and will continue to support, Israel's security needs with a full heart and that, in large measure, our efforts have been successful.

However, the combination of a change in the Law of Return and its negative impact on the majority of American Jews, coupled with the need to defend whatever steps any new Israeli government may take with regard to the Intifada, may have a completely unpredictable impact on the American Jewish community's support for Israel. The resulting confusion may have a significantly negative impact on our ability to

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November 4, 1988

His Excellency Yitzhak Shamir
Prime Minister of Israel
Prime Minister's Office
Hakirya
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

You know my personal feelings about any attempt to change the Law of Return, the so-called "Who is a Jew?" question.

Leaving aside my personal feelings, as head of The National PAC which will contribute over \$1,200,000 to Senate and House candidates of both parties this year, let me assure that any attempt to change the Law of Return will have the most negative impact on Israel's position with America's political elite.

Others can more directly discuss the impact on Jewish philanthropy that benefits Israel. My area of knowledge is Congress and the Executive branch and I can assure you that the support of American Jews for Israel plays a vital role in keeping support for Israel at an extraordinarily high level. Any negative change in the Law of Return will severely impact American Jewish support for Israel and therefore will adversely affect Congressional support for Israel.

Please feel free to discuss the contents of this communication with the leaders of Israel's religious parties.

To add a personal note, you know that two of my children were converted according to Halachic Law by a Conservative Rabbi. I know that Morris Abram, President of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, is in a similar situation. Many of the most active Jewish supporters of Israel in this country have family members to whom the Law of Return, if amended, would apply negatively if they were to make aliya.

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His Excellency Yitzhak Shamir
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November 4, 1988

I know that you know how much damage would be caused by amending the Law of Return. I hope you can convince leaders of the religious parties that they would be doing unbelievable harm to Israel if they succeed in amending the Law of Return. They will also split the Jewish people at a time when our unity is of paramount importance.

Warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

MARVIN JOSEPHSON

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PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL
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DEAR MR PRIME MINISTER

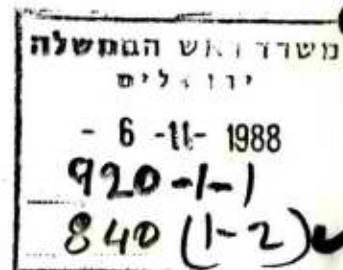
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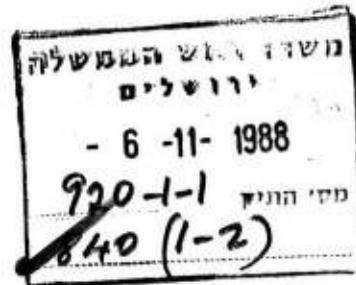
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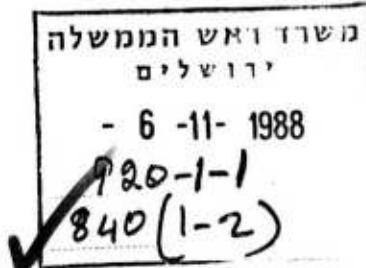
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SIMON SCHWARTZ, PRESIDENT MERCAZ, RABBI BENJAMIN Z. KREITMAN, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT MERCAZ AND MARSHALL WOLKE, PRESIDENT WORLD COUNCIL OF SYNAGOGUES

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THE HONORABLE YITZHAK SHAMIR
PRIME MINISTER OF ISREAL
OFFICE OF THE PRIMER MINISTER
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WE COMMEND THE CITIZENS OF ISREAL EXEMPLARY EXERCISE OF CIVIC
RESPONSIBILITY BY VIRTUE OF THE HIGH PERCENTAGE OF VOTERS WHO
PARTICIPATED IN ITS ELECTIONS. ISREAL HAS DEMONSTRATED TO THE WORLD
AN ESPECIALLY TO ITS NEIGHBORS, THAT FREE ELECTIONS ARE A CHERISHED
AND INDISPENSABLE ELEMENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY. WE WISH YOU
CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL YOUR FUTURE EFFORTS.

IRRESPECTIVE OF WHO HOLDS OFFICE IN ISREAL, THOSE NATIONS WHO
CONTINUE TO BE IN A STATE OF WAR ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR BEING THE
OPTICAL TO PEACE. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE STATE OF ISREAL IS
PREPARED TO CONSIDER ALL POSSIBILITIES LEADING TO PEACE, PROVIDING
THE ARAB STATES TAKE INITIATIVE WHICH ARE GENUINE AND RECOGNIZE THE
PERMANENCY AND SECURITY OF THE JEWISH STATE OF ISREAL.

WE URGE THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF ISREAL STAND FIRM AND REJECT ANY
MODIFICATIONS TO THE PRESENT STATUS OF THE LAW OF RETURN. ANY SUCH
ACTION WOULD HAVE ADVERSE AFFECT ON THE UNITY OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE.

THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE EVERY
EFFORT TO PALLY DIASPORA JEWS IN SUPPORT OF THE STATE OF ISREAL AND
TO MAINTAIN THE UNITY OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE, WHICH IS IMPERATIVE FOR
US ALL.

BEST REGARDS.

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
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JOSEPH J HILLER, CHAIRMAN NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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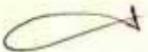
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SHAMIR PEREZ
THE PRIME MINISTER
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JACQUES TORCZYNER

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Tiberias, Oct. 24 1988

Dear Mr. Shamir:

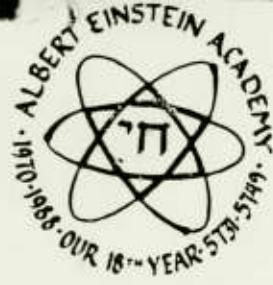
I want to congratulate you on your TV debate of last night. You were dignified, clear in your statements and spoke like a real leader.

I wish you success on November first and that you will continue to lead Israel. The problems that Israel faces are grave but can be solved by a national will and a policy that can lead to a sound economy and peace in a strong and secure Israel.

cordially yours

Jacques Torcynier

Hon Itzhak Shamir
Prime Minister of Israel
Jerusalem Israel.

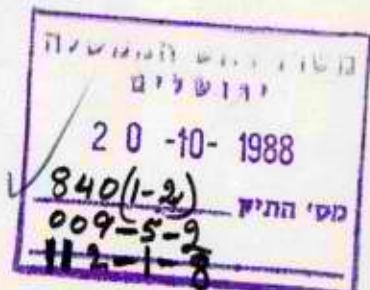


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The Honorable Yitshak Shamir
Prime Minister of
The State of Israel
Jerusalem, Israel



Dear Prime Minister Shamir:

I am writing to ask for your assistance on behalf of the Albert Einstein Academy of Wilmington, Delaware.

The Albert Einstein Academy is a private Jewish day school which offers a balanced program of general and Judaic studies for kindergarten through the elementary grades. It was founded in 1969 for the purpose of giving Jewish children an environment in which to achieve a positive self identity and to develop a strong identification to our people, our religion and to the land of Israel.

This year, to celebrate our Chai anniversary, we plan to honor community leaders who have worked to achieve the goals of the school over the past eighteen years.

There is no appropriate way to thank those who will be honored for all the work they have achieved; however, a letter of recognition from the State of Israel would be a cherished momento of this special day.

Would you be kind enough to send an individual letter for each honoree commemorating them for the work they have accomplished that enabled the Academy to reach its eighteenth anniversary? We would like to have the presentation ready by November 10, 1988. A list of names is attached.

Your thoughtful consideration of this request will be appreciated and remembered by all of us at the Albert Einstein Academy.

Shalom,

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Steve Dunner
Vice President

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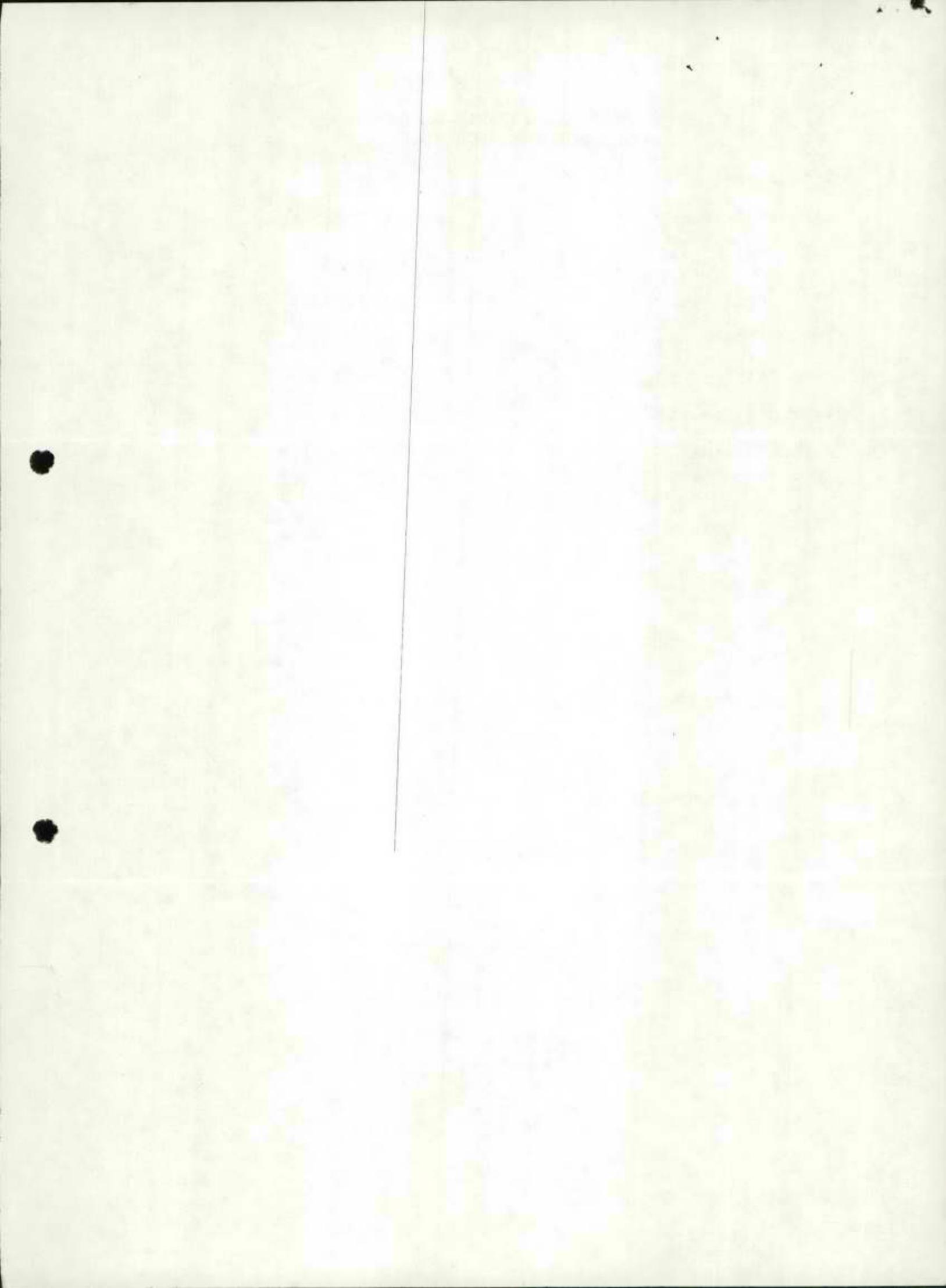
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AEA HISTORY

AEA is a private Jewish day school which offers a balanced program of general and Judaic studies for kindergarten through the elementary grades. It was founded in 1969 for the purpose of giving Jewish children an environment in which to learn their heritage and achieve a positive self identity.

In recognition of this worthy goal, AEA has been made a Constituent Agency of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and has received the endorsement of the Rabbinical Association of Delaware.

The school is, however, an independent educational institution and is not affiliated with any religious movement. Its students are members of all the area synagogues and it draws strength from this varied background.

In September 1984 AEA and the JCC joined resources and merged their respective kindergartens to create a program that would better serve the needs of the community. This joint kindergarten now offers parents the choice of a full or half day session and the option of JCC day care.

FACILITIES

The AEA's physical facilities are located in the Harry and Yetta Cohen Wing of the Jewish Community Center building in Wilmington, Delaware. The wing houses administrative offices, classrooms, and a science room. In addition, the school benefits from its access to the Jewish Community Center's gymnasium, swimming pool, and auditorium.



CURRICULUM

In general studies, the school offers a complete program of language arts, social sciences, mathematics, and science.

The Judaic program includes the study of Hebrew language, Bible, Jewish history and customs, and Jewish current events.

This integrated curriculum emphasizes concepts and philosophies that are part of the Jewish heritage and provides the students with a meaningful understanding of their identity and place in our contemporary American society.



FACULTY

AEA's experienced faculty is composed of dedicated and caring teachers who have demonstrated their ability to motivate and bring out the best in each student. The small size classes allow for an enviable teacher:pupil ratio and maximum individual attention.





ADMISSIONS POLICY

Admission is based on the intellectual, social, and emotional readiness for each child. The degree of religious observance of the family is not a criterion for admission to the school.

The school is designed for parents who want their children to learn the Jewish heritage and at the same time receive an outstanding secular education. To this end, the Academy seeks applications from those who will benefit from its combined program and who have the qualifications to pursue it successfully.

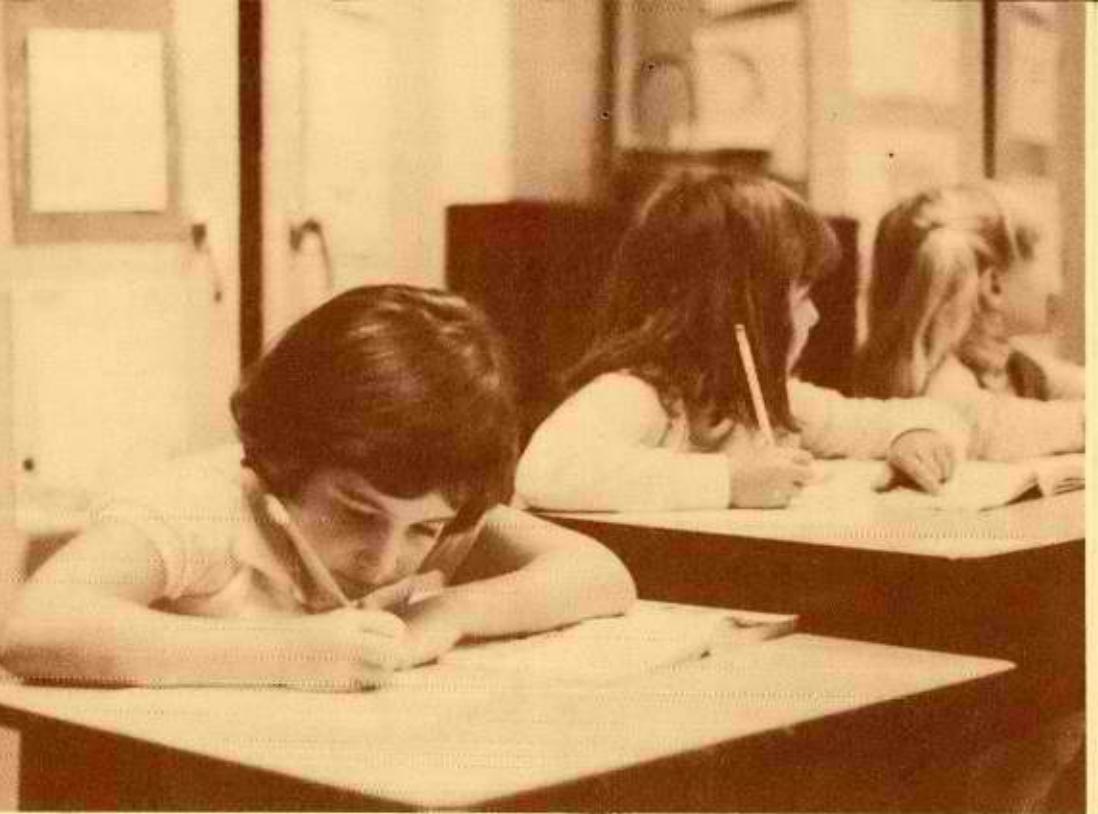
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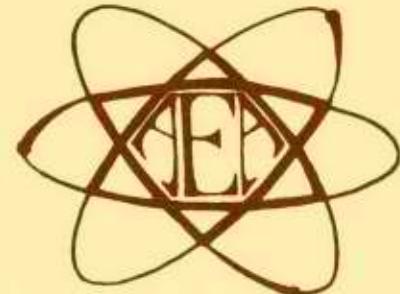
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1. שושאן גידול בבנייה בת-כנסת בפלורידה

יותר מעשרים קהילות יהודיות מבצעות ביום תכניות בנייה של בת-כנסת ובינוי צבורי אחרים בפלורידה בעלות של 21 מיליון דולר ויתר. הסבה לכך היא הגידול הדרמטי של במספר היהודים במדינה זו. מניחים שיש בה ביום 700 אלף יהודים (ר' עלוון מס. 52 מאוגוסט 1988). התפתחות זו מודגשת במיוחד בדרום ברוארד (BROWARD) בת 262 אלף יהודים, פאלם ביץ' בת 150 אלף ודייד (DADE) עם 241 אלף.

במקום אחד, בока ריטון (BOCA RATON) גדרה אחת הקהילות תוך שנים ספורות מכמה עשרות לכמה מאות נפש. קהילה אחרת חילימה תכנית בנייה בהיקף של 4.2 מיליון דולר. גידול עצום אחר חל בקהילה היהודית בליק וורת (LAKE WORTH). כשנוסף קהילה זו לפני חמש שנים היא מנתה 30 נפשות ואילו ביום היא מונה 1000 נפשות. מעניינת העובדה שבקרה זה המרובה בגימלאים. שבאו מהצפון. גימלאים הם צבור שאינו נושא בדרך כלל לתדרום כספים לבנייה בת-כנסת משום שיכולים הם להציג על כך שם כבר תרמו למטרה דומה במקום מושבם הקורם. במקרה זה הם תרמו בכלל זאת.

ראו לציין שבkahילות אחדות בפלורידה לא נופל מספר הצעירים ממספר הקשישים.

(לפי JEWISH WORLD, 9-15 בספטמבר 1988)

2. מחקר חדש: היהודים עושים חיליל בשרות בכירות בחברות אמריקניות אך התמצאים בהם שואפת לאפס

מחקר חדש מטעם הוועד היהודי האמריקני חשף ממצאים מעורריים באשר להעסקת היהודים בתפקידים בכירים וניהול ע"י חברות אמריקניות לא-יהודים. בצד נתוניים אלה נחשפו גם ממצאים מראיגים באשר לזיקתם של היהודים בתפקידים הבכירים ליהדות. המחקר התגלה אחר מסלול קידום של בוגרי שני מוחזורים של שלושה בת-ספר למנהל עסקים בצוות מזוזה ארה"ב, בסה"כ 444 איש ואשה. התברר שהיהודים עשו חיליל שעה שנשמד קיפוחן של קבוצות אוכלוסייה אחרות כמו השחורים והנשים. היהודים הצליחו להתקדם בסולם המשכורות יותר מעמיטיהם

הפרוטסטנטים והקתולים: שכרכם היה גבוה בהרבה (111 אלף דולר בשנה לעומת 83-82 אלף). על היוט המצב שפיר ניתן למלוד, בין היתר, מהממצאים הבאים:

- היהודים נמצאו מועסקים בקשר רחבה של חברות.
- הם הועסקו בתחום אחריות מגוונים.
- הם לא נמצאו מועסקים בשרות נוכחות דזוקא.
- הם לא התאוננו שהמונחים עליהם, שאינם יהודים, מגליים אי רצון כלפים.
- הנידות היהודית בעבודה הייתה רבה דבר שנבע מרצון התקדמות ולא בוגלקייפוח.
- אחרי 5 עד 10 שנים מתחילה העסקתם בשרות ניהוליות זוטרות הגיעו % 83 (לעומת 69 מהפרוטסטנטים ו-53 מהקתולים) לשרות בכירות יותר בניהול.

אולם התגלה כמו-כן שלרוב היהודים בתפקידים הבכירים הללו לא הייתה זיקה ממש לחיים היהודיים וلتרבויות היהודית. כמחציתם לא הגיעו אותן עברית. רק מעתים ידעו כמה מילים בעברית. שבירת החגיגים על-ידם התבטאה בהשתתפות בסדר פסח ובהדרקת נרות חנוכה. מרביתם הגיעו עז אשוח בביתם בחג המולד. 23% היו נשואים בנשואי תערובת, ברוב המקרים מבעלי שבן הזוג הלא-יהודי יתגיר. וכך כותבים החוקרים: "לאורך הזמן בית-האב היהודי-נוצרי... נוטה ליהפוך לנוצרי בעיקר בשל ההשפעה המכרעת שיש לדת של בן הזוג המשתייך לדת רוב האוכלוסייה".

סבה חשובה להיעלה של הפליה נגדי היהודים היא ההתקפות שחלו בכלכלת האמריקנית. בעולם של תחרות נאלצות חברות לפעול ביום לפיה דרישות השוק והדבר כופף עליהם גישה עניינית בבחירה מועמדים לתפקידים.

(לפי PHILADELPHIA JEWISH EXPOSITOR, 9 בספטמבר 1988)

3. בתנועה הקונסרבטיבית - מוגמת אהודה למרכז ולشمال בישראל

בכנס קונסרבטיבי שנערך בניו-יורק בראשית ספטמבר בלאה אהודה התנועה למרכז ולשمال בישראל.

נגיד בית-המדרשה לרבניים (STS), פרופסור יצחק (איסמאר) שורש, הוקיע את "המנטליות הרומנטית-משיחית של המנהה הלאומי בישראל", בשל התנגדות מנהה זה להסדר על יסוד "אדמה תמורה שלום". לדבריו, תוכנות גישה זו הן "כמעט אסון",

הרפקאה כושלת לבנון, ממשלה המוחזקת כבת ערובה בידי קיזוניים בגדה המערבית, שימוש בנשק ע"י פרטים, התקשות של הנוצר בישראל עד כדי ברוטליות וסירוב לטפל בבעיה הפלסטינית". הגם שהושמעו דיעות אחרות, סברו רבים שהכנס שאורגן ע"י עשרה ארגונים קונסרבטיביים בארץ"ב ובישראל הוא חלק מנגמה ווברת ביוזמות הקונסרבטיבית לראות את השמאלי הירושלמי כבעל ברית טبعי לתנועה בסוגיות שונות, כולל סוגיות הפלורליזם הדתי, זכויות האזרח והתרבות הפליטית בישראל. לעומת זאת, בשאלות בטחון ישראל ממשיכה התנועה לנוכח זהירות רבה.

בזכור, גילתה סקר בקרב 371 רבנים קונסרבטיביים שנערך במאי כי הרוב המכרייע (84%) תומך בויתורים טריוטרייאליים חמורות שלום עם העربים (ר' עلون מס. 52 מאוגוסט 1988) אולם, התברר שהרבנים איתנים בהתנגדותם שלא לבקר את ישראל בעיתונות האמריקנית הכללית.

אחר האישים הקונסרבטיבים הבולטים אמר שהרוון הנוקב בנסיבות ביטחון נובע מהרצון של התנועה להויעד לישראל מקום מרכזי יותר בחיה היומיומית. לתנועה יש בישראל 40 קהילות, קבוץ אחד ומוסדות שונות.

(לפי הניו-יורק טיימס, 11 בספטמבר 1988)

4. ה"שמאל" האורתודוקסי ממשך בפועלות

התנגדות המפסד האורתודוקסי - הסתדרות הרבנים אמריקה (RCA) ואגוד בת' הכנסת האורתודוקסים של אמריקה UNION OF ORTHODOX JEWISH CONGREGATIONS (AMERICA) - לא מנעה את המשך ההתנגדות של שורות הרבנים האורתודוקסים הנאמנים אמונה להלכה, אבל סבורים שה坦נוועה האורתודוקסית עשתה בשנים האחרונות תפנית ימינה. רבנים אלה מוכנים לדו-שייח עם הקונסרבטיבים והרפורים וכן לשנויים אחרים. התארגנות רבנים זו נקראת עמותת הרבנים האורתודוקסים המסורתיים - FTOR - (ר' עلون מס. 50 מאיוני 1988). היא קיימה את ועידתה הראשונה באוגוסט. כמעט כל המשתפים בועידה הביעו דעתם נגד פרישה מה坦נוועה האורתודוקסית אולם המליצו על המשך פעילותם בתחום התנועה כפורים ריעוני.

אחד מראשי התארגנות החדש, הרב סטנלי ואגונר מדנבר קולורדו, סבור שהיעד הוא לארון את כל הרבנים התומכים בגישה המסורתית תוך נטיה לפרש את ההלכה

פירוש ליברלי יותר. דוגמאות לפירושים כאלה: העדר מחיצה בין גברים ונשים בבית-הכנסת וחינוך משותף לבנים ולבנות. הם מאמינים שדווקא גישה ליברלית תביא לקירוב לבבות.

העומדים בראש הסתדרות הרכנים בארצות הברית סבורים שאין כל צורך בחת��נות זו משום שהסתדרות מאפשרת את חברותם של רבני עסקים בעלי השקעות "שמאליות". ראשי איגוד בת-הכנסת האורתודוקסים נקטו עמדה דומה. הם ציינו שלאייגוד יש קשרים עם בת-כנסת שאינם מקפידים על כל דיני ההלכה. נימוקים אלה לא שיכנעו את ראשי הפעילים החדשניים. ואגנור הסביר שהימין השולט בתנועה האורתודוקסית לא יתיר לה נקיטת מדות שהגיעו זמן. רק העמותה שלו תוכל להבטיח זאת.

(לפי אנדרו סולו קרול CARROLL SULLO, ג'רוזלם פוטס, 28 בספטמבר 1988)

5. עיריה במישיגן מביעה חיבתה ליוצרים

במשך שפונה חורשים, החל מסוף ספטמבר, תציג העיירה מסקגון (MUSKEGON) שבמישיגן מספר יהודים שבה רק 235 (87 משפחות), החיים בין 40 אלף לא-יהודים, מה שנח לתקמת הקהלה היהודית. כל מוסדות העיר ישתתפו באירועים ובചגיגות. ההכנות נמשכו שלוש שנים. את האירוע פתח קונגרט של הכנר יצחק פרלמן שניגן יצירות יהודיות. נושאים יהודיים יהיו במרכז כל האירועים. חוק לא-יהודי מקומי פירסם ספר על "מאט השנים היהודיות של מסקגון". כבקרים רכובות אחריות במערב אריה"ב היה המתישב היהודי הראשון רוכל נורדר. לפני כ-40 שנה היה עדרין מספר היהודים בעיירה גדול פי שנים. ביום קיימם בית-כנסת אחד אליו באו בהם הן הקונסרבטיבים והן הרפורמים.

הסנאטור היהודי ממישיגן, קרל לוין, ציין שהאירועים הללו הן עדותחות לפולורליזם האמריקני.

(לפי הניו-יורק טיימס, 28 בספטמבר 1988 ו-THE JEWISH WEEK, 23 בספטמבר 1988)

6. ל��ראת הפעלת תחנת טלביזיה יהודית

חברה בكونקטיקוט מתכוננת הפעלת תחנת טלביזיה יהודית. תחנה זו תהיה הראשונה שתשרר כמעט אך ורק תכניות בעלות עניין יהודי. אופי התוכניות יהיה תרבותי כלליל כדי לעניין את ציבור הצופים היהודי הגדל של איזור ניו-יורק - שלושה מיליון נפש. כבר בשנים הראשונות תהיינה כרבע מכל התוכניות מקוריות שתופקנה ע"י החברה עצמה. החברה מעריכה שההשקעה הכלולות תגיע לכ-10 מיליון דולר.

תחנה תתחל לshedר באביב או בקי"ז 1989.

(לפי י.ט.א, 16 בספטמבר 1988)

7. מועד דתי לסנאט של ארה"ב

ג'ו ליברמן, היהודי אורתודוקסי, בן 45, כיום פרקליט וראש של מדרינת קונקטיקוט, רץ לסנאט של ארה"ב מטעם המפלגה הדמוקרטית. הסנאטור הנוכחי הוא לואל וייקר (J. R. LOWELL WEICKER) הרפובליקני, שהוכח את ידידותו לישראל במשך כל תקופת כהונתו (18 שנה).

אם יבחר ליברמן יהיה היהודי אורתודוקסי הראשון בסנאט. הוא מקפיד על שמירת המצוות ונדר מועידת המפלגת הדמוקרטית של קונקטיקוט שנערכה שבת ע"א שמעמדו של פרקליט ראשי עמדתו אז על הפרק.

ሊברמן הביע אכזבה על כי הפק"ים (PACs) (ר' עלוון מס. 28 מאוגוסט 1986, ועלוון מס. 47, מרץ 1988) הפנו-ישראלים תומכים כספיים בווייקר ולא בו. הוא מודה שפעילותו של וייקר בעניין ישראל היתה טוביה אבל טוען שהוא עצמו יכול לפעול יותר.

מספר היהודים בكونקטיקוט הוא כ-120 אלף.

(לפי BALTIMORE JEWISH TIMES, 2 בספטמבר 1988)

8. אוניברסיטה ברנדיס בת ארבעים

בימים אלה מציינת אוניברסיטה ברנדיס שבולטהם, מס' וסטס, ארבעים שנה ליוםה. אוניברסיטה זו אינה מוגדרת כאוניברסיטה יהודית, אף כי נוסדה ע"י

יהודים ועיקר תקצ'יבה בא מתרומות של יהודים. אחד ממייסדייה וממי שהיה נשיא שנים רבות, אברהם סאקר, ציין בספר המגולל את תולדות האוניברסיטה, שקיומה של ברנדייס מאפשר יהודים שנחנו כל השנאים מהכנסת האורחים של אוניברסיטאות אמריקניות מיסודן של דתות אחרות, להציג את חוב הכנסת אורחים לציבור הלא-יהודי. ואכן ספרו נקרא "סוף סוף אנו מארחים" (A HOST AT LAST).

לפי אחד האומדנים כ-40 מהסטודנטים בברנדייס אינם יהודים (ר' עלוון מס. 43 מנובמבר 1987).

(לפי THE FORWARD, 23 בספטמבר 1988 ומקורות שונים)

9. על מרכז גמילה ליudeים

ירועה חריפותה של בעיית האלכוהוליזם והשימוש בסמים בקרב היהודים (ר' עלוון מס. 5 מספטמבר 1984 ועלוון מס. 41 מספטמבר 1987). לאחר שהמרצחים הנלחמים בעייה זו בקרב האוכלוסייה הכללית (בעיקר הארגון AA-ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) קיבלו צביוון נזاري וمفוגשים מטעם נפתחים בתפילה נזארית ואפילו תוך כדי כריעה כדרכם של הנזירים, חשו היהודים אי נוחות לפנות למרכזים אלה. בהדרגה כמו ארגונים יהודים. אחד הגודלים שבהם הוא ג'קס (JACS -

(JEWISH ALCOHOLICS CHEMICALLY DEPENDENT PERSONS AND SIGNIFICANT OTHERS) המקיים 15 סניפים בכל רחבי ארה"ב. לפני כחודשיים נפתח בלוס-אנג'לס מרכז גמילה חדש ע"י תנועת חב"ד המיעוד לנשים. חב"ד מפעיל מרכז לגברים מזהה 10 שנים. מרכז חב"ד מקפירים כמובן, על שירות, שבת ועל חגי ישראל. רב חסידי אחד ציין שבקרב חסידי חב"ד נדרירים מקרים שימוש בסמים אולם שכבות היא תופעה פחות נדירה. גם ג'קס מרגיש בתכניותיו היבטים יהודים.

(לפי THE JEWISH ADVOCATE, 8 בספטמבר 1988)

10. אורת מקים בית-ספר מקצועי מתקדם שלishi בארה"ב

ניסי אורת של אמריקה מתכננים הפעלת מכון טכנולוגי מתקדם בשיקגו שישלב לימודים טכנולוגיים מתקדמים עם לימודי יהדות ולימודים אחרים. מוסדות דומים של אורת קיימים גם בניו-יורק מזהה 11 שנה ובלוס-אנג'לס מזהה שנתיים.

בית-הספר ייפתח ב-1990. הוא יהיה פתוח גם ללא-יהודים. התעודות שהוא יעניק
הן תעודות מוכרות באלה"ב.

(לפי ט.א., 16 בספטמבר 1988)

11. ארגון בני-ברית נחלץ לפועלות לחידוש נוערין

ארגון בני-ברית - הארגון היהודי הותיק ביותר בארץ (נוסד ב-1843), ועדין אחד הארגונים היהודיים הגדולים ביותר, נחלץ והולך מזה דור ויתר. הוא חיל גודל: לעומת 200,000 חברים ב-1969 היו לו 136,000 ב-1987. הכנסתתו מדרי חברות פחתה. הארגון לא עמד בתחרות עם הפרדציות שהתעצמו וחלכו. הגיל הממוצע של חברי הוא מתקדם.

סבה נוספת להחלשות מעמדו היא העדר זהות מוגדרת לארגון בשל רבי תכניותיו ללא מוקד ברור כלשהו. מצב עניינים זה נדרן בועידה שנערכה בבלטימור לפני חודשים. נקבעו החלטות אחריות שתכליית כולן להשתחרר מנהלים שאבד עליהם הכלח. בועידה הוחלט לאפשר קבלת נשים לתוך ארגון הוג "הבינלאומי" שלהם (INTERNATIONAL RITH INAI B), דבר שמהווה מהפיכה. עם זאת, עדין נשמרת ההפרדה הקפדרנית בין נשים לגברים במסגרת התאים (לוזיות). כמו כן הוחלט לשנות את המבנה ההיררכי ולהטיל על המשרד הראשי הנמצא בבירת ארה"ב את הפיקוח על הסניפים בכל רחבי ארה"ב. יוקמו ארבעה מكونים שיתרכזו בתחום פעילות העשיים למשך חברים צעירים.

(לפי BALTIMORE JEWISH TIMES, 2 ו-9 בספטמבר 1988)

12. קרן הרי וינברג היא קרן היהודית הגדולה בעולם

המיליארדר הרי וינברג, בן ה-80, אחד האנשים העשירים בעולם לפי רשימת 400 עתירי ההון של כתבי-העת FORBES, הקים שתי קרנות. הראשונה, קרן הרי ווינט וינברג, נסודה ב-1959 והפכה החל מ-1981 לקרן התומכת ב- 90% ממענקיה לצרכים יהודיים ומחציהם נועדים לישראל. הון קרן מגיע כיוון לכ-200 מיליון דולר ומשעריהם שאחורי מותו של וינברג הגיעו לגיא הון לכטלייאר דולר.

קרן השניה נוסדה לפני שנה ונקראת קרן משפחת הרי וינברג. היא קטנה יותר

והונגה מגייע ביום לכ-80 מיליון דולר. לפי תקנותיה היא תהיה בפיקוח ובשליטה המוגביה של קהילת בולטימור (ASSOCIATED JEWISH CHARITIES, AJC).

הרי וינברג, אדם שמנם מלהחשף לתקשות, עשה את הוננו בנדל"ן.

(לפי BALTIMORE JEWISH TIMES, 2 בספטמבר 1988)

13. תקציב שייא לקרן החושה לישראל

למעלה מ-5 מיליון דולר הוא תקציב הקרן החדשה לישראל לשנה הבאה - גידול של 40. 80 אלף דולר נאפסו בישראל. ערבייה ישראלית, מורים מרעי, נבחרה למועצת המנהלים של הקרן. (ר' עلون מס. 52 מאוגוסט 1988).

(לפי JEWISH EXONENT, 26 לאוגוסט 1988)

14. לנוכח ירידת שיעור התרומות היהודיות

הפעילים והמומחים העוסקים באיסוף כספים בארה"ב מודרגים מירידת שיעור התרומות היהודיות (ר' עلون מס. 51 מילוי 1988, עلون מס. 35 מרץ 1987 ועalon מס. 15 מילוי 1985). הנתונים העיקריים הם:
- עוד לפני 15 שנה היה שיעור התרומות של היהודים 5% מכל התרומות בארה"ב, על אף ששיעור היהודים באוכלוסייה הוא 2.5%. כיום מקביל שיעור התרומות היהודיות לשיעורם באוכלוסייה.

- לעומת זאת כ-65% מכל התרומות היהודיות שכובנו בראשית שנות השבעים לצרכים יהודיים ירד האחוזו ל-50%.

- באותו פרק זמן עלה שיעור התרומות לפדרציות היהודיות ב-40-50 בלבד בעוד שהה"כ תרומות לצרכים אחרים (חלקם יהודים) הוכפל. רוב ההכנסות של הפדרציות בא ממספר קטן יחסית של תורמים גדולים ואילו רוב התורמים מעדיפים לתרום לצרכים אחרים.

הסכום הכללי של תרומות הנאוסף ע"י היהודים הוא כ-3.5 מיליארד דולר בשנה. מזה 1.7 מיליארד נתרמים לצרכים יהודיים אבל רק 1.1 מיליארד נתרמים לפדרציות. בירתה של 600 מיליון דולר זוכות מוסדות ישראליים (200 מיליון); אוניברסיטאות יהודיות בארה"ב, חב"ר, יישובות ישראליות, בת-כנסת, בת-מדרשה (כמה מאות מיליון דולר); ארגונים שונים כמו הליגה נגד השמצה, הוועד היהודי

האמריקני, הקונגרס היהודי האמריקני ומרכזו ויזנטאל (40 מיליון דולר); ארגונים ליברליים-شمאלניים כמו הקרן החדשנית לישראל, השירות היהודי העולמי ומזון (6 מיליון).

המומחים רובם ככולם סבורים שהמצב הוא מראיג. בועידה מיוחדת שנערכה בנוסחא זה היה דובר אחד - הוא נציג קהילת בולטימור - בדיעת אחרת. לדבריו עלתה נכונות הלא-יהודים לתרום מכספם לצרכי הכלל, תופעה חיובית לששעמה, ועל-כן מובן שיריד השיעור היחסי של התרומות היהודיות בסה"כ הלאומי. העיקר בעיניו שהיהודים עירין עריהם לצרכים היהודיים אשר מקבלים את הנחוץ להם. דבר זה התייחס בשוויןنفس גם לנשות ש-600 מיליון דולר מתוך 1.7 מיליארד סה"כ של התרומות היהודיות, נתרמים למטרות ולמוסדות יהודים מסוימים שונים ולא לפרטיזות.

נסיבות להתחזות זו אפשר לציין:

- ככל שהיהודים התעדו יותר בארה"ב הם נעשו עריהם יותר לצרכים הלאומיים הכלליים ונחלשה רגישותם לצרכים היהודיים.
- עם חלשות התודעה היהודית נחלש גם הרצון לתרום לצרכים היהודיים.
- יהודים שירשו את הונם מהורייהם מוגלים נטיה לנחוג כעירים אחרים, יהודים ולא-יהודים, ולאו דווקא כהורייהם.
- אי התמצאות הציבור הרחב בתפקיד שמלאות הפרטיזות אף הוא מקטין את הנכונות לתרומות לצרכיהם.

(לפי BALTIMORE JEWISH TIMES, 22 בספטמבר 1988)

15. עסקנים מול מקבלי שכר - הבעייה הנצחית במנחיות הארגונים היהודיים

המтиיחות בין המנכ"לים המקצוענים של ארגונים יהודים (בדרך כלל תוארים הוא EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT (LAY) היא בעיה מתמדת בחו"ל המוסדות היהודיים המתנדבים LEADERS) היא בעיה מתמדת בחו"ל המוסדות היהודיים. יש הטוענים שהמקצוענים צריכים להיות בעלי הדעה המכובדת בארגונים; אחרים סבורים שההכרעה צריכה להיות בידי העסקנים. דעה שלישית מצדד בדו-קיום ושותפות.

מומחה אחד מצין שלושת הארגונים היהודיים הייעילים ביותר: איפא"ק, מרכז שמעון ויזנטל ויוניון אוף אמריקן היברו קונגרגציינס הרפורמי (UAHC) מנהלים בידי מקצוענים רבι עוזמה. נשיא הוועדה ציין שלא כך הדבר בארגונו.

(לפי שמע כМОונא ב-JEWISH EXPONENT, 26 באוגוסט 1988)

16. החשש מפני פיחות משקל הקול היהודי

כמיליון וחמש יהודים אינם רשומים ומילא לא יכלו לקלפי בבחירה לנשיאות בנובמבר (ר' עلون מס. 52 מאוגוסט 1988). פירוש הדבר שכבע מכל הבוחרים היהודיים לא יצביעו. מועצת בת-הכנסת של ארצות הברית (S.C.A.) פתחה במסמך נרץ לעודד בוחרים יהודים להבטיח את זכות הבחירה שלהם. לנוכח התוצאות הרבות שהלכה בקרב השחורים וההיספניים וגם בקרב העربים אורה"ב מובנת דאגת היהודים.

מועצה בת-הכנסת פנתה בקריאאה אל 2500 קהילות, נשיאות בת-הכנסת ופעילים יהודים אחרים לעודד את הבוחרים להרשם וסיפקה להם חומר מידע והדרכה. המאמץ מכובן בעיקר כלפי בוחרים צעירים מאר (גילאים 18-25) ומבוגרים מעל גיל 60. הצעירים עלולים לגלות אדישות לבחירות בשל טרדות לימודיהם או דאגות הפרנסה, ואילו המבוגרים משומ שפרשו מהעבודה ושינו את מקומות מגוריהם.

(לפי THE JEWISH STANDARD, 2 בספטמבר 1988)

17. על הפעולות המיטוגניות בין יהודי אורה"ב

כ-150 קבוצות מיטוגניות יהודיות פועלות בקרב היהודי ארצות הברית. לממן פעולתן הן השקיעו כ-150 מיליון דולר בחמש השנים האחרונות. כ-25 אלף יהודים המדרואת דתם בעשור האחרון. נתון זה אינו בדוק אבל אפשר לקבל מושג על ההיקף.

המועצה לקשרים בין קהילת ניו-יורק לקהילות אחרות (JCRC) הקימה כוח משימה לטפל בתופעה זו ובכחות. גוף זה פועל כבר מאז 1977. גופים דומים קיימים גם בפילדלפיה, לוס-אנג'לס ומiami. בבולטימור קיים ארגון מיוחד למלחמה בתופעת היהודים למען ישו (ר' עلون מס. 9 מינואר 1985).

(לפי THE JEWISH EXPONENT, 9 בספטמבר 1988)

18. העתונות היהודית בארצות הברית

העתונות היהודית האמריקנית מצויה בשלב מעבר. אחדים מהעתונים פורשים כנפיים ומשתדרים לשוטות לעצם אופי של עתונים לכל דבר ולא עוד ברמה של מקומונים קהילתיים. אך לכמעט כולם ברור שבלי זיקה לקהלות, לפדרציות ולבעלי העסקים היהודים הגדולים לא ישרדו. יתרה מזו, רבים, אף אם לא כולם, יודעים שבahiות הקהלה היהודית האמריקנית קטנה בממדיה במושגים אמריקניים ומכוסת כל כולה על רצון השתתייכות של חכירה, הכרח הוא לתרום להסכמה ולבכוד של הקהלה. השליחות של העתונות היהודית נתפסת איפוא לעתים קרובות כמכונת לחזק את הקונסנסוס הקהילתי.

מקרה המאפיין מצב עניינים זה אירע לאחרונה באזרע לוס אנג'לס. מועצת הפדרציה היהודית (C.F.C.) הסכימה לשירה מחוץ לבית-המשפט ושלימה למיל של עתון יהודי עצמאי סכום כסף נכבר. המיל טען שעטן הפדרציה, גוי איש גוירנל, (JEWISH JOURNAL THE) מהויה תחרות בלתי הוגנת לכתב-העת שלו ששום גורם איינו תומך בו. תשלום הפיזויים הווה לאכורה נצחן לכתב-העת הכלתי תלוי. אך לא לגמרי שכן מאז הוגשה התביעה, לפני שבע שנים, התחולל לפני שנתיים מהפך גוי איש גוירנל. קבוצת אנשי עסקים גדולים, מתומכי הפדרציה, השקיעו בו כספים, שכרו עורך מיום ונתנו לו יד חופשית לעורך את העтон לפי אמות מידה מקצועיים. בכך השתנה אופיו של גוי גוירנל.

אולם שאלת העצמות העתונאית נשarra עדין שנוייה בחלוקת. כך, למשל, מורה עורך גוי איש אקספוננט (JEWISH EXPOSER) מפילדפליה כי העTON "הוא מה שהקהלת ומנהיגותה מרשים לנו להיות". אמרים המבקרים את ישראל מעוררים זעם. אפילו מודעה בתשלום שמתה ביקורת על ישראל פורסמה בלוויית התנצלות. שאלת העצמות או חוסר העצמות אינה נקבע רק ע"י הבעלות ואיפלו לא ע"י המאבק בין הדורות בו העתונאים והקוראים הצעירים מצפים שהעתון היהודי ינוהג עתון רגיל לכל דבר. השיקול "מה יאמרו השכנים הלא-יהודים" עדין פועל בכ"ז כגורם מגביל. דרי יונתן וווזיר (WOOSHER) , מנכ"ל שירות החינוך היהודי של צפון אמריקה (JESNA) אומר: "אין אנו יכולים להרשות לעצמנו מותרות של עתונות הנעדרת לגמר פיקוח מרזון".

לדעת עורך היהודי המבקר מצב עניינים זה, העתונים היהודים הם כלי לגיבוש הקהלה, ואינם עתונים דוגליים. אין הם דומים לעתונים של השחורים ושל ההיספניים בארה"ב. עורך ביקורת זה חושש שהעתונים היהודים לא יקסמו

ל"טיפוס היהודי החדש".

קשה להתנבה. ביןתיים עובדה היא שהעתונות היהודית נמצאת בתנופת התפתחות. מופיעים למעלה מ-150 כתבי-עת יהודים, 35 בניו-יורק בלבד. יוצאים לאור 22 כתבי-עת ארכזיםanganlit, עברית, יידית וגרמנית. יש תכניות טלביזיה ורדיו וمتפתחים טלביזיה בכבלים וערוצי וידיאו.

קשה איפוא להגיע להערכתה חד-משמעות של מצב העתונות ולומר לאן פניה. הגידול שחל בה מסקף לא רק את עורשה של הקהלה אלא גם את המזיאות היהודית המשתנה, שיש שמכנים אותה כ"תחייה יהודית". התלות שבין העורכים לפדרציות היא על אף הכל בעיה שקשה להתעלם ממנה. אולם קיימים רצון לחידוש ונעשה מאמץ להעסיק עתונאים עצמאיים ומוכשרים.

(לפי מאמר דוד רייצ'רדסון, מוסף הירושלמי פוטס, 29 בספטמבר 1988)

19. ערנה לפורווארד?

העתון האידי של ניו-יורק THE FORWARD שנאבק על עצם קיומו ומופיע ביום שבועון מחציו ביידיש ומחציתוanganlit, מכר את תחנת השידור שלו וכן מגרש שבבעלותו. עסקה זו אמורה להכניס לו סכום עתק של כ-90 מיליון דולר, דבר שיאפשר לו להכinis שיכלולים בעthon ואך להרחב את השידורים שלו ביידיש במשדר אחר שנותר ברשותו.

(לפי י.ט.א., 26 באוגוסט 1988)

20. עתונאים של חסידי סטמר

לחסידי סטמר בוילאמסבורג וברוקלין (ניו-יורק), המתנגדים התנגדות נחרצת למدينة ישראל, יש עיתון בשם דער ייד (היהודי) שלמרות תפוצתו הקטנה יחסית (30 אלף) הוא בעל השפעה עצומה על קוראיו. סוד השפעתו הוא המבנה החברתי וסגנון החיים המיחדים של קהילת סטמר. העיתון הוא כלי הבלעדי ההמוני למדוע, אידיאולוגיה וلتקשורת לאוכלוסייה זו שדוחה לחלוטין את התקשרות הכללית הכתובה והמשוררת.

העתון דער ייד שהוא ביידיש מסרב בפקודת הרבי לפרסם כתבותanganlit. הדזון

של רביה יואל טייטלבוים (נפטר ב-1972) שיסר את הקהלה בארה"ב, הוא חרד-משמעותי: יש לשמר את שלימות ה"ירושה" ביידיש ופרסום מאמריהם באנגלית עלול להוות פירצה מסוכנת. אנשי העסקים מבין החסידים - והם רבים למדי - קוראים בכל זאת את הניו-יורק טיים במשרדייהם אך נמנעים מלהזכירם לבתייהם.

שונה המצב בברו-פארק שם חיים חסידים מחדרות אחרות (כגון, בעלי גג) וגורר. סקר שנערך שם מצא שכמחצית מכל המבוגרים קוראים את הניו-יורק טיים והיתר קוראים עתונים אחרים.

(לפי TRADITION, מס. 23(3), אביב 1988)

21. נסגר העton הידי הפרו-קומוניסטי מорנינג גראדיהיט

אחד מעתוני היידיש האחרוניים המופיעים בארה"ב, המornyning גראדיהיט חידל להופיע. במשך 34 שנים מיום הנוסדו ב-1922, הוא נקט בכוו המקובל על מוסקבה. אנשיים שהיו קשורים עם העton מכחישים שהוא בטאון קומוניסטי אך מודים שהוא לא סטה מהקו הרשמי עד 1956. אחרי התקפה המפורסת של ניקיטה חרושצ'וב על סטאלין ב-1956 שינה העton את מדיניותו והחל לבקר את תופעת האנטישמיות בברית'ם. העton תמן במרינית ישראל אף מתח ביקורת על מדיניותה.

העתון חידל להיות יומון ב-1981. הוא החל להופיע 3 פעמים בשבוע ולאחרונה אחת בשבוע.

(לפי וויליאם ספיידר WASHINGTON JEWISH WEEK, 22 בספטמבר

1-1988, THE FORWARD 23 בספטמבר 1988)

22. על הדו-שבועון שמע

מהה 18 שנה יוציא לאור באזור ניו-יורק דו-שבועון יהודי בשם שמע. למראות תפוצתו הקטנה (8500 עותקים) הוא זוכה למעמד מיוחד בעיתונות היהודית. שתי תוכנות מייחדות אותו: סגנון התמצית שמצויר עלון יותר מאשר עתון ונכונותו לפרסם מאמרים על כל נושא, אפילו הוא שנוי בחלוקת ובלבד שיהיה כתוב מתוך אחריות. שמע מאפשר תגבורות על מאמר כזה ודירותם עליון עד שימושה הנושא עד תום.

עורכו הוא יוג'ין בורוביץ (BOROWITZ), רב רפורמי, מבחן ואיש אקדמי בעל מוניטין. בורוביץ הוא אדם רב פעלים והישגים ואחד מספריו זכה בפרס הספר היהודי בארה"ב.

(לפי JEWISH WORLD, 2-8 בספטמבר 1988)

כתבת רקע

23. יהדות אmericה בגולות מתוך חירה אבל בניין

פרופסור נתן רוטנשטייך פירסם במעריב מה-16 בספטמבר 1988 סקירה על ספרו הקלاسي של בן הפלון היהודי האמריקני - ניתוח ציוני שיצא לאור זה עתה בתרגום עברי. אנו מביאים להלן את עיקרי סקירתו:

דובריה של יהדות אmericה ביקשו לקבוע את מעמדה המיחודה של היהדות ע"י איפיונה לא כולה אלא כפורה או תפוצה. על ידי מונח זה ביקשו לציין את ההבדל בין מעםם לבין זה של היהודים באירופה. הרקע להעדרת מונח זה היה השוואה בין היהודי אירופי שלא הגיעו עד לעת האחזרונה למעםם של שויזון זכויות ושויזון ממשי, לעומת יהדות אmericה שאלת המעם החוקי מעולם לא הותה עביה. יתרה מזו, היהודי אmericה הגיעו בשני הדורות האחזרונים להישגים מרשימים כשותפות החברתית, שהוא גם ניידות אנושית, היה להם גורם מסייע מכריע. שנוי המינוח מגולה לפזרה- היה נסיוון לחת ביטוי לשינוי ולפירושו.

על רקע זה בולט ביחסו ספרו של בן הפלון, שיצא עתה בתרגום עברי. הספרות המרובה העוסקת ביהודים, לרוב אין בה הזרוף של נתוח וראייה רעיונית. בחלל, ואפילו בניגוד, למה שאיפיין את הספרות הציונית של היהודי אירופי. הציונות האמריקנית אינה בוגר של תנועה אידיאולוגית, אלא היא תمارונות של תומכים בהקמתו של היישוב היהודי בארץ-ישראל בדור הקודם ובתרנית ישראל בדור זה. הספר של הפלון, שיצא לאור במקורו בשנת 1956 ושאליו צורפה אחרית דבר הנלוית למדורה שנייה משנת 1983, אינו דן בגילויי התחשנות של יהדות אריה"ב אלא הוא בעקיפין תשובה ותגובה עליהם.

הספר מסכים שמצוות אmericה שונה מזו של אירופה. השונות אינה רק בכך שבאמריקה לא התרחשה הפורענות הנאצית. אלא בכך שאין באmericה תרבות

אתנית מושרתת "ווערדיין" מתפתחת בה תרבויות משלבת שגם היהודים זכאים לתרום לה את תרומותיהם האופייניות". מול עמים בעלי תרבויות מגובשת באירופה שרוויים היהודים בארץות הברית במצב שהוא מעיקרו דינامي. כאן לא הייתה נקודת מוצא של גיבוש ועל כן המצב האובייקטיבי הוא פתוח ומאפשר ליהודים להיות שותפים בתחילת.

יהודי אмерיקה לא נאבקו על שוויון זכויות; השוויון היה רקע נתון. רקע זה הוא לאחר הטעמים לנסיון להעמיד את אмерיקה כמערכת שאינה גולה; האפיקון כגולה איננו מתאים לאורה"ב לפי סימני ההיכר המסורתיים של הגולה ומדוברים לגבי ארצות גולה אחרות.

הlfren חושף צד אחר של המזיאות האמריקנית בה אינה אפשרית תרבות אתנית מלאה. שונות תרבותית היא אפשרית ומותרת אבל רק כביטוי של חופש לשוני דתי (עמ' 97), לא כפוחתת פתח לתרבות שהיא תרבות של קיבוץ ואינה עניין לנימוסים של ייחדים.

לפיכך היהודים הפכו לחלק מן הרוב המבוסס של אмерיקה (עמ' 176). לכן, אומר רוטנשטיידן, יש מקום להוסף על דברי המחבר וברוחו כי הישגים של היהודי אмерיקה משרשים אותו עוד יותר יותר בתחום הרוב ואולם אין הם יכולים להיות בעלי שרים שווי משקל, הן בבית והן במה שנחטף חוץ, ואפ-על-פי כן להתקיים חתיבת מזיאות נפרדת. משיחל ה"חוץ" הכלל-אמריקני להיות "חוץ" ניתן למסם את המזיאות של היהודי אмерיקה על ידי כך שמציניהם כי אין עוד התבולות, פשוט מפני שאין עם מי להתבול. על התבולות באמריקה אפשר לדבר רק בזיקה להיסטוריה היהודית אך לא בזיקה להוויה האמריקנית של ימינו. תחיליכים אלה הם אשר העלו את התפיסה אמריקאית אינה גולה ועל תפיסה זו חולק הלפרן כשהוא מבליט גם את הסתיירות שבמציאות היהודית האמריקנית וגם את המימד ההיסטורי של התודעה היהודית.

הlfren טוען כי למרות קומי השוני אין אмерיקה במעמד של הויה יהודית השונה ממעמדה של גלות. המצב הוא של גלות ונכyr (עמ' 47) ונראה שהמחבר נזקק כאן, לא במקרה, למונח "נכyr" שיחזקאל קויפמן עשה אותו ציר של דיווני בדמותה של גולה יהודית. אכן הבוחן היא האם קיימת תודעתה של גלות בכyr וכמציאות הנעדרת דמות צייבורית מקטת: רעיון או תחושת גלות נתפסים כהנחת יסוד ובאיין אלה, אין קהילה, כלומר הויה צייבורית, עשויה להתקיים. גלות היא צד מקביל למה

שראווי להיות הוועיה יהודית מלאה, כלומר חיים בארץ-ישראל. אפלו נכוון הדבר שאין קיומם היהודי באמריקה בבחינת קיומם בגלות - אלא קיומם בנכבר בלבד - מן הדין שקיום זה לא יהיה לנורמה מדינית לקיומם היהודי. מכל מקום אין לקבל הקביעה הנפוצה בין היהודי אמריקה, שאף היפה ל佗ודעה מושרשת, שאין הם חיים כלל בגלות, דהיינו בנכבר. ההתחששות לעובדה שחווים בנכבר אינה מחייבת מזיאות אחרות מזו בה חיים שהוא תודעה של נכבר או חיים בגלות מתוך בחירה. עם זאת, עובדה היא של יהודים חסירה תודעה של חיים בנכבר ואין לצפות שתיה להם כזו. היהודים משורדים לקיים את היחיד של עצם מתוך מזיאות שאינה בעיניהם ולדירים בגדר של נכבר כלל. ייחור זה הוא עפ"י בחירותם החופשית והוא כל כלו תלוי בזיקתם למדינת ישראל. ברם ההיאחות בדת כבודם מפדר, ספק אם האמריקאים הקרוים על ידי בן הפלון "ותיקים" יכולים לראותה כנאמנה למסורת האמריקנית האותנטית. המשך של קיומם כגוש של מיעוטים - והדבר אמר גם על הקתולים - משמעו המנעוט מקלט גמורה באמריקה (עמ' 41). דת על רקע של הפרדה בין דת ומדינה היא עניין פרטני; קיומה של זיבוריות דתית היא קיומם של מזיקה בין יהודים לאמריקה (עמ' 42, 38). קיומם נפרד עניין של מקרה, משום הזיקה ההיסטורית והמחותית בין דת ישראל לבין העם היהודי. קיומם נפרד הוא בגדר של מקלט קיבוצי, אלא שבפועל הזיקה לדת היא זיקה לפולחן בלבד ולא לתרבות היה (עמ' 175). "בית-הכנסת בוגירטו האמריקאית חיל מזמן להיות הוועיה ממשעת", אם מן הצד האינטלקטואלי ואם מן הצד האסתטי, שתוכל לעגן היטב זהות היהודית רופפת" (עמ' 177). הקטע הרותי של המזיאות הכלולות משרות את צרכיה הפולחניים של הקהילה והללו הם מזומנים.

המסקנה שהמחבר מסיק היא כי קיומם קיבוצי היהודי בעזות דת ישראל, נסוח אמריקה, הוא קיומם שולי ואין בו כדי לבלום את תהליכי ההזדהות המלאה עם הסביבה שדרלה להיות נוכרית, תרתי משמע. המסקנה מאובדן תודעתה הנכבר, וממן השוליות של דת ישראל היא כי קיומם היהודי יהיה אפשרי רק אם תחול תחיה בתודעתה הנכבר. הפלון מודע לעובדה כי תחיה זו אפשרית רק אצל מיעוטים. אולם בזיקה לקיומה של מדינת ישראל נראית אפשרות זו יותר ממשית על רקע של השוואה בין המזיאות כנכבר של אמריקה לבין מזיאות יהודית בעלת יכולות של מדינת ישראל. עניינה של הצעינות הוא להשריש את התודעה שאנו עם אחד. רק מדינת ישראל מסוגלת ביום להעמיד זהות יהודית אוטנטית (עמ' 151) ועל כן נדרשים היהודי הגולת להשות את המזיאות בה הם חיים לזו של מדינת ישראל, "...יהדות אמריקה, החסירה שורשים עמוקים בתרבות יהודית חייה ותוספת שנאלצת להסתפק בפולחן קוונזיזיונלי גריידא, עתידה להעמיד מקרבה בתמורה לגיוננות

של יהודים צעירים ורגישים אשר לא ימצאו סיפוק בנסיבות הממוסדות של הזדהות יהודית ויהיו לפיכך פתוחים לאלטרנטיבות שונות" (עמ' 173).

אולם, אנו זכאים וגם חייבים לשאול: "לגיונות" מה משמע: עילית או המוניהם? דומה שהמחבר נוטה לראות את הלגיונות כעלית אף כי הדבר לא נאמר.

(לפי סקירתו של פרופסור נתן רוטנשטייך במעריב, 19 בספטמבר 1988)

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Donald L. Gartner
Regional Director

Dr. Stephen D. Shapiro
Chairman

October 17, 1988

Prime Minister Yitzchak Shamir
Office of the Prime Minister
Kiryat Ben Gurion
Rupin Road - Bldg. #3
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Prime Minister Shamir:

Very recently a prominent group of Technion supporters visited in Israel. During a meeting with you, it was suggested by Maxwell Miller, one of our most active supporters, that greater efforts needed to be made to stimulate tourism to Israel. Upon his return to the United States Mr. Miller took the initiative in developing the enclosed ads.

These ads were subsidized by El Al Airlines, the Israeli Government Tourist Board, Unitours, Inc. and the American Technion Society. It was published in two Jewish daily newspapers; Jewish Week in New York and Jewish News in New Jersey, with a total circulation of 140,000 families.

We thought you would be interested in seeing the enclosed ads.

Cordially,

Donald L. Gartner
Regional Director

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Prime Minister Yitzhaq Shamir

Honorable Sir:

Shalom uvracha! We are writing to you as concerned Zionists, Americans and Jews. We would like to urge you and your Likud Party to advocate a just and viable peace settlement between the State of Israel and the Palestinian people. Aware of the history of the Middle East conflict between Jews and her Arab neighbors, we accept the fact that when the State of Israel was created in 1948, the Palestinian refugee problem was created not by Israel but by the surrounding Arab nations. They refused to absorb the displaced population, making the Arab residents of Palestine into international pawns in a high stakes chess match. For this reality, we suspect that the Palestinians harbor at least as much resentment for those Arab leaders as they harbor against Israel. History also teaches us that the Palestine Liberation Organization, created in 1965, two years before Israel occupied the West Bank and Gaza, had as its original intent the "liberation" of the State of Israel in order to create the so-called "secular Palestinian State".

However our stereotypes of the Palestinians obstruct all efforts for peace. It is time to put the historical footnotes mentioned above into the perspective of today's reality. The Palestinian people are in many ways very unique in the Arab World. Not every Palestinian is a member of the PLO. Not every PLO supporter is a terrorist. Let us recognize the PLO for what it is, an international organization with all the trappings of a government in exile, with financial, social, educational and health departments along with its infamous military/terrorist branch.

For peace Israel must negotiate with the political representatives of the Palestinian people. We do not have the luxury to chose our enemies, they have chosen themselves for us. The Palestinian people do exist as a national entity in 1988 even if their nationalism is new founded. As Jews we should be flattered that the Palestinian national movement has copied the Zionist movement of Herzl, Jabotinsky and BenGurion. The proof of their success is that Israel is now resorting to British Mandate Law in order to suppress the Palestinian national movement. How similar the Palestinians are to the Jews! Both people have a diaspora with a highly successful, affluent exile community. Like Jews in America, Palestinians here have risen to prominence in the legal, medical and education professions, among others. Like Jews throughout the world, Palestinians financially support the national rebirth in their ancestral land. And if deportation is the harshest punishment that can be exacted against Palestinian activists, then their love of the land is equally as great as our own. We should begin to stress the commonality and strive for peace, based upon mutual recognition.

It is time to stop fearing the Palestinians and begin to see them as people who crave peace for their children as much as we do. After all, the Palestinian people have never been in an army that has invaded Israel. The State of Israel is strong enough militarily and socially to withstand an outside attack. Is it strong enough to promote peace?

We want to recapture our uncompromised pride in Israel. As Jews and Zionists, we simply must reach out to the Palestinian people with a sincere offer of peace. Let us make the first step, however you feel that step may be taken. Be assured that our support and commitment to Eretz Yisrael and Medinat Yisrael will never falter.

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Harry Manhoff and members of Congregation Beth David

Rabbi Harry A. Manhoff

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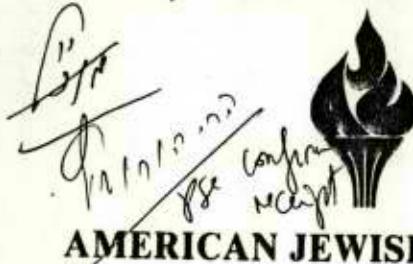
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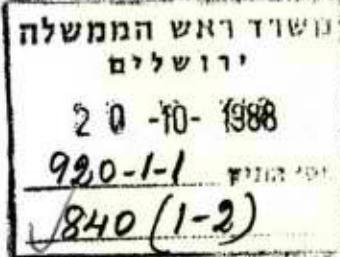


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AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS

October 17, 1988

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir
Kiryat Ben-Gurion
Jerusalem



Dear Prime Minister Shamir:

I am pleased to share with you a resolution adopted this week by the American Jewish Congress Convention meeting in Jerusalem. As you will see, this resolution bears directly and critically upon issues in the current political campaign, and indeed, upon the future of relations between American Jews and Israel.

We would, of course, welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter in greater detail, should you so desire. Our office in Jerusalem is always available to make arrangements for this purpose, as is our national office in New York.

Sincerely,

Leona Chanin
Treasurer

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AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS 1988 CONVENTION
JERUSALEM, ISRAEL
OCTOBER 12-18, 1988

RESOLUTION

"Having been impressed with the need to protect and promote the kind of religious pluralism essential to the maintenance of a democratic Jewish state, and

"Recognizing the need for preventing any event that would alienate the American Jewish Community for the people of Israel, or undermine the unity of the Jewish people throughout the world,

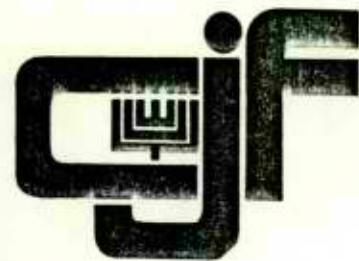
"WE THEREFORE RESOLVE to support and encourage those groups in Israel who are resisting changes in the Law of Return as it applies to the definition of Who is a Jew.

"In particular, we call on the major political parties in Israel to pledge that they will refrain from using their position on the Law of Return as a bargaining chip in forming a post-election coalition.

"We believe the principle inherent in this issue must transcend the prospect of partisan political gain.

"It would be shameful and a betrayal of Jewish unity to trade on this principle to win political advantage."

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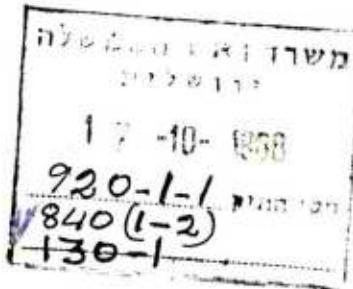
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October 16, 1988

Honorable Yitzchak Shamir
Prime Minister of the State of Israel
Prime Ministers Bureau
Hakirya, Jerusalem

Dear Mr. Prime Minister,



Over the past number of years, the Law of Return and specifically the clause on the definition of "Who is a Jew" has been presented for amendment several times to the Knesset. The Council of Jewish Federations, as the Convenor of the North American coalition of Jewish National organizations including the United Jewish Appeal, the United Israel Appeal of the United States, the United Israel Appeal of Canada and others, and representing its 200 North American member community Federations, has expressed its position on this through various Resolutions. The most pertinent Resolution on this issue was passed on September 15, 1987 at the CJF Board of Directors meeting. The essence of this Resolution is as follows:

"....The issue (of "Who is a Jew") with its ideological, moral and communal implications, should not be decided in the context of political accommodation, or of ensuring the maintenance or downfall of a particular government. World Jewry should not be divided by a political approach to the issue. We urge the leaders of Labour, Likud and the other Israeli political parties to pledge that they will not deal with this issue in such a manner. We urge their supporters to call on them to make such a pledge"

On the eve of elections for the Twelfth Knesset, we wish to once more indicate our commitment to the idea that the issue of "Who is a Jew" should neither be in the political arena, nor should it be used as a negotiating position in the formation of the next government of Israel. We cannot stress strongly enough our belief that any other course will only lead to a serious rift in what has been until now the unity of the Jewish people in the Diaspora and between the Diaspora and the State of Israel.

We know your commitment and dedication to maintain this unity in Israel as well as among the Jewish people worldwide.

We wish you well in the upcoming election with our fervent hope and prayer for a safe and secure Israel.

Sincerely,

MANDELL L. BERMAN, President
Council of Jewish Federations

SHOSHANA S. CARDIN, Chairperson
CJF Committee on "Who is a Jew"

Jerusalem,

September 8, 1988.

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Dear Rabbi Lehrman,

It gives me pleasure to join in the well-deserved tributes that are being paid to you in recognition of your outstanding leadership and services to your community over a long period of time.

In your capacity as Rabbi and Teacher you have educated and inspired large numbers of members of your own community and the wider community in the spirit of Ahavat Israel and Ahavat Eretz Israel, which is expressed in your manifold Zionist activities throughout the United States.

I wish you continued success in your work in good health and strength.

Yours sincerely

Yitzhak Shamir,

Rabbi Dr. Irving Lehrman
Temple Emanu-El
Greater Miami, Florida
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CLAUDE PEPPER

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

July 28, 1988

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Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which I sent to you some time ago, requesting a greeting to be included in the Tribute Album which will be published in conjunction with a dinner honoring Dr. Irving Lehrman, rabbi of Temple Emanu-El of Greater Miami.

Because Rabbi Lehrman is such an unusual leader on behalf of the total community, and because a message from you would do much to enhance the 500-page book which is being distributed at the Fontainebleau Hilton Hotel on Saturday night, December 17, 1988, I repeat my request to you.

Should you have any questions about either the function or your letter, please write to Helene Pacin, dinner coordinator, at Temple Emanu-El, 1701 Washington Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida 33139. You may telephone Mrs. Pacin at area code 305-535-3125.

Thank you again for your cooperation, and best wishes for a healthy and happy summer.

Sincerely,



Jerusalem,

September 7, 1988.

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Dear Dr. Rosov,

Please convey my greetings to all the members of your synagogue as you celebrate your 36th. Anniversary which coincides, more or less, with the 40th. Anniversary of the State of Israel.

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Your synagogue too has, I am sure, become a center of life for your community, in which you uphold our ancient traditions and pass them on to the younger generation. Jewish education is the most important and meaningful task that you can perform, especially if that education focuses on Israel, the center of Jewish life and thought.

I wish you a happy celebration, continued progress and success.

Sincerely,

Yitzhak Shamir

Dr. Hiram Rosov
Jewish Community Center
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51 Seaton Place
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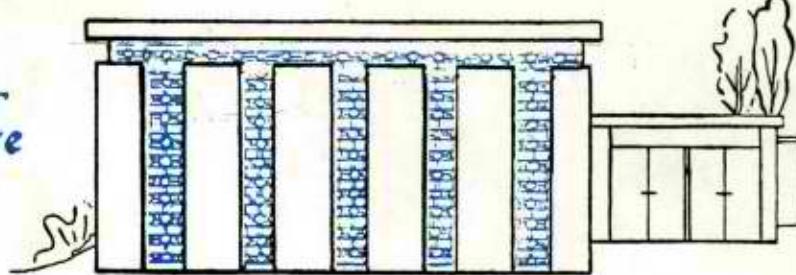
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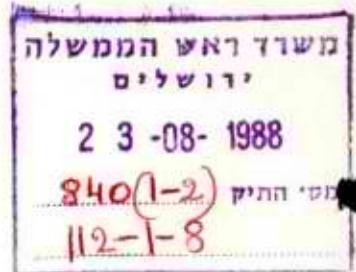
August 17, 1988

בג'ויה

Prime Minister
Honorable Yitzchak Shamir
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

On October 30, 1988 our synagogue will be celebrating its 36th anniversary... twice Chai.



As this celebration is most meaningful to us we would deem it a great honor if you would write a message to us which we will reprint on the first page of our souvenir journal. If you could send us an appropriate picture it would be greatly appreciated.

Our very best wishes to you for success and good health, and may the New Year bring a lasting peace to Israel and throughout the entire mideastern region.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and kind consideration.

Please send your correspondence to my home address:

Dr. Hiram Rosov
51 Seaton Place
Valley Stream, N.Y. 11580

Very respectfully yours,

Chaim

Dr. Hiram (Chaim) Rosov

JEROME DATTELKRAMER, Rabbi



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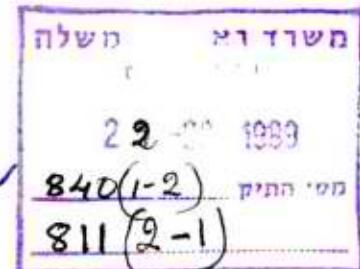
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Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir
The Knesset
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Dear Prime Minister Shamir:

Please forgive us for our belated thanks for your meeting with us when we were in Israel in June at the Jewish Agency Assembly. Things are supposed to slow down in the summer months, but they have definitely not done so in our Jewish world.

We did appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and Harry Horowitz, so that we might express to you concerns regarding the numbers of Soviet Jews coming into the U.S., and our hopes that the State of Israel would take much more seriously their efforts to get the Soviet Jews to come to Israel.

As we told you, we want the Soviet Jews to go to Israel, but unless we know that there is a great concerted effort on behalf of the government to solve the problems of housing and jobs, it becomes difficult in good conscience to do so.

We know you have many other problems facing you, but do trust that you are instituting within your government, the means by which some of our concerns are addressed.

With warmest regards for a healthy and happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Annette Dobbs

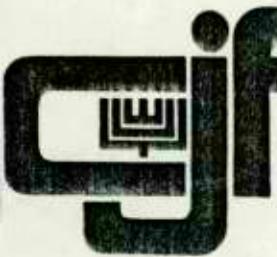
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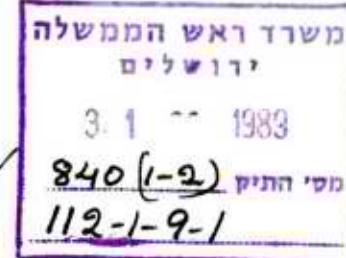
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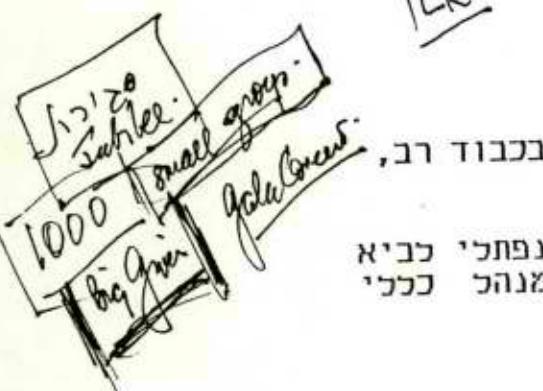
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Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir
Office of the Prime Minister
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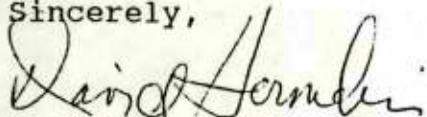
On behalf of the United Jewish Appeal, I want to extend my warmest personal thanks to you for addressing the 1990 UJA Prime Minister's Mission on Friday afternoon, August 4. We especially appreciated your making time for us despite your very busy schedule and the many key events which were unfolding at that time.

Your stirring talk, reminding us of the importance of a strong Israel which Jews throughout the world rally to was profoundly moving, on target and was just the right message to send our participants.

All of us at the UJA appreciate your ongoing support.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,



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YITZAH SHAMIR:
Honorable Premier; (DID your Grandmother, NOT call you Yitzah ?)

Dear LOYAL Patriot,

Please do not MIS-interpret my contacting you, regarding the matter previously forwarded.

The PRESENT circumstances, - was foreseen and the previous suggestions, were HOPED to be groundwork for a POSSIBLE fulfilment of YOUR ultimate goal.

Due to PRESENT circumstances, - the following suggestion, - is HUMBLY offered.

At first, - I thought to mail a SUGGESTED news item to the newspapers, (not trying to play a reporter) - (an item that COULD start a necessary thought in the minds of PALESTINIANS.) - an item that CAN lead to the BIRTH - of a NEW and PEACEFUL desiring NEW Leader - for a TRUE benefit to BOTH Peoples and causes involved.

After CAREFUL thought, - I knew THAT approach , would be in DISRESPECT to YOUR needed consideration and approval.

THEREFORE, - I enclose the ITEM referred to - for YOUR decision.

(ITEM attatched.)

With BEST wishes to you and yours and a SPECIAL concern for our beloved MENECHAM, whose heaviness we ALL feel, I close

For now - and ALWAYS,

your friend,

Emmanuel
(Mendle)



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An OPEN letter
TO

YASSAR ARAFAT

Palestinians - who you CLAIM to seek security and happiness FOR - are NOW with an opportunity to accept and ENJOY a State of their own - BUT - it is NOT possible as long as YOU - harbor hatred and malice - which will NEVER be welcome by Israel and its Peoples.

YOU can PROVE your LOYALTY and TRUE concerns for your Fellow Palestinians - by humbly and GRACEFULLY - encouraging your Followers to select an honorable man from among the SUFFERS of the unfortunate circumstances - to replace you in your present position as Leader - so that HE - will be accepted by the State of Israel - and THAT - could END the existing miseries of your People.

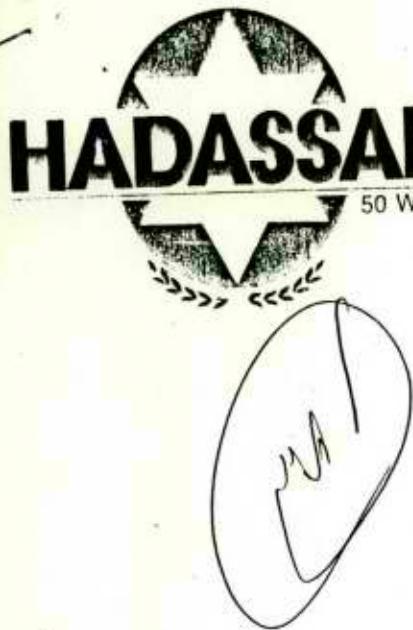
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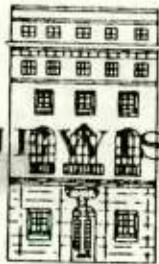
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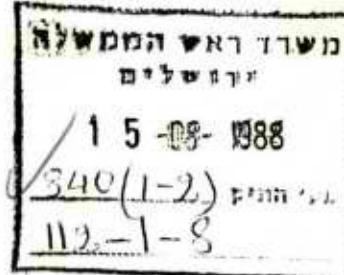
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Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir
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Dear Prime Minister Shamir:

You may recall that when last we met we agreed on the urgent need to improve the level of visits to Israel by American Jews and on the importance of dispelling the unfortunate and erroneous feeling that it is dangerous or uncomfortable to visit Israel at this time. I am pleased therefore to write you that our Biennial National Convention, which we began in Philadelphia this Spring, will reconvene in Israel for a week during the period of October 12-17.

As I think I have indicated to you, 1988 is a special year for the American Jewish Congress, for it marks our 70th Anniversary. Since much of the work of our organization almost from the outset has centered around the promotion and support of a secure and democratic Jewish state, we decided at the beginning of the year to combine the year-long celebrations of our 70th Anniversary with the celebration of Israel's 40th. Indeed, every event we have held during this year has had as its theme, both the 70th Anniversary of the American Jewish Congress and the 40th Anniversary of the State of Israel. This has been a happy, dual celebration for us.

We regard our visit to Israel in October as the culmination of these events. To mark this very special occasion we have arranged a program during that week designed specifically to acknowledge and underscore the enormous progress Israel has made during these 40 difficult years.

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In this connection, we would be honored if during the course of our stay in Israel you will find the time to address a plenary meeting of our delegates and leaders who will be coming from communities across the United States. The preferred time from our point of view would be as the principal address at our closing banquet at 7 p.m., Monday, October 17. But if that is not feasible, we would be glad to accommodate our schedule to yours.

Since Rosh Hashana is just around the corner, let me take this opportunity to wish you a shana tova and to thank you again for the courtesies you have already extended to me during the brief time I have served as president of the American Jewish Congress. I have found the opportunity to exchange views and ideas with you most beneficial and instructive and I look forward to many similar opportunities over the course of the years.

Cordially,



Robert K. Lifton

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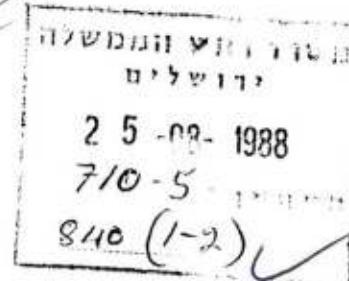
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ZOA YOUNG LEADERSHIP ACTIVIST VICTIM OF ARAB TERRORISM Rita Levine Memorial Service, July 31, 1989 in Philadelphia

Press Advisory

NEW YORK, New York - July 27, 1989 - Rita Susan Levine, member of the ZOA Philadelphia Board and founder of ZOA Young Adults, was a victim of Arab Terrorism as a passenger in the bus assaulted recently by a Palestinian Arab. Public memorial services will be held on Monday, July 31, 1989 at 12:00 noon at the Dilworth Plaza in Philadelphia. Officiating will be the Young Adults of the ZOA Greater Philadelphia District.

Levine, 39, was a lawyer who, since 1979 was an assistant defender with the Public Defenders Association. She was a strong advocate for the rights of the mentally ill, and ardent Zionist who visited Israel numerous times and was there to improve her Hebrew and take the bar examination that would enable her to practice law there.

The sister of Rita, Joan Levine, and her brother-in-law, Edward Ross, will participate in the memorial service. Other participants will be Rabbi Sidney Greenberg of Temple Sinai; Murray H. Shusterman, a member of the Philadelphia Bar Association and Board of Directors, Temple University; Lewis B. Dashe, president of the Mid-Atlantic Region of the Zionist Organization of America; Dr. Franklin Littell, founder of Ann Frank Institute; the Honorable Joseph Coleman, president of the Philadelphia City Council; the Honorable W. Wilson Goode, Mayor of Philadelphia; the Honorable Amnon Efrat, Israel Consul; Albert Liss, Director of the Mid-Atlantic Region of the ZOA; and, Cantor Malcolm James.

Presiding will be Joseph L. Huscher, president of the Greater Philadelphia District of the ZOA and Craig Blackman, president of the ZOA Young Adults.



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IN MEMORIUM
RITA SUSAN LEVINE
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TERROR HAS STRUCK HOME

The latest victim of Arab terrorists, who have carried on a world wide bloodbath in their attempt to obliterate Israel, is our own beloved Rita Levine, a member of the Greater Philadelphia District Board of Directors, an active leader of ZOA's Young Adults and a frequent participant in Jewish Cultural Society luncheon forums.

Rita was one of 15 passengers killed in the crash of a bus deliberately sent plunging over a cliff in Israel by a Palestinian Arab inflamed by four decades of violence directed against Jews and Israel.

Rita was a warm, vital person, with a deep sense of idealism and a passionate love for Israel. She had made numerous trips to Israel and was contemplating Aliyah. Indeed her visit to Israel this time was for the purpose of improving her Hebrew and making it possible for her to pass the Israeli bar examination so that she could practice law there. Her dedication and devotion earned her the love and the respect of all who knew her.

The tragedy is that her death had no purpose other than to satisfy the hatred of the criminal who perpetrated this heinous atrocity.

We urge you to communicate your sympathy to her family:

The Rita Levine Family
c/o Edward Ross
1211 Dillon Road
Fort Washington, PA 19034

ZOA will hold a public memorial service Monday, July 31, 12:00 Noon at Dilworth Plaza, the west side of City Hall.

Please make every effort to be there. Urge others to join you.



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The Honorable Mr. Yitzchak Shamir
The Office of the Prime Minister
3 Kaplan Street
Kiryat Ben-Gurion
Jerusalem, Israel 91919

Dear Mr. Shamir:

We take great pleasure in addressing you on behalf of our youngest members - our WIZO youth. The motto of our organization is "Children Are The Future" and this year we have given new meaning to that phrase with the creation of Junior WIZO, for Jewish boys and girls aged 13-18.

To mark the celebrations of the Fortieth Anniversary of the State of Israel, our Junior WIZO division planned and carried out a gala Blue and White Ball for teenagers and their parents last Fall. The Ball afforded our boys and girls an opportunity to create and be part of a special event celebrating their commitment to their counterparts in Israel. This experience also marked, for many of them, the beginning of their direct involvement in the charitable aspects of our Jewish tradition. Proceeds from the evening went to our WIZO Day Care Centers in Israel.

To culminate our Anniversary Year celebrations, Junior WIZO is producing a special commemorative Yearbook. We would be greatly honored if you would send a message of congratulations to Junior WIZO which will be printed in the Yearbook. Our boys and girls are working very hard to make sure that their project is a success and a letter from you would be a great inspiration to them.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation. I remain

Sincerely yours,

Maya Cohen

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Chairman
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August 7, 1989

משוד ראי שופט ממשלה
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ממשי ווינשטיין

Dear Ms. Stahl

The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America represents 1,000 synagogues throughout the length and breadth of the United States and is the single largest orthodox Jewish organization in this country.

Yesterday, I watched your interview of Israel's Defense Minister Yitzchak Rabin on Meet the Press. Unfortunately, your questioning demonstrated a bias against Israel - the only democracy in the Middle East and a world leader in the fight against terrorism.

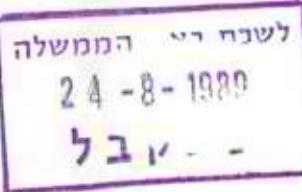
I believe that you also conveyed an erroneous impression of how the man on the street views the Israeli commando action. Most Americans were proud that there was one country in the world - Israel - that took some action that hopefully will lead to the release of the hostages and demonstrated to the terrorists that they are not beyond the reach of the free world. The battle against terrorism would be better served by a supportive attitude on your part of the Israeli action.

I am confident that if we all take a firm stand against terrorism and in support of those who are fighting terrorism we will one day see the hostages free.

Sincerely

Sidney Kwestel
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Mr. Gabe Pressman
NBC News
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, NY 10021

Dear Mr. Pressman

The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America represents 1,000 synagogues throughout the length and breadth of the United States and is the single largest orthodox Jewish organization in the country.

Last night I heard your commentary on the Middle East hostage situation. I was amazed that you used the same language to describe the taking of Col. Higgins by terrorists and the taking of Sheik Obeid by the Israelis. There is, as you well know, a world of difference between the Hezbollah terrorist organization that kidnaps and murders hostages and the Israeli government that captured a central Hezbollah terrorist, Sheik Obeid, who has admitted that Col. Higgins was held in his own house. To put it mildly, it was inappropriate to use the term kidnapping to describe the Israeli action in which Sheik Obeid was seized by the Israelis.

I am confident that if we all take a firm stand against terrorism and in support of those who are fighting terrorism we will one day see the hostages free.

Sincerely,

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Secretary Jack F. Kemp
Secretary, Housing and Urban Development
251 7th Street, S. W.
Washington, D. C. 20410

August 7, 1989

Dear Secretary Kemp:

The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America represents 1,000 synagogues throughout the length and breadth of the United States and is the single largest orthodox Jewish organization in this country.

I wish to commend you for your forthright statement in support of Israel's blow against terrorism. Your denunciation of Senator Dole's criticism of the commando raid came at a critical moment and, hopefully, brought home to the Republican leadership that if the free world is to succeed in its fight against terrorism it must condemn the terrorists for their murderous action and not blame the one democracy that was prepared to take action against the terrorists.

As you well recognize, our country must lead the free world in the fight against terrorism. This requires that we support, and not condemn actions taken against terrorists. I am sure that your statements were very helpful in this regard.

Thank you for speaking out and for your resolute support of a strong America-Israel relationship which is, and always has been, in the best interests of this country and the free world.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 2, 1989

The Honorable George Bush
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America represents 1,000 synagogues throughout the length and breadth of the United States and is the single largest orthodox Jewish organization in this country.

As the world's leading power, the United States has an obligation to lead in the battle against terrorism. Indeed, the people of this country look to you, Mr. President, to provide the necessary leadership at this time.

The murder of Lieutenant Col. William Higgins by the Hezbollah terrorists must be condemned in the strongest possible terms. What is more, Mr. President, I believe that we must call upon the leaders of Western Europe to unequivocally and publicly condemn this barbaric act.

This is certainly not a time for vacillation or equivocation. The response to date from the top leadership of our country has sent the wrong signal to the terrorists. Instead of praising Israel for demonstrating to the terrorists that they are not beyond the reach of the democratic free world, statements have been made which imply criticism of Israel for seizing the very man who is at the hub of the Hezbollah's terrorist actions, a threat to all innocent people throughout the world.

I believe, Mr. President, that at this time the White House should release a statement by you condemning in the strongest of terms the Hezbollah terrorists who murdered



Colonel Higgens and reaffirming the right of Israel, and any other nation subjected to terrorism, to take such action as is necessary to protect its citizens and to secure the release of hostages.

It would be more than tragic were the Hezbollah or any other terrorist organization to believe they were granted a license to be free from the type of action taken by Israel. This will embolden terrorists worldwide and lead to a further escalation of barbaric acts.

Mr. President, you have always stood up for human rights throughout the world. In the past you have spoken out forcefully against terrorism. This is the time when strong leadership is necessary to galvanize the world against the proliferation of terrorism.

I believe that the New York Times editorials of yesterday and today deserve your careful consideration and am enclosing copies for your convenience.

Respectfully,

Sidney Kwestel

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August 2, 1989

Senator Robert Dole
Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Dole:

The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America represents 1,000 synagogues throughout the length and breadth of the United States and is the single largest orthodox Jewish organization in this country.

As Senate Minority Leader, the people in the United States look to you for leadership and direction. This is a time when clear and unequivocal statements condemning terrorism are necessary - not statements criticizing those who have taken action against the terrorists.

Mr. Dole, Israel brought home to the terrorists a clear and unequivocal message that they are not beyond the reach of the free world. Your statement should have lauded that operation. At the very least, it is essential to refrain from making statements which implicitly send a message to the Hezbollah - the murderers of Colonel Higgins - that they can carry on with impunity.

What is necessary now is an unequivocal statement by you and the entire Senate condemning the Hezbollah murderers and reaffirming the right of those subjected to terrorism to undertake military action against the terrorists. This is not a time for ambiguous diplomatic statements which send a message of weakness and indecision.

This is the time for the United States to provide leadership in the fight against terrorism. I respectfully request that you help to galvanize this country and the entire free world in taking resolute action against the Hezbollah.



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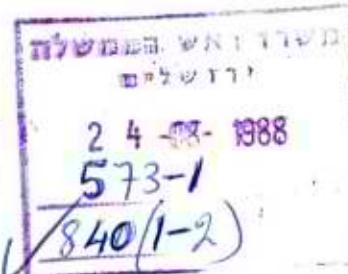
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August 5, 1988

Mr. Irving Kessler
Executive Vice Chairman
United Israel Appeal
515 Park Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10022

Dear Mr. Kessler,



Pursuant to several telephone conversations with Michael Teplow, Esq., this letter confirms our readiness to meet with you at 515 Park Avenue.

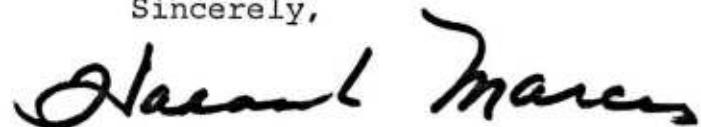
We understand that Herman Markowitz, the newly-appointed Vice Chairman of UIA, will be present as well as Stanley Horowitz - President, National UJA, Morton A. Kornreich - Chairman, National UJA, Peggy Tishman - President, New York UJA, Henry Taub - Chairman, UIA, and Edgar L. Cadden - Chairman, UIA Jewish Agency Committee. During one of the early conversations with Mr. Teplow, Co Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee for UJA and JNF Funding for Jews of Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, Gaza and the Golan Heights, you had mentioned that it would be impossible to arrange for all of the above to participate on short notice. Since, due to that problem, we are no longer discussing an early date and anticipate the attendance of all of them. To save time, we hereby submit the following three dates: August 31, September 7 or 29. (1988)

In view of the fact that both you and we agree in principle that all Jews must be treated equally and no deserving Jew should be the object of discrimination, we are confident that the following agenda will be acceptable to you.

1. The meeting will confirm that the sole criterion for disbursement of charitable funds be demonstrated need, regardless of the political or religious connection of the recipient or the area of his/her residence, it being understood that only Jews may be the recipients of such charitable funds.
2. This meeting will take into consideration past and present UJA/UIA policy in order to rectify the past imbalance.
3. This meeting will discuss changes in the present funding policy and methods of distribution, in order to reach all of the needy among the 185,000 Jews of Eretz Yisrael not presently helped by UJA/UIA agencies because of their areas of residence.

Once again, we welcome this long-sought opportunity to discuss this matter and are looking forward to a sure and rapid end to this problem. Be assured that it is our goal to discontinue all activities and procedures presently being undertaken in this effort; and, will take the necessary steps to do so upon the satisfactory conclusion of this dispute.

Sincerely,



Hadassah Marcus

Co Chairman

Ad Hoc Committee for UJA and JNF

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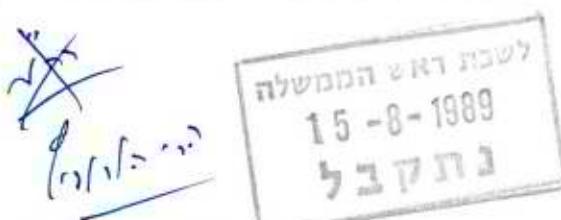
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August 3, 1989



Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir
Office of the Prime Minister
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Enclosed is a clipping of a photograph and story of our meeting with you regarding our Chicago Federation's Mortgage Loan Fund for olim from Chicago. This article appeared in our widely-read publication, JUF NEWS, in its most recent edition.

We were most appreciative of your taking the time to meet with us during the recent Jewish Agency Assembly to discuss the various aspects of this major new project of ours and its broad potential for a positive impact on Aliyah from our community.

We want to assure you, once again, that we, personally, and the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago share a strong interest in developing programs and projects to promote and assist Aliyah. This Mortgage Loan Fund -- the largest in North America -- is only the latest step in our continuing commitment to, and agenda of, programs to support the citizens of the State of Israel.

Again, many thanks, for meeting with us.

Sincerely,

Maynard I. Wishner
President

Steven B. Nasatir
Executive Vice President

cc: Consul General Uri Bar-Ner

Create aliyah mortgage loan fund

The Jewish Federation has initiated a major support effort for Chicago area residents who resettle in Israel with the creation of a Mortgage Loan Fund which will make available up to \$2 million over the next 10 years.

"Permanent, affordable housing is central to a successful adjustment and absorption of newcomers into Israeli society," said Maynard I. Wishner, Federation President. "Adequate housing is a fundamental need and this new Mortgage Loan Fund directly and significantly addresses that need."

Details of the innovative plan were presented to Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir by Israel's Consul General to the Midwest Uri Bar-Ner, Wishner and Dr. Steven B. Nasatir, Federation Executive Vice President, at a meeting in the Prime Minister's office in June.

The loans, ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000, will be administered by the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel. The Chicago loan fund will be the fourth and by far the largest community fund administered by the AACI for individuals and families who make aliyah. There are currently more than 650 Chicago-area adults living in Israel. Last year, some 70 Chicago residents made aliyah.

Up to \$200,000 a year will be provided over the next 10 years from the Federation Endowment Fund. Loans will be granted for a period of up to 10 years to Chicago area immigrants, who need help in order to purchase suitable housing. Rates on the loans will be at 2% under the prime lending rate for qualified applicants. The Federation will waive the tenth year's payments for those who pay all prior installments on schedule.

"This loan fund has become a necessary ingredient in assisting people seeking to make aliyah," Wishner said. "Because of a lack of suitable rental housing in Israel, especially for

periods of over one year, securing permanent housing is a priority."

Nasatir noted that in recent years, Israel government-subsidized mortgages have become inadequate as the cost of purchasing apartments has continued to escalate and interest rates have soared. Many immigrants have to resort to second and even third short-term mortgages at high interest rates.

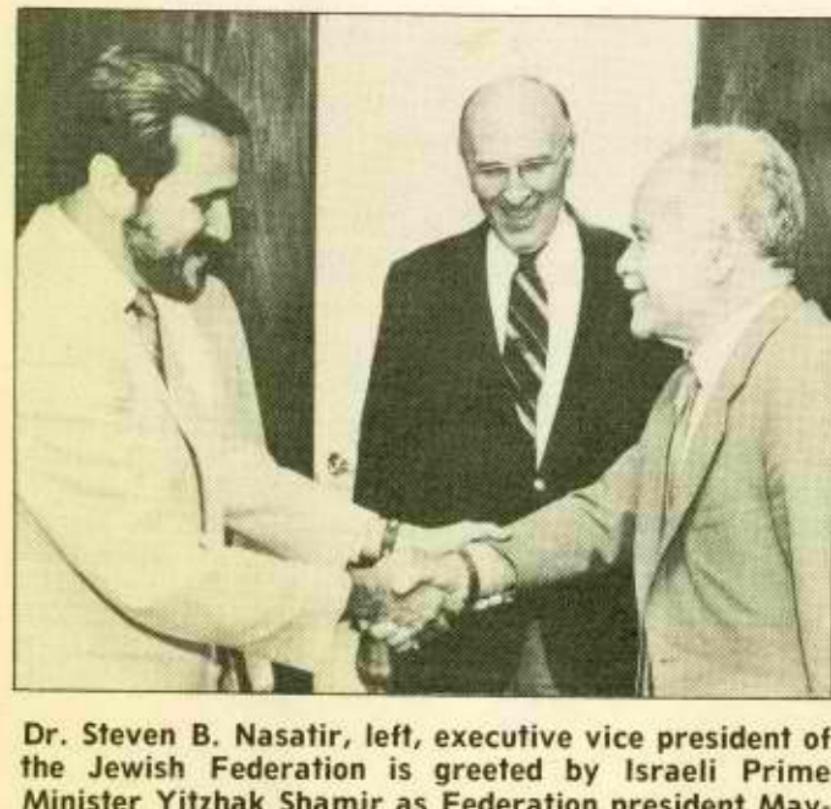
The loan fund, said Nasatir, is one of several ways in which the Federation assists Jews wishing to migrate to Israel. In 1983, the Federation was a founding sponsor, with the Chicago Zionist Federation and Israel Aliyah Center, of the Aliyah Council of Greater Chicago. Since then, the Federation has participated actively in Council activities and created a revolving emergency loan fund for Chicagoans in Israel as well as an assistance fund to help potential Olim finance their move to Israel. This is in addition to the many millions of dollars given each year by the Jewish United Fund to the Jewish Agency to help resettle Jews from distressed lands. The Federation also administers several scholarship funds that assist area residents seeking to participate in a variety of work, study and travel programs in Israel.

Yehuda Weinraub, shaliach for the Israel Aliyah Center, commended the "Federation for your farsightedness and commitment to aliyah. The establishment of a mortgage fund for the evergrowing number of Chicagoans who have chosen to

"return home to Israel" will provide much needed assistance to these individuals. Your actions likewise place Chicago at the forefront of North American Jewish communities as a model for emulation."

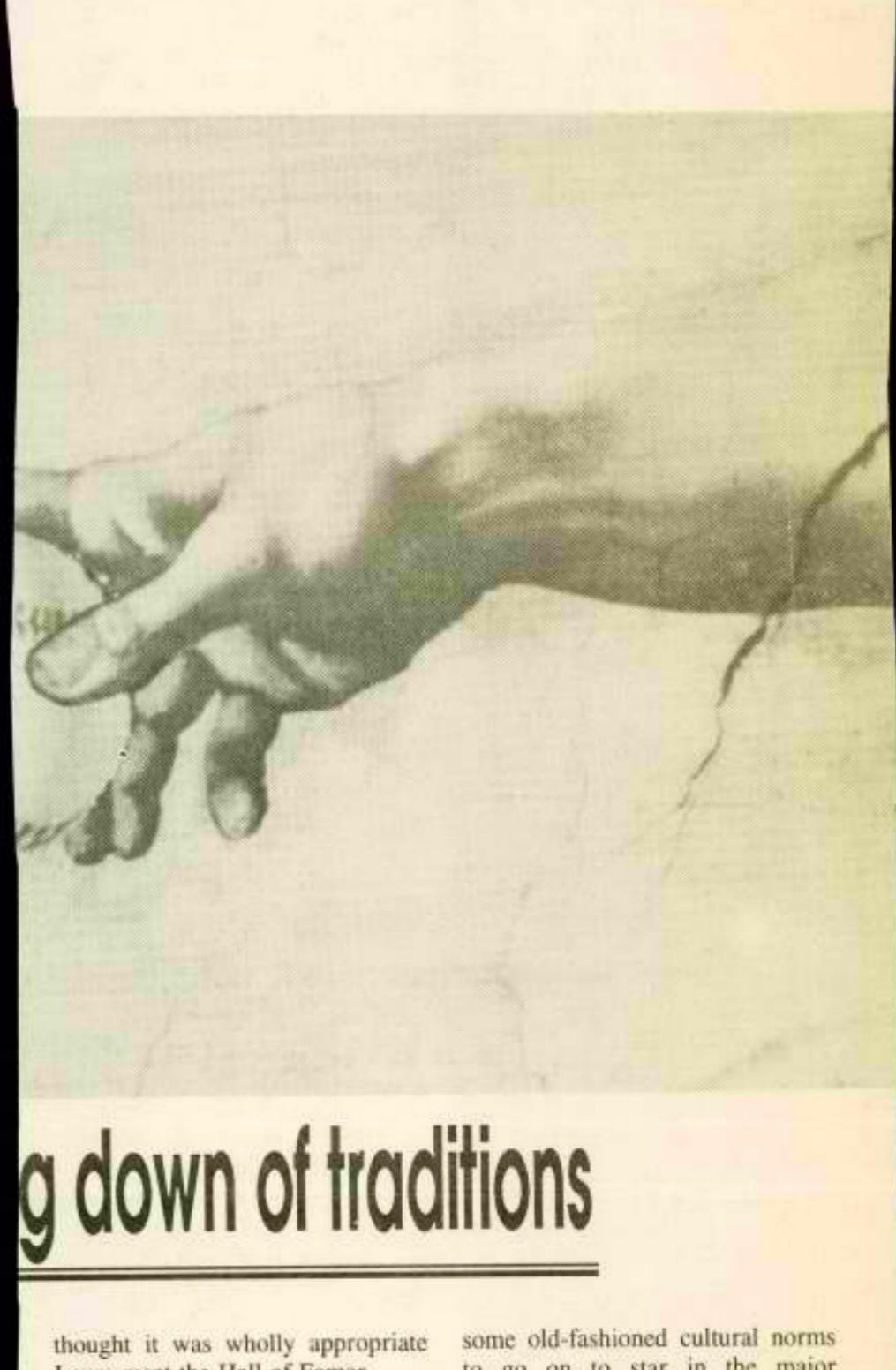
For further information on the new Mortgage Loan Fund, contact: Harold Rosen, Jewish Federation, One S. Franklin,

Chicago, 60606.



Dr. Steven B. Nasatir, left, executive vice president of the Jewish Federation is greeted by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir as Federation president Maynard I. Wishner looks on. Wishner and Nasatir presented details of the Federation's new mortgage loan plan to Shamir in his office in Jerusalem.

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thought it was wholly appropriate Laura meet the Hall of Famer.

The linkage grows stronger.

My grandfather's love for baseball is rippling through the ages into its fourth generation. He saw Hack Wilson in his prime 60 years ago. Wonder which stars Laura will take her grandchildren to see more than a century after Wilson drank himself out of the major leagues?

My family story and its relation to baseball has been repeated innumerable times in Jewish-American culture. We are particularly fond of the game. How many debates about World Series issues take place on synagogue steps during the High Holidays? Do they anguish about the Bears the same way? Only on Sundays. Baseball is every day—and everywhere.

It is particularly passionate in the Jewish communities of the old Eastern and Midwestern cities. Foremost is the love of the old Brooklyn Dodgers and the community-wide depression when the Bums fled in a sweetheart deal to Los Angeles. So deep was the hurt that one has to believe Brooklyn native Jerry Reinsdorf when he said the trauma of the Dodgers' move West gave him pause when he considered transferring his White Sox to Florida.

Once again, linkage. The '57 Dodgers had a direct impact on the '88 White Sox.

Jews are particularly proud of their brethren who have defied

some old-fashioned cultural norms to go on to star in the major leagues. What Jewish kid didn't idolize Sandy Koufax when he struck out countless batters while agonizing in pain from an arthritic elbow? What frustrated Cub fan didn't hope Ken Holtzman could somehow emulate Koufax's brilliance? What senior citizen doesn't remember the pride that Hank Greenberg gave an entire people as he proudly plowed through anti-Semitism and almost broke Babe Ruth's home-run record?

There is only one Jewish player in the major leagues today — pitcher Steve Rosenberg of the White Sox. But Jews have had a storied history in baseball. The accompanying series of articles measures their impact both nationally and in Chicago.

Morrie Zutz was proud of the Jewish stars. But anything about baseball pleased him. He would like the game today. It might be hard for him to grab a seat in the bleachers, with all the late-arriving yuppies and such. And labor strife and Pete Rose's troubles import some distasteful sideshows.

Yet, no matter how hard anyone tries to screw things up, the game survives and prospers. Baseball's allure is so powerful, its role in culture so strong, that it is the proverbial irresistible force and immovable object, all rolled up into one. It will always operate on its own momentum.

It all comes down to a bottom line: Play ball!

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August 2, 1988

Dear Prime Minister Shamir:

On behalf of the officers of the Zionist Organization of America and the delegates who attended our 90th Anniversary Convention in Jerusalem, may I express our deep appreciation for your generous participation in our Convention program.

As you know, we were determined to keep our commitment to hold this Convention in Israel because we knew how necessary it was for our organization to be present in Israel during these unusual times. We hope that this may have prompted others to consider doing likewise.

We listened with great interest to the important insights you shared with our delegates. They were significant and informative.

We extend to you our best wishes accompanied by the universal feeling of gratitude expressed by our delegates for the privilege of having you with us. These sentiments are shared, I assure you, by the Convention Co-chairmen, Alleck A. Resnick and Ivan J. Novick, as well as the Associate Convention Chairmen, Herschel Auerbach and Isaac M. Oberman.

With all good wishes and best regards.

Cordially,

Milton S. Shapiro

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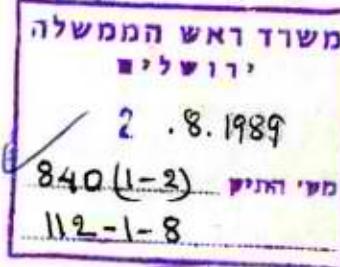
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HaKiryah
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Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

The Executive Committee of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRC) has planned a special mission to Israel from October 29 - November 6, 1989.

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We view this mission to Israel as an integral part of the work of NJCRC, as our intention is to engage in an in-depth exchange of views with Israel's key decision makers and opinion molders. Last year's mission played a major role in helping us to continue portraying Israel in a positive light.

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We would be honored by and derive much benefit from meeting with you during this mission. We would like to hold this session on Friday, November 3, 1989, over breakfast, from 7:30 to 10:00 a.m. However, we understand the constraints of your schedule and are therefore prepared to be as flexible as possible to accomodate you.

Details of the mission are being handled by Linda Epstein, Associate Director of the Israel Office of the Council of Jewish Federations (02-633614 or 636850), and her office will be contacting you in the near future.

Sincerely,



Arden E. Shenker
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HIS EXCELLENCY YITZHAK SHAMIR, PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL
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THE DECISION OF THE HIGH COURT HOLDING THAT THE PEOPLE CONVERTED BY REFORM OR CONSERVATIVE RABBIS MUST BE REGISTERED BY THE GOVERNMENT AS JEWS WAS A MAJOR VICTORY FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND RELIGIOUS PLURALISM IN ISRAEL.

NOW, ACCORDING TO NEW REPORTS, THE GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING OUT THE LAW REFUSES TO DO SO. THIS POSES A DIRECT CHALLENGE TO THE AUTHORITY OF YOUR GOVERNMENT.

INDEED, INTERIOR MINISTER DER IS ATTEMPT TO CIRCUMVENT THE COURT RULING IS A MORE SERIOUS THREAT TO THE LEGITIMACY AND CREDIBILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL THAN IT IS TO THE REFORM OR CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENT.

IF ISRAEL IS A LAND RULED BY LAW RATHER THAN MEN, THE PRIME MINISTER MUST SEE TO IT THAT THE DECISIONS OF THE SUPREME COURT ARE RESPECTED AND IMPLEMENTED. ANYTHING LESS MEANS ANARCHY IN ISRAEL AND A PROFOUND LOSS OF RESPECT AND REPUTATION AMONG OTHER GOVERNMENTS AROUND THE WORLD.

IF THE LAW IN ISRAEL AS DECIDED BY THE HIGHEST COURT CAN BE SO EASILY IGNORED - INDEED, SCORNED - WHAT DOES ISRAEL'S WORD MEAN IN TERMS OF THE INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS IT MAY BE ASKED TO ASSUME. IS THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL SO WEAK, SO IRRESOLUTE, SO INEFFECTIVE AND SO IN DEBT TO FRENCH POLITICAL PARTIES THAT IT CANNOT OR WILL NOT ENFORCE THE LAW. IF ISRAEL CANNOT KEEP ITS WORD TO ITS OWN PEOPLE, CAN ITS PROMISES TO OTHERS BE TREATED SERIOUSLY.

THESE QUESTIONS GO TO THE HEART OF ISRAEL'S STANDING AS A DEMOCRACY AND AS A NATION THAT KEEPS ITS PROMISES. THEY MAKE THE ISSUE OF MINISTER DER IS CONTEMPT FOR THE SUPREME COURT AN ISSUE OF CRISIS PROPORTIONS FOR ISRAEL AND FOR ITS FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD. HIS FLAGRANT ATTEMPT TO FLOUT THE CLEAR CUT DECISION OF THE SUPREME COURT CAN BE ANSWERED IN ONLY ONE WAY - ORDER YOUR MINISTER TO OBEY THE COURT OR TO RESIGN.

PROMPT AND VIGOROUS STEPS TO ENFORCE THE LAW ARE REQUIRED NOW. WE RESPECTFULLY URGE YOU TO ACT AT ONCE.

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HaKirya
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Honorable Yitzhak Shamir
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Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

The Executive Committee of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC) has planned a special mission to Israel from October 16-25, 1988, in celebration of the country's 40th anniversary.

Participating in this mission will be 75 of the top leadership of NJCRAC's member agencies.

The NJCRAC, comprised of eleven national and 114 local member agencies (listed on the reverse side of this letterhead), is the national coordinating and advisory body for the field of Jewish community relations. In recent years, as you may know, these agencies all working together in common cause, have been in the forefront of efforts to interpret Israel to the United States government and to the American public. You also may be aware of the work of NJCRAC's Israel Task Force which seeks to develop strategies and coordinate activities on a wide array of public policy concerns relating to Israel. We view this mission to Israel as an integral part of the work of NJCRAC, as our intention is to engage in an in-depth exchange of views with Israel's key decision makers and opinion molders.

We would be deeply honored and would derive great value in meeting with you during this mission. Our preference would be to have you as our guest of honor at a special banquet, Sunday evening, October, 23rd, but we would be guided by your own schedule.

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Arrangements for the mission are being handled by Stephen Donshik, Director of the Israel Office of the Council of Jewish Federations, whose office will be in touch with an appropriate member of your staff to make arrangements.

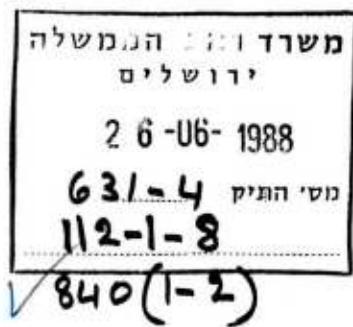
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Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir
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We view with gravity and deep dismay your recent vote in favor of amending the Law of Return. It is a political expediency which shows little concern for far greater issues such as Kelal Yisrael, and religious pluralism.

We, in the Masorti (Conservative) Movement will continue to monitor Knesset activities to insure that you do not take steps beyond your purview, which can reap irreparable damage to Judaism and to World Jewry.

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Mr. Yitzhak Shamir
Prime Minister's Office
Jerusalem, Israel



Dear Mr. Shamir:

The enclosed letter was sent to us from a contributor to our campaign. It is addressed to you, and we felt you should receive it.

Sincerely,

Jordan S. Harburger
Jordan S. Harburger
Executive Director

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Enclosure

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Attn: Mrs. Shain:

Please try not to listen to the media, when they say that the Jewish population in America wants Israel to give back the land. They are too removed from the problems at hand. All the people we know believe just the opposite. The Arab nations have much better P.R. in America, than Israel does. We have 2 children with large families living in Israel, and I might add with great difficulty. One lives on the way to Hebron, and one lives on the West Bank. If the land goes "back" - where will they be?

Only you and the people living in Israel are qualified to make their decisions. Stay hawkish!

Very truly yours
Eduard & Martin Fuerstman

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May 18, 1988

Honorable Yitzhak Shamir
Prime Minister of Israel
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HaKirya
Jerusalem



Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

We know the issue of amending the Who is a Jew legislation will be presented in the Knesset in the near future.

We take this opportunity to remind you of the position which the CJF has taken on this question and to reiterate our stance as embodied by the Resolution which our Board of Directors passed on September 15, 1987. A copy of the full Resolution is attached, however the operative portion reads as follows:

"...The issue, with its ideological, moral and communal implications, should not be decided in the context of political accommodation, or of insuring the maintenance or downfall of a particular government. World Jewry should not be divided by a political approach to the issue. We urge the leaders of Labour, Likud and the other Israeli political parties to pledge that they will not deal with this issue in such a manner. We urge their supporters to call on them to make such a pledge....."

We believe it is crucial that the political leadership of Israel acknowledge the divisive nature of any potential change and the feelings within the North American federated Jewish community.

Wishing you a Hag Shavuot Sameach and the continued prosperity of Israel and of the Jewish people, we remain,

Sincerely,

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I N S I G H T-Essays on the Jewish Future
June 20, 1988

The Struggle for Israel and the Jewish Future
Part Six: Peace-Lets be Realistic!

In our times can third party arrangements resolve the Arab-Israel life and death conflict? Can the U.S. and the U.S.S.R., in partial agreement, impose their concepts of a fair solution on semi-dependent 'allies,' in the guise of procedures and statements of general principles? NO.

Arrangements between Israel, its neighbors and the Palestinians exist today e. g. Arab-Israel trade, family unification, border agreements and informal-but faithfully observed-understandings, tourism...all founded on mutual hard-core interests of the parties to the conflict. When Egypt agreed to talk to Israel - secretly and later for the world to witness - the Super-Powers were caught off balance; they had very little to do with the initiative; the OUTCOME of EGYPTIAN and ISRAELI NATIONAL INTEREST AT THE TIME. The U.S., intuitively more than thoughtfully, played the role of facilitator and when it deviated by asserting its perception of a fair 'non-partisan' compromise, endangered the successful outcome.

What is the answer. First, the Super-Power should respect democracy and self-determination. If they choose to impose pre-conditions they will not be 'neutral' and not be perceived as neutral by either side. If a solution is indeed forced upon the parties or one of the parties - if this is possible in our times - given the record of such attempts in the past, it is likely to end with the emasculation or destruction of Israel or the displacement of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians.

The answer for the Super-Powers is to use common-sense to contain the conflict to the region and the parties, until they find common interest and need to resolve or defuse the conflict. Until that time the Super-Powers can encourage arrangements by, first and foremost identifying common ground to work together-in general and specifically limit their competition in the conflict area. If this is achievable the Super-Powers have the ability to stabilize the Global effects of the conflict in three critical ways: one-by coordinating the armament efforts-no side should have excessive advantage; two-by declaring that an all out war initiative by either side will not be supported financially and militarily; and three-by declaring that the use of Atomic or Biological-Chemical weaponry will be answered immediately by combined military force. In this way the GLOBAL interest of minimizing the explosive 'spill-over' of the conflict to other regions, is served. Perhaps these understandings are achievable today given recent Super-Power initiatives in nuclear disarmament and containment of regional conflicts.

With these rules in place the parties to the conflict-adjusting to the parameters of maneuverability- are likely to find solutions or partial solutions, that are mutually acceptable.

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Prime Minister Itzhak Shamir
The Knesset
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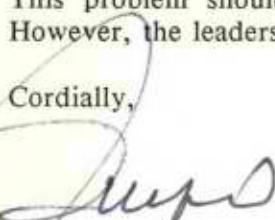
Dear Itzhak:

Note attached articles. These articles reflect a mortal danger to Israel. At some stage, the United States could face a situation of whether to squeeze Israel or receive less foreign oil. I do not know what would happen if the U.S. had to choose between a terrible oil shortage or Israel.

The solution is electricity produced by nuclear energy. For this to happen, we must convert the liberal Jewish community who are the principal fighters against nuclear energy. I believe the labor unions, now against nuclear, will change later as electricity shortages threaten their jobs.

This problem should not be yours, but it is. There are no answers for now. However, the leaders of Israel must get into this issue sooner or later.

Cordially,


Guilford Glazer

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Enclosures

Oak Ridger

OAK RIDGE, TN., TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 1988

Nuclear expert says America is far behind foreign competition

By JENNIFER ANDES
Oak Ridger staff

"We're far behind in the nuclear (business) compared to France and the Soviet Union," George Murphy said. The reason is primarily political, he said.

Murphy, who has more than 20 years' experience in the nuclear field, has developed strong opinions about how the nuclear industry should operate.

Murphy is manager of several Nuclear Regulatory Commission projects at the Nuclear Operations Analysis Center, located at the Y-12 Plant. In an interview Friday, he said he came to Oak Ridge in 1979 as a contract consultant to Westinghouse Corp. on the former Clinch River Breeder Reactor project. He began working for the NRC in 1981.

No new nuclear plants have been ordered to be built since 1978, Murphy said.

In the United States, more than 100 nuclear power plants produce about 18 percent of our electricity, he said, but in comparison, more than 60 percent of the electricity in

France is powered by nuclear energy.

Murphy cited political opposition, as opposed to technical difficulties, as the primary reason U.S. nuclear plants are delayed or prevented from operating.

"Politicians often prevent plants from opening because they perceive their opposition to nuclear power as a way to get votes," he said.

New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, for example, intends to dismantle the \$5.3 billion Shoreham nuclear power station, which was recently shut down. Cuomo would not accept the evacuation procedures required by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission before it grants an operating license.

Since the 1979 incident at the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant near Harrisburg, Pa., the NRC has required all nuclear power plants to improve evacuation procedures. One requirement involves providing an evacuation plan for residents within a 10-mile radius of the plant, he said.

The Three Mile Island accident resulted when the flow of water to the reactor was disrupted and

caused increased pressure in the reactor core. But a safety valve opened and the reactor shut down automatically.

"The resistance (to Shoreham) was purely political. There is no technical reason they can't operate safely. The evacuation plan is safe and feasible," he said.

Similarly, Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis is standing in the way of the Seabrook nuclear power station's receiving an operating permit. Although Seabrook is located in New Hampshire, part of the required 10-mile evacuation zone falls within Massachusetts.

New Hampshire Gov. John Sununu, who supports Seabrook, is an engineer and has a better understanding of the technology involved in nuclear reactors, Murphy added.

"Three Mile Island raised evacuation issues to the point where ... the risk of nuclear power (was perceived to be) far out of proportion to the true risk," he said.

For example, he said society gives little thought to the risk posed by large ships that carry liquefied petroleum gas and other hazardous

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chemicals into the New York and Boston harbors. "If a ship exploded, it would equal a small atomic bomb," he said.

"No one in the U.S. has been killed by a nuclear accident, compared to thousands that have been killed by accidents involving (the release of other) hazardous substances," he said.

In addition to political opposition to nuclear reactors, Murphy said environmental advocacy groups occasionally offer "mindless opposition" to the operation of nuclear power plants and cause unnecessary and costly delays.

The Northeast will run short of energy as a result of incidents like Seabrook and Shoreham and the closing of one of the reactors at Three Mile Island, he said.

The U.S. is more dependent on importing oil from the Middle East now than it was during the 1973 oil embargo, he said.

Murphy said if the U.S. is to avoid being dependent on imported oil, more nuclear reactors must begin

operation.

"We learn too late," he said. Nuclear power won't be strongly considered as an alternative energy source until another oil embargo, he added.

Murphy received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Montana State University in 1966, and immediately began work as a reactor operator engineer in Idaho, at the National Reactor Testing Station.

He worked at many reactors across the country before coming here.

Murphy said his initial reason for working at a nuclear reactor was the location. "The job was open and I wanted to go West," he said.

He said he enjoys his job because it gives him an overview of the entire nuclear power industry, and enjoys living in Oak Ridge with his wife, Arlene. The Murphys have two children.

"The quality of life is good in Oak Ridge, the climate is ideal and (people) have ... control over what happens," he said.



George Murphy, manager of several Nuclear Regulatory Commission projects at the Y-12 Plant, discusses problems in the nuclear industry.

JOHN SHACTER/Guest Column

The future role of U.S. nuclear power

The next monthly meeting of the local Technical Society will again take place on Wednesday at the Oak Ridge Country Club. The noon luncheon will feature John E. Jones Jr., past head of ORNL's fossil research section and current director of its nuclear reactor programs. He will introduce the subject of what the "Future Role of Nuclear Energy" should be in the overall U.S. energy strategy. As always, members and their spouses will participate in the ensuing discussion. Interested visitors are welcome.



Plentiful energy at reasonable costs is a critical condition for any nation's jobs, living standards and competitive world position. There is no question that the industrial leadership of the U.S. over past decades has at least in part resulted from its abundant supply of rich natural resources, including wood and the fossil fuels — oil, gas and coal.

However, over the last couple of decades, we have become the world's largest net importer, rather than exporter of oil. And since the 1960s, the dream has been that cheap nuclear power, including nuclear breeders, could make up for the inevitably diminishing riches of our other, natural energy fuels.

We now know differently. After the promising initial waves of nuclear power plants, this nation has

managed to derail the growth of nuclear power. And it is of no consolation that we have also managed to misappropriate certain other major industries, like steel and automobiles, over the same period.

Yet, while energy costs have skyrocketed in our TVA region, as well as all over the nation, other countries like Japan and France have become highly successful in their introductions of nuclear power. For example, based upon our technology, they have been able to build their new plants in less than a third of the time that it has taken us to do the same. Naturally, their costs are correspondingly lower.

Today, France's production (and exports) of electrical energy is over 70 percent based on relatively low-cost nuclear power. In the U.S., we have virtually stopped at less than 20 percent. No new plants have been ordered for years.

The skyrocketing costs of electric energy have also sharply decreased demands for expansions. For example, many high energy consuming industries, like the aluminum industry, have instead decided to expand in foreign countries, where energy and other costs have been much cheaper.

With a rather anti-nuclear intelligentsia and press, polls in this country have shown that most people are confused on the pros and cons of nuclear energy. They are sort of luke-warm and would accept new plants, as long as they are not to be placed into their own back yards. The incidents of gross mismanagement at Chernobyl and Three Mile Island have also contributed to keeping nuclear in this country in limbo.

On the other hand, it is becoming clearer all the time, that there are no perfect sources of energy, and probably never will be. Worldwide, in the longer range, all fossil fuels will continue to become leaner and, therefore, too precious and expensive to just be "furnaced." They will be increasingly reserved for higher-value uses, such as raw materials for chemicals, plastics and pharmaceuticals.

There is also increasing concern about threatening irreversible effects of fossil energy on our planet's conditions. Among them would be acid rain, ozone depletion, and the greenhouse effect, (the warming up of the climate due to increasing carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, with the resulting melting of the ice caps.) These have already started to put additional pressure on the development of alternative energy sources.

Long-range, technological breakthroughs could bring alternative sources, like solar, bio-renewable (plants), and thermonuclear (fusion) energy into the range of competitive economics. But it is the prevailing engineering view that, today, only a well managed nuclear energy program — from ores to wastes — could postpone the environmental and economic days of reckoning and give us the needed decades (?) for the exploration of other potentially promising energy sources. What do we then need to do in order to assure that we are on a constructive path, in this country?

These are among the questions that will be raised and discussed Wednesday.

(John Shacter is president of JS Associates, a planning consultant firm located in Kingston.)

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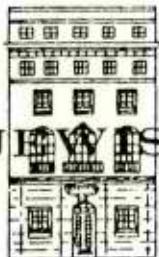
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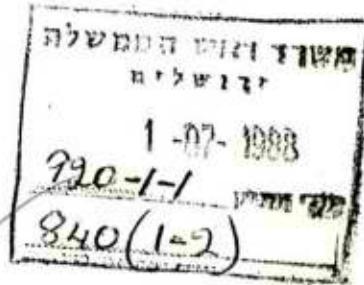


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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 20, 1988

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir
Office of the Prime Minister
3 Kaplan Street
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Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I am writing to express my disappointment at your vote in favor of the amendment to the Law of Return that would have denied recognition as Jews to those who had been converted by non-Orthodox rabbis. If adopted, the proposed amendment would have shattered confidence in the oneness of the Jewish people in Israel and throughout the Diaspora.

Retention of the present law is imperative as an affirmation of the historic unity of Jews everywhere. I urge you to vote against any further attempts to amend it.

Sincerely,

Robert Lifton

Robert K. Lifton

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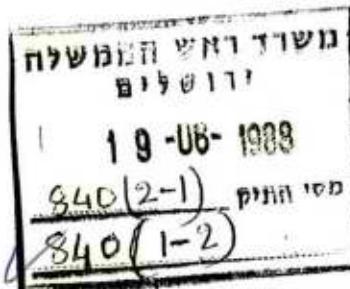
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Lynn Singer
Executive Director

June 10, 1988

Prime Minister Itzhak Shamir
The Knesset
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

In behalf of the Long Island Committee for Soviet Jewry, I would like to thank you for your words of recognition of the efforts of Long Island in securing freedom for Soviet Jews. We are strong believers in the Aliya movement.

I thought you might like to know that the Anatoly Shcharansky Freedom Award has as its logo, in Hebrew, the word "Herut" formed to make a Hanukiah.

I hope that the future will bring all of your dreams for the State of Israel to fruition. Many of us have the same dreams. May you go from strength to strength, and may Eretz overcome all of its problems and obstacles.

Looking forward to the opportunity of meeting with you in the future,

Shalom,

Lynn Singer
Executive Director

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June 9, 1988

His Excellency Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir
Office of the Prime Minister
Jerusalem, Israel



Dear Prime Minister Shamir:

We are aware that on June 14th the Knesset is scheduled once again to vote on changes in the Law of Return with the intention of giving unprecedented authority to the Rabbinical courts to certify all conversions, including those performed abroad.

The American Jewish Committee strongly urges you to oppose this renewed effort by a single religious authority to impose its will on the majority of world Jewry. While the proposed legislation specifically targets converts who have made Aliyah, it is apparent to the vast majority of American Jews that the amendment to the Law of Return is designed to delegitimize the Conservative, Reform, and Reconstructionist movements within Judaism. It is imperative that this attack on legitimate movements of Jewish life with several million adherents be deterred. If the bill is passed, it will cause irreparable damage to the unity of the Jewish people and may seriously affect the solidarity of support for Israel among Diaspora Jews in America and elsewhere.

Clearly, it is not in Israel's interest to change the status quo on matters of religion at this time. This year, perhaps more than ever before in Israeli history, Jewish unity must be preserved. This can only be achieved by rejecting this attempt to impose a minority viewpoint on Klal Yisrael.

We welcome your public declaration at the meeting with the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, in New York on June 6, that this matter should be handled "by cooperation, mutual consultation, and by agreement" among the concerned parties and not by legislative fiat. We hope that you will seek to persuade other Knesset members to adopt this constructive approach.

Sincerely,

Ira Silverman
Executive Vice President

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West Side Jewish Community School

270 W 89th Street
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June 7, 1988



Dear Prime Minister Shamir,

My students have been studying the history of Jewish immigration over the course of the year. During that time, they learned about how Jews have sadly suffered oppression in many countries. One of the communities that my students studied about was that of the Ethiopian Jews. Israel's actions in the past needs to be applauded, but she must not stop acting now. Presently 10,000 Ethiopian Jews still seek the right to leave their country and join their relatives in Israel.

My students were very moved by what they learned and as American Jews, who have the gift of freedom, they felt compelled to write to you and to President Reagan in order to express their deep concern regarding the Ethiopian Jewish community. We urge you to do all that you can to help re-unite those Jews still held as prisoners with their families. They dream of being in Israel where they will not be persecuted for their religious beliefs.

I have enclosed xerox copies of the letters that my students wrote to President Reagan, so that you can be aware of their feelings regarding their country's present position regarding the situation.

B'shalom,

Shoshana M. Perry

Shoshana M. Perry
Principal of the WSJCS

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Dear Prime Minister Shami,

During Operation Moses you helped many people leave Ethiopia. But in the past 4 years you have done nothing. Many families have been separated, and mainly women, children, and elder people have been stranded there. We appreciate your efforts very much, but please try to rescue more Jews in Ethiopia.

Sincerely,

Joshua Derman

Joshua Derman

5-6th Grade Class
West Side Jewish Community
School

May 12, 1988

Dear Prime minister,

A while ago, doing Operation Moses, you saved many Ethiopian Jews. You did a great job. Now 16,000 Jews have been saved. But there are some difficulties. Lots of Ethiopian Jews are separated from their families. Back in Ethiopia there are mothers with children, and elderly and sick people. They probably long to be with their families. Nothing has been done recently to save the Ethiopian Jews. Something should be done. I'm sure if something was done it would be a success since the first operation was a success. How nice it would be if everybody + families could be joined.

Sincerely,

Erica Gail Soskina

5th/6th grade West Side Jewish Community
School

Dear Prime Minister Meirav,

In school, we talked about the Ethiopian Jews. I commend you on operation Moses and for your work getting 16,000 Jews out of Ethiopia. However, I don't understand why you haven't done anything to save the other Jews left in Ethiopia and Sudan. I think that you should have another "operation Moses". You should also try to end the civil war that is going on there.

sincerely,

Mik Demmer

5th/6th grade West Side Jewish Community School

May 12, 1988

Dear Prime Minister,

Hi I am 10 years old and I am Jewish. Last week me and my class watched a movie about Jews In Africa: Operation Moses. It was very nice - seeing the hardships of these people and at the end of the long journey, they finally got to the Holy Land, Israel with a lot of pushing from lots of people everywhere.

But with all that was done, all the 16 thousand people that were rescued, there are still 10, 10, 10, 10 thousand people over there.

Nothing has been done in the last 2-3 years. As easy as I ~~wrote~~ ^{wrote} this letter, someone may die just as easy. Why have you not done ~~anything~~ something? How much longer? Will there be 6 thousand people instead of 10? Will there be any one left? IF YOU DON'T ANYTHING AT ALL?

But there is hope and we must try. At least try.

M. Schwartz

May 12, 1988

Dear Mr. SHALHEER,

A while ago, operation Moses was sent to Sudan to save Jews in Ethiopia. 16,000 Jews were saved. I appreciate your doing that, but you haven't done anything since. I would like it if you could put pressure on the Ethiopian government to let the Ethiopian Jews go back to their families in Israel.

Sincerely,
Michael Elmozzino

May 12, 1988

Dear Mr. President,

you are doing a great job, but unfortunately poor jewish women and children are being left in Ethiopia. Please try to get these poor jewish people out of the famine-stricken Ethiopia into a richer environment. Please take these starving people out before they die.

Sincerely,

Danny
Rudder

5th and 6th grade class
West Side Jewish
Community School

Dear, Mr. President

Your accomplishments in Ethiopia were very good. Operation Moses was a huge success. 16,000 people have been rescued. But 10,000 people are still stuck in Ethiopia.

Why have our efforts come to a halt? Are the stars in the wrong alignment (refer to Ronald Reagan's "For the record")?

I suggest that your efforts pick up or there might be another "Ghosh on Washington".

Sincerely,

Paul Kalem

Class of 5th and 6th grade class of
West Side Jewish community school
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And many more!

Dear Mr. President,

In class I have been
studying Ethiopian Jews
I appreciate 16 thousand
you rescued but there
are still ten thousand
people left. I think
that the U.S. should
have two more air lifts.

Sincerely,

David Soskin

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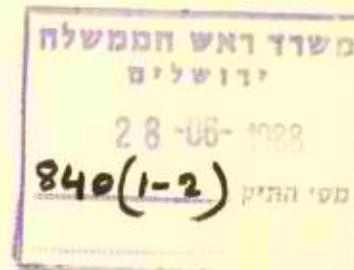
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May 27th, 1988.
11th Sivan, 5748.

Mr. Yitzhak Shamir,
The Office of the Prime Minister,
Kiryat Ben-Gurion,
Rupin Road, Building #3,
JERUSALEM, Israel.



Dear Prime Minister:

We are a Conservative Synagogue of 1,800 families. Last night, at the first meeting of our newly elected Board of Governors, the first order of business was to renew our commitment to our State of Israel in the form of a further investment in the State.

We unanimously approved the purchase of another \$1,000,000. (U.S.) note. We are borrowing the \$1,000,000. from our bank so we in turn can lend it to you.

We are delighted to be able to do this on the 40th Anniversary of our State.

We offer no advice, no criticism, no suggestions, no self-doubts, no agonizing, but simply our support and dedication and a hearty YASHER KOACH for the continued growth of the State of Israel.

On behalf of the Officers, the Board of Governors and the Congregation, we remain,

Yours truly,

Morris Adams,
President.

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AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS

May 26, 1988

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir
Office of the Prime Minister
Kiryat Ben-Gurion
Jerusalem



Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Mr. Lifton asked me to send you the enclosed pieces. They clearly demonstrate our common concerns and interests despite the differences which should not separate us.

He especially asked that I convey his appreciation and thanks to you for taking the time from your busy schedule to meet with him.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely


Dr. David Clayman
Israel Director

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No Peace Deal For Arabs Without Israel's Right-Wing

By MARVIN GREISMAN

Robert K. Lifton, newly elected president of the American Jewish Congress, in a wide-ranging interview with THE JEWISH PRESS, asserted that Arab leaders must understand that the key to a Middle East peace settlement clearly rests with Israel's right-wing leadership.

Lifton stated that when he met in January with Arab leaders he made clear to them that in the last analysis any final settlement of the (Mid-East) situation requires Mr. Shamir's actions and the Likud's Party action."

Lifton argued the historical point with Arab leaders that just as "it took President Nixon to go to China, Charles De Gaulle to make the deal in Algeria, Mr. Begin to make a deal with Sadat, and even Mr. Reagan to meet Gorbachev," Arab leaders have to recognize the crucial necessity in dealing with the Likud leadership in order to forge a peace settlement.

Lifton also warned the Arab leaders that it would be a tragic mistake for them to try to influence the upcoming Israeli elections in favor of the Labor Party "on the theory that it will help bring about peace." Lifton traveled as a member of an AJCongress delegation and met with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Jordan's King Hussein, and King Hassan of Morocco. Lifton and the delegation also met with the top Israeli leadership.

Lifton stressed that it is critical that Jewish leadership meet with Arab leaders and rejected the notion that such talks give the impression that the Jewish leaders are negotiating for Israel. "King Hussein and President Mubarak know that we are not speaking for

the State of Israel," Lifton declared. "They know we are speaking as an organization that represents a point of view, not the only point of view, of Americans and Jews."

While Orthodox leaders continue to view the AJCongress with deep suspicion and mistrust for their long-standing policy in strongly opposition and to yeshivas and opposition to place menorah on public property, Lifton, a former student of Yeshiva Eitz Chayim, insists that these are "differences of good will."

Lifton suggested that Jews in America must always be concerned about the rapid rise of right-wing Christian fundamentalism. "If once you have the ability of the non-Jews to impose religious prayer on majority, and we are a minor minority — I think we would be overwhelmed," Lifton declared.

Lifton strongly defended AJCongress executive director Henry Siegman in suggesting that "some (Jews) even question publicly the principles of the sanctity of human life when applied to non-Jews." Lifton insisted that Siegman did not mean to suggest by what appeared to be an offensive statement "that if you are Orthodox, that is your view of the non-Jew." Lifton said that Orthodox leaders misread the Siegman statement and that he did not mean to single out all Orthodox Jews in his declaration.

Lifton firmly indicated that Orthodox Jews and the AJCongress' "aim and objective are the same." He said both segments strongly subscribe to "the security of American Jews as Jews and the ability of American Jews to help secure Israel."

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 1988

Letters

To the Editor:

A. M. Rosenthal wonders why he represents critics who urge Israel to end its occupation of the territories, even though he too believes that is precisely what Israel should do ("No Suicide for Israel," column, March 8). This ambivalence is a common experience of most fair-minded people, for a specific reason.

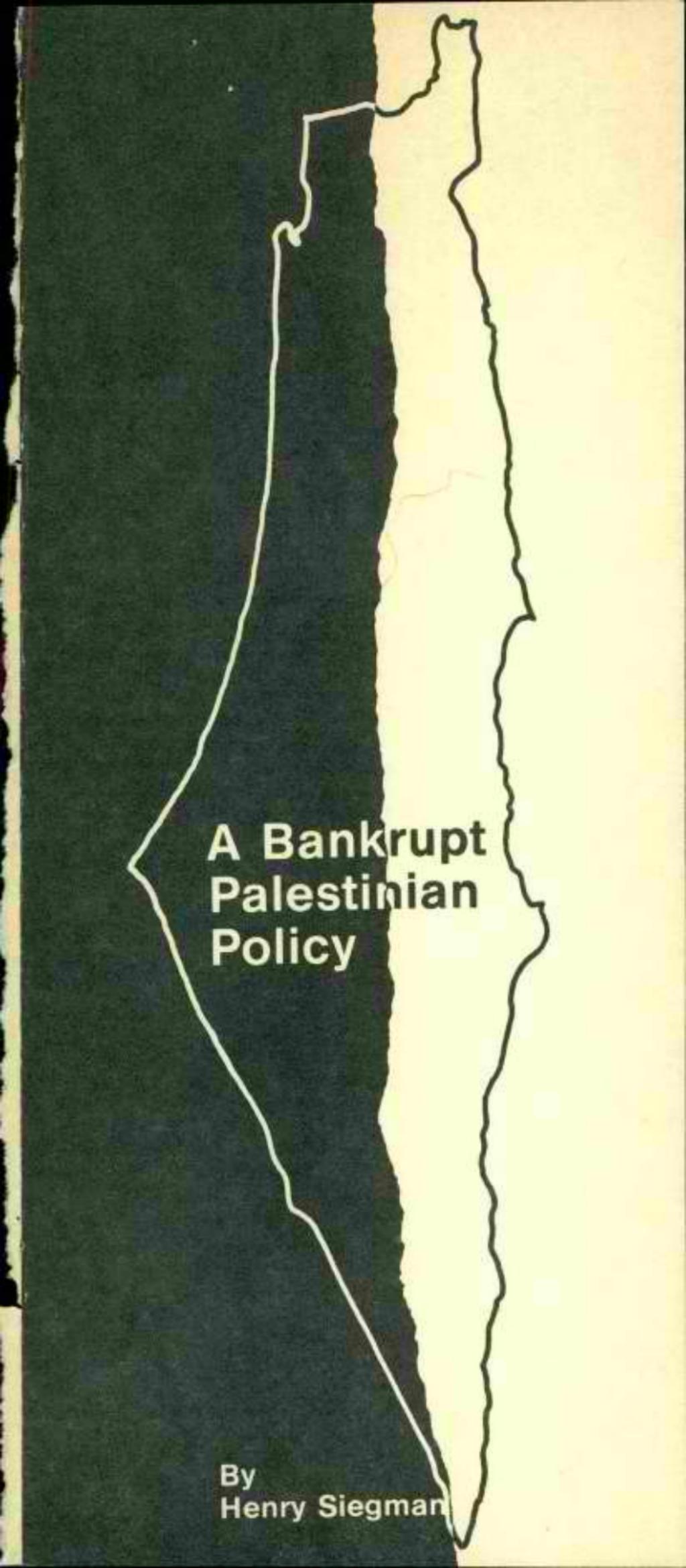
There are two conflicting impulses that prompt people to urge an end to Israeli rule in the West Bank and Gaza. One seeks to accommodate Palestinian national aspirations; it rarely takes Israel's needs into account. Mr. Rosenthal has good reason to be wary of those moved by this impulse. If the issue were solely Palestinian grievances, there is ample reason to resist this advice until Palestinians, and the Arab world generally, give more persuasive evidence they are prepared to accept Israel as legitimate and permanent. Despite private assurances by Arab heads of state, these assurances have yet to find resonance in public pronouncements to their fellow countrymen.

An entirely different impulse that argues for an end to Israel's occupation of the territories has to do with Israel's needs, rather than Palestinian claims. Demographic trends will produce an Arab population in "Greater Israel" equal to its Jewish population within 20 years. Israel cannot hold on to the Palestinians in the territories without losing its democratic character and Jewish essence. Remaining locked in permanent embrace with 1½ million (soon to be 2 million) angry Palestinians poses security risks for Israel that far exceed any conceivable danger Israel faces across its borders. If recent events prove anything, it is that an attempt forcefully to ingest a population so large, so violent and so alien would endanger Israel's survival more than any external threat.

One must hope Israelis themselves will see the need for territorial compromise. But it should be clear that nothing is more calculated to undermine that prospect than suggestions, however oblique, that Israeli resistance to American wishes may result in a reduction of United States aid to Israel. Such threats, explicitly made by Tony Smith (Op-Ed, March 26) serve to validate the position of Israeli extremists.

It is only when United States support is beyond question that Israelis can be expected to make compromises that its friends, not its enemies, urge.

HENRY SIEGMAN
Executive Director
American Jewish Congress
New York, March 27, 1988



A Bankrupt Palestinian Policy

By
Henry Siegman

Palestinians May Be About to Miss Their Last Train

by Henry Siegman

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This essay is excerpted from an article written by Henry Siegman, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, which appeared in Al Fajr, the most widely read Arabic newspaper in the Administered Territories.

Secretary of State George Shultz's new Middle Eastern peace initiative comes too late in this administration's term to hold much hope. But it may at least establish a new point of entry in the seemingly endless cycle of Arab-Israeli conflict, one on which a new administration may be able to build. That would be a considerable gift not only to the new administration but to the peoples of the Middle East.

It is all the more distressing, therefore, that this new initiative seems to have been greeted by Palestinian leadership in Gaza and the West Bank with unrelieved negativity. Their emotional rejection of the new proposals, describing them as a betrayal of the sacrifices of their martyrs, would indicate that this new emerging Palestinian leadership has learned nothing from the mistakes of its predecessors, and may indeed be even more inflexible and politically irrelevant than they were.

Even the unkindest view of how Israel has been handling Palestinian violence in the past several months—and, admittedly, Israel's repugnant policy of breaking bones cannot conceivably lend itself to kindness—should not be allowed to take the Palestinians off the hook. For however one assigns blame for the past, there is now an unprecedented opportunity for breaking the 40-year old cycle of violence between Arab and Jew. And that breakthrough is not dependent on what Israel does, but on what the Palestinians do.

For the past several months, Palestinians in the territories have proved that they are very good at orchestrating the expression of rage and sustained violence. What they have yet to prove is that they are equally adept at formulating an actionable political agenda, to which Israel can respond in political terms. There has developed in recent

months a Palestinian shadow leadership that has shown extraordinary skill and discipline in directing the throwing of stones and of gasoline bombs at Israeli soldiers. If that leadership were now to present Israel and the world with coherent and reasonable political demands, there is no doubt that Israeli public opinion, as well as the international community, would expect Israel's leaders to deal seriously with those demands. So far, however, there has been no indication that Palestinians will rise to that challenge.

It has been said—correctly, I am afraid—that Palestinians have never lost a chance to miss an opportunity. It is amazing, but true, that what is demanded today by Palestinian nationalists—an independent Palestinian state in the entire West Bank and in all of Gaza—is less than was in fact offered them by the United Nations, with the acquiescence of what was to become the state of Israel, a full 40 years ago! But the Palestinians and the Arab world turned down that offer contemptuously, betting on their ability to destroy nothing. They lost that bet. Immediately after the 1967 war, during which the Arab world once again gave reign to its darker impulses and sought to drown Israel's inhabitants in a blood bath, and instead lost some more of its territory, Israel offered to return that territory—the West Bank and Gaza—in exchange for formal recognition and peace. It received instead the three nos of Khartoum: no negotiations, no recognition, no peace.

True to form, the Arab world rejected the Camp David accord entered into by Israel and Egypt, which would have created a five-year period of Palestinian autonomy beginning in 1978, which in turn would inevitably have led to some more generous forms of Palestinian self-determination in 1983. In 1982, they rejected the Reagan plan, which would have had Israel relinquish the West Bank and Gaza to Jordan. It is true that Israel's Prime Minister Begin also rejected it, but that rejection would probably not have been the end of the matter had the Arab world supported it.

To this day, the PLO and the Palestinians have failed to take the one political initiative that would undoubtedly have brought them international support and direct political contact with the United States. That political initiative is a simple and unqualified assertion of their recognition and acceptance of the State of Israel as a permanent feature

of the Middle East, and their intention to live in peace alongside of it in arrangements that do not disregard Israel's genuine security needs.

Perhaps what prevented such an initiative in the past were Palestinian doubts about the likelihood of a favorable Israeli response. I believe they were wrong, but such doubts are entirely without justification in the current situation. The riots and bloodshed these past two months have led many Israelis, who in the past were opposed to changes in the status quo for fear of jeopardizing Israeli security, to ask for the first time whether Israel's permanent embrace of 1 1/2 million angry Palestinians really advances that security. Together with those Israelis who for some time now supported political arrangements that would end Israel's administration of the territories, they represent a new force for a decisive political breakthrough.

Instead of taking advantage of this opportunity for an Israeli accommodation to their legitimate demands, Palestinians seem once again to exhibit their talent for missing the train—this time, perhaps the last train. The categorical rejection by the unofficial Palestinian committee coordinating the riots of Secretary of State Schultz's new peace proposals would seem to indicate that this new and presumably younger leadership has drawn no lessons from the past. To the contrary, their rhetoric about not settling for less than all of Palestine is cutting the ground from under the most forthcoming Israelis and gives new credibility to Israeli extremists.

Increasingly, one also hears even from the more established Palestinian nationalists, including from so impressive a spokesman for their causes as Sari Nuseibeh of Bir Zeit University in the West Bank, that time is on their side. Given the predictable direction of Palestinian demographics, they say, sooner or later the status quo will lead to a balance of Jews and Arabs, and ultimately to a "race war", a term Nuseibeh uses. The outcome of that apocalypse, they believe, will be a Palestinian state not only on the West Bank but in all of Israel. They conclude, therefore, that it is Israelis, not Palestinians who must take initiatives to avoid such an outcome.

In fact, if these Palestinians are right and circumstances do indeed bring Israel and the Palestinians to that kind of tragic confrontation, I believe it is the Palestinians who will be the losers. In such a confronta-

tion, no one should expect Israelis to commit collective suicide. They will do whatever they believe needs to be done to preserve their national existence, no matter what the cost, and they have the means at their disposal to do so. The comparison to South Africa, of which Palestinian nationalists are so fond, is altogether misleading, for Israel does not face a disenfranchised population six times its own size, as does South Africa. The apocalypse Mr. Nuseibeh and his colleagues foresee, and perhaps even welcome, would in fact spell the end of Palestinian aspirations, for all of them are likely to find themselves at the end of such a civil war on the other side of the Jordan—permanently.

For those who genuinely wish a solution to the problem, the time for rioting is over. The opportunity for diplomacy is real, but fleeting. Nearly half of Israel's government and of its population already favor new political arrangements to change the status quo, precisely because they desperately wish to avoid a tragic apocalypse. American Jewish organizations, including the American Jewish Congress, have publicly expressed their support for such change. The critical missing ingredient are reasonable Palestinian proposals to which Israel can respond. It is therefore up to the Palestinians.

If Palestinians finally muster the political courage to make those public commitments that Israelis have every right to expect of them, (recognition of Israel and renunciation of violence), there is little doubt that a solid majority in Israel will support a phased Israeli withdrawal from occupied territories. On the other hand, if Palestinians fail to act, as they have failed for the past 40 years, it is they who will be the status quo's most grievous victim. History will neither forgive nor mourn their failure.

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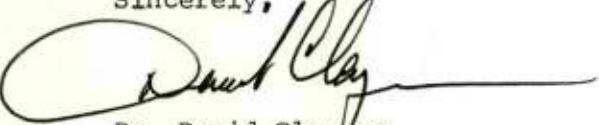
Our newly elected president, Mr. Robert K. Lifton, will visit Israel for several days next week.

The purpose of the visit is to meet with Israel's leadership and to familiarize himself with the complexities and problems that Israel faces, as the AJCongress formulates its own program and direction under Mr. Lifton's leadership. Surely, recent events require the fullest exchange of views and coordination between Israeli and American Jewish leaders.

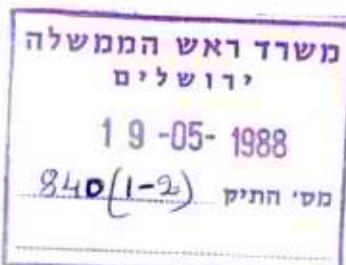
Mr. Lifton, accompanied by our executive director, Henry Siegman, will be in Israel from May 23-25. It would be helpful and important for Mr. Lifton to hear your assessment of the current state of affairs.

I would like to invite you, together with several of your colleagues, to join us for dinner on Monday evening, May 23rd. I will be in touch with your office to make the arrangements.

Sincerely,


Dr. David Clayman
Israel Director

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ROBERT K. LIFTON

Mr. Lifton holds a B.B.A. degree from the School of Business Administration, City University of New York, Magna Cum Laude, where he was elected to the honorary society Beta Gamma Sigma, and an L.L.B. degree from Yale Law School 1951, where he was a member of Order of Coif and Note Editor of the Yale Law Journal. He was admitted to the New York Bar in 1952.

After serving as an officer in the Navy Supply Corps, Mr. Lifton was an associate attorney with Kaye, Scholer, Fierman, Hays and Handler from 1955 to 1956 when, with his present partner, he began extensive real estate activities. With his partner he organized Transcontinental Investing Corporation in 1961 and served as its President until 1968 when it was listed on the New York Stock Exchange, and Chairman of the Board until its merger in 1972.

Presently, Mr. Lifton is Co-Chairman of Marcade Group, Inc. (NYSE); President and Chairman of the Executive Committee of Preferred Health Care, Ltd. (OTC); and an officer and director of a number of privately held companies.

From 1972 to 1978 he was Visiting Lecturer in Law at both The Columbia and Yale Law Schools where he taught basic and advanced courses in real estate and real estate financing. He currently lectures at the N.Y.U. Real Estate Institute and other programs.

He has written and lectured extensively on the subject of Real Estate. His article on Real Estate in Trouble is in the July 1976 issue of The Business Lawyer, and he holds the Graham and Dodd Award for the best article in the Financial Analysts Journal for 1962. His book "Creative Real Estate - Business Tax and Legal Strategies" was published by Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich in March 1979 and was a book club selection for the Lawyer's Book Club and the Executives' Book Club. The book is now in its second edition.

Mr. Lifton is Chairman of the Fund for Religious Liberty of the American Jewish Congress. He is a trustee of the N.Y.U. Real Estate Institute and of its Sylvan Lawrence Research Center and is active in other philanthropica organizations. He was Chairman of the Parents Committee of Barnard College from 1977 to 1978 and he was a member of the Committee of the Collection of Whitney Museum from 1978 to 1980. In 1984 he was presented with the Distinguished Achievement Award by the Alumni of the Baruch School of Business Administration.

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Mr. Lifton was elected to the presidency of the American Jewish Congress, and assumed office on March 21, 1988.

LIFTON: THE MAN WITH THE GREEN THUMB

If something needs to be done, get a busy person to do it. That must have been the reason why Robert K. Lifton was elected president of the American Jewish Congress at last week's annual convention in Philadelphia.

Lifton is a chairman of The Marcade Group, Inc., parent of four apparel companies — Marlene Industries, Booth Bay, Perry Manufacturing and Europe Craft Imports. Marcade shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

Marcade was on the brink of Chapter 11 in 1986. It had divested itself of a number of subsidiaries, holding on to Marlene. In December 1986, the beleaguered firm was taken over by Lifton and Howard L. Weingrow as chairmen and Charles S. Ramat as president and secretary.

They restructured Marlene and added the other three firms in stages through last fall. Volume, which had reached a \$155 million high in 1982 and had declined to \$69 million by 1986, has moved upward to \$72,300,000 for the year ended Jan. 31, 1987. Estimated sales for 1987 are about \$260 million. From losses for four successive years, the company is now substantially in the black.

Lifton, 60, and Weingrow, 64, have been partners in various business and real estate enterprises for 31 years.

Separately from Marcade, they now control United Restaurant Management Corp., which runs Beefsteak Char-

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lie's in the New York metropolitan area, and Preferred Health Care, Ltd., a nonclinical administrative and advisory service to private health care and psychiatric hospital facilities.

Lifton is president and chairman of the executive committee of the health care corporation, whose stock is sold over the counter.

Ramat, 36, has been associated in real estate investments with Lifton and Weingrow for 10 years. An exception to their joint real estate holdings is Atlantic City land owned by Lifton and Weingrow and leased to a Donald Trump casino. Ramat and Lifton met as student and teacher, respectively, in a course in real estate financing at Columbia University's law school. Obviously, they stayed in touch.

Ramat is the top-team Marcade officer most closely involved with the apparel companies on a day-to-day basis. The partners generally defer to the professional skills of managements retained from previous regimes. Herbert I. Wexler, Marcade's former chairman and president, is a director and consultant.

Ramat supervises overall operations, which have been consolidated wherever feasible. The parent organization's heads work together on financing. Health care interests are mainly in Lifton's domain.

Lifton's father was a New York men's clothing manufacturer who also owned retail stores. Bob attended a Hebrew day school in the Borough Park section of Brooklyn where he was born.

A graduate of the Baruch School of Business Administration, City University of New York, he went on to Yale for a law degree in 1951 and was admitted to the New York bar the following year. He served as an officer in the Navy Supply Corps.

Upon his return to civilian life, in 1955, he joined a the fledgling law firm, now Kaye, Scholer, Fierman, Hays & Handler, as an associate attorney. Lifton resigned after one year to form the partnership with Weingrow.

From 1972 to 1978, Lifton was a visiting lecturer in real estate at both the Columbia and Yale law schools. He has also lectured at New York University's Real Estate Institute of which he is a trustee. He is a member of the UJA-Federation real estate cabinet.

His 1979 book, "Creative Real Estate-Business Tax and Legal Strategies" (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich) was a selection of the Lawyers' Book Club and the Executives' Book Club and is now in a second edition.

Lifton was chairman of the parents' committee of Barnard College from 1977 to 1978. An art collector, he was a member of the Committee of the Collection of the Whitney Museum from 1978 to 1980. The Baruch School's alumni association presented him with its distinguished achievement award in 1984.

He estimates that he spends from 40 to 50 percent of his time on American Jewish Congress activities. He gives full credit to his partners and other executives in his various ventures for easing his assumption of the association's presidency. Still, he volunteers with a disarming smile, "extending my waking hours also helps."

Lifton keeps his weight at about 163 pounds on a 6 foot 1½ inch frame through regular exercise. He and his wife, Loretta, live on upper Park Avenue. They have two married daughters, one of whom is expecting a baby, their first grandchild, in May.

(Friday: Bob Lifton's views on dealing with hostilities in the Mideast)

NATIONAL

American Jewish leader proposes Mideast compromise by all

By Roberta Schur
Special to The Christian Science Monitor

New York

One of the top Jewish leaders in the country, taking a controversial stance on the unrest in Israel, is urging territorial compromise for peace.

Robert Lifton, the newly elected president of the American Jewish Congress (AJC), met in January with Arab and Israeli leaders to discuss a trade of some part of the occupied territories for a solution consistent with Israel's security needs.

Mr. Lifton traveled as a member of an AJC delegation that met with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres in Israel, King Hussein in Jordan, President Hosni Mubarak in Egypt, and King Hassan in Morocco.

Lifton, a New York businessman and a graduate of Yale Law School, had some strong statements for them. The AJC's message was that "in the last analysis, those administrations and governments will topple if their people do not see their way clear to a better life," Lifton says. He adds that it is incumbent upon the nations of the Middle East to "join together and try to become something greater than they are now, by taking advantage of the talent and the brains among all of them."

The growth rate of the Arab population is such that by the turn of the century, Lifton says, more than half

the population under Israeli rule will be Arab. The Israelis, he says, "have to face the problem that if they enfranchised that population, Israel would no longer be a Jewish state. And if they refused to enfranchise that population, they would have a population which is a second-class citizenry in a state that was not democratic."

These circumstances led the AJC, in contrast to many other American Jewish groups, to stand behind the principle that Israel should enter into negotiations in-

Lifton: Mideast nations should 'join together' to become something greater.

Congress, Lifton's views may have far-reaching impact. He urges Israel to "take advantage of the regard and affection that is held for you by the present administration," adding that President Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz are among the best friends Israel has ever had.

However, he says, "While we're telling the Israelis they have a responsibility, we're also telling the Arab leaders and the Palestinians they have a responsibility, and in both cases the status quo is untenable." The group told the Arab leaders, Lifton says, "your responsibility is to tell the Israeli public and the world at large that you will recognize the sovereignty of the state of Israel and its need for security and its survival - unequivocally and clearly instead of hiding behind words."

Lifton adds that many Palestinians are today living in a fantasy of regaining control of all of Israel. "It's an appropriate negotiation to discuss the West Bank and Gaza, but it is not even appropriate to discuss the rest of Israel," he says.

Nevertheless, Lifton says the Palestinians must be part of the negotiations. "If the people who have to deal with them will not recognize the PLO, they'd better come up with someone else." The recent bus hijacking in which six people were killed is among the terrorist acts that have tainted and discredited the PLO, he says.

Another barrier to negotiations he learned of when talking with Mubarak, Hussein, and Hassan, is that they "have a very real concern that what would come out of the riots in the territories would be a stronger extremist fundamentalist group that threatens them maybe even more than it threatens Israel," Lifton says. "Each of

their sovereignties is more vulnerable to extremism of a fundamentalist kind than Israel is."

One solution to the conflict suggests the development of a Jordanian/Palestinian confederation, in which, Lifton says, a million and a half more Palestinians would fall under Jordanian rule. This "would not be totally consistent with Hussein's interests as the head of the Hashemite Kingdom," Lifton says, "because the Palestinians would totally overwhelm the Hashemites. So one can understand that he is reluctant to get into these circumstances unless he is forced into it. And I think it's incumbent on the Arab world and on the rest of the world to put pressure on him to come to table and not change the rules of the game as they go along."

Lifton says he finds Shamir's negotiating position hard to understand: "If what he is doing is being a tough negotiator with an ultimate recognition of the realities as we perceive them, then I can't challenge him because no one is to say how one should negotiate. If [however] what he is being is totally intransigent and unwilling to come up with any solution that changes the status quo, then I'm very disappointed and disturbed by it."

INTERVIEW



הנרי סיגמן

הפלשטים עלולים להחמי את הרכבת ה最后一次

אל להזכיר את השטחים האלה – את הגדרה המשובית ואת עתה בתמורה להכרה רسمית ולשלום. היא קיבלה במקומם וזאת בשלושת הלאוים של חורטום: לא למשאי'זטן, לא להברת, ל

לפי אותה רוח דחו הערכים את הסכמי קמף דיוויד, שעה הראשונים ליצור תקופת בת חמש שנים של אוטונומיה של שטחינו הראה ב-1978, תקופה שהיתה מובלילה לכיתוים ונדבר יותר שהודורה העממית פלשתינית ב-1983. בשנות 1982-1983 דחו הערכים את תוכנית רניין, שטפה היהודית ישראל מושתת על הנורו המערבי ועל עזה לסובת ירדן. אמתן, בראש ממשלה ישראל דאן, מנהו בבעניין, דחה את התוכנית – אך דחה זאת לא הייתה נוראה שמה קילומטר, אילן איזידור ב-2000 השיב:

עד היום לא נ��ו עדין אש"ז והפלשניטים את היוזמה המפוארת האחת, שאותו ביל ספק מוכה אותו בתפקידו ביגלאופין במבעים פדיאניים ישנים עם אה"ב. יוזמה מדינית זו היא ההפך הפושעה והבלתי-מושגית בדבר הכרום בישראל וקללה אף תהה כתוואי קבוע במורוזיתיכון ובדבר כוונת לחיות בשלון בלבדה בஸנת הסדרום, שאוDEM מתעלמים מצריך-הבטחון הא-צייטים של ישראל.

אליה שמנע יוזמה כזו באברהם היה חשש הפלתינו מטבח
נובה ירושאלית שלילית, או מאפיקן, שזו הייתה טעות באברהם, על
הזה וכמה ובמה מבאכ הנוכחי. המהות ומשמעותם בחודש
יוסי שחלפו הונעו ירושאלים ריבים, שבעבר התגנדו לשוניים
טוטוטוס קוו, מחשש לטכן את בוחנן ירושאל, לשאל את עצם,
בבבבם הראשונה, האם החזק ישראלי ב-1.5. סיליון פלשתינים וע'
יוסי אkan תורתם לבנוזות. יחד עם אוחם ירושאלים, שביב חום
וונמה בהסדרות מודיעין, שהו שפטים קע למושל היש-
אלבי בשעים - הם פיעזניים כוח חדש, הפאפשר פריצת-זון-
דימות בבריתם.

ברקען לצל את ההזמנות הזואת להסכמה ישראלית לדרישות
ויהם החקיקות, נראת, כי שוב מגדים הפלשטיינים את השונות
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החווד-משמעות של החודשה הפלשטיינית הבלתי-ישוטית, המתאמת
את והמתהות לוומת החודשה של שולין, מעידה, כך נראת, שהה-
גנה החודשה זו-הרכבת, יש להנחי, מצעריהם - לא הפ-
הה כל לקחים מהעדר. וочек הוא, הכרזותיהם, שלא יסתתקו בפ-
חות מכל שיטה ישואל, טערעות את תמייניהם שוראים,
טומניים לשורות - ומשותם אמונות חדשה לדבי הקיינזים כי

ווער וווערט נויען לנטען אפילא את האלאמוניים הפלשטיינאים הור-
יקים, בכלל זה הזרב המרשימים סדי נויסייבה מאוניברסיטה ביר-
ת-טושעיה, כי הומן מועל ל佗מתם. בהתבסס על המגמה הדוטני-
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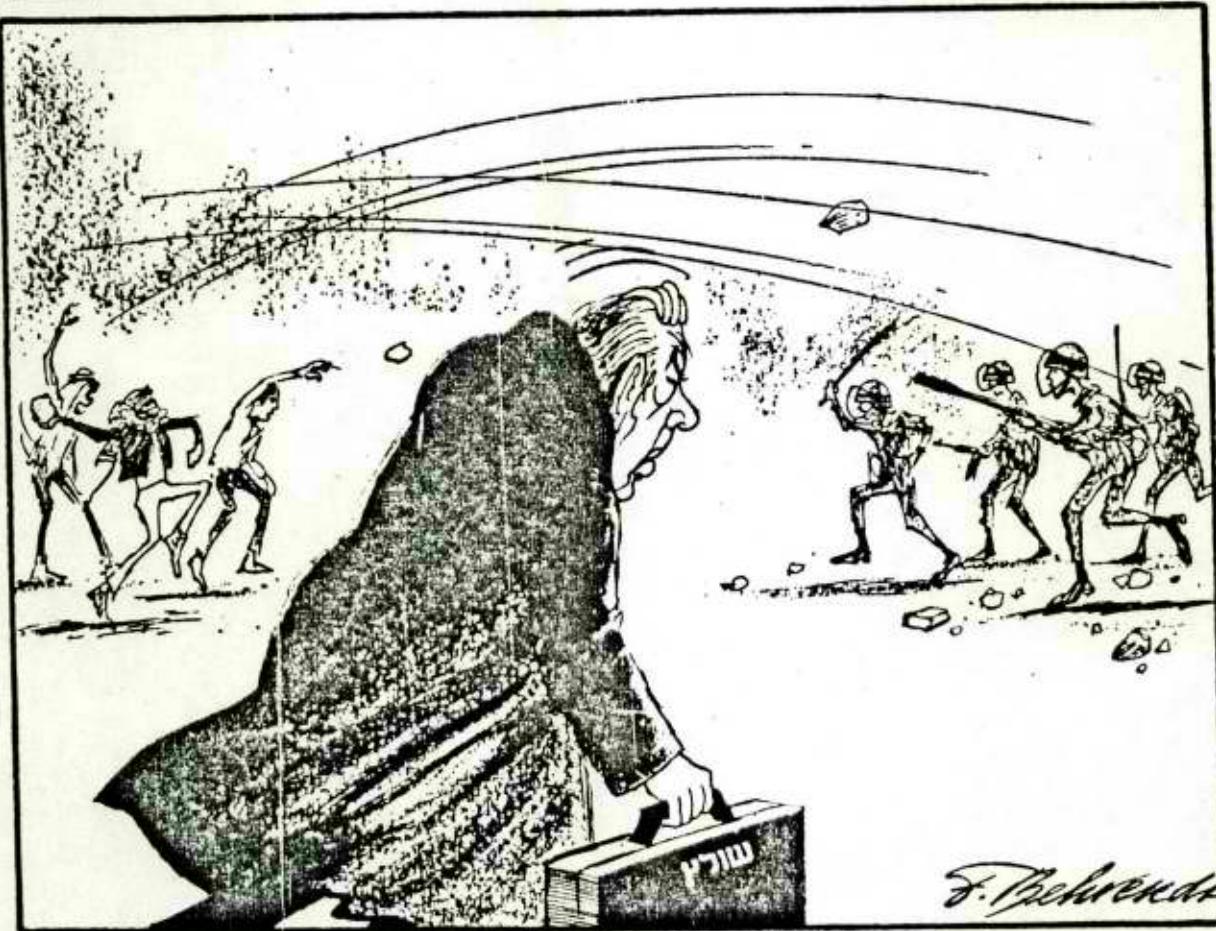
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לב מאוחר מדי של המישל הנומד – ולכן, סיוני
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עליה. ונהיה ברכה גודלה לא רק למישל החדש,

אלא ב-ע' פסחים והותקן. חבל מואד, איטיא, שהייתה החדשת מתקבלת על ידי הינה מהפלשטיינית בצוותה נה של לילית. דוחיות את הגעתם החדשות, בכובדים אתן בבנייה בקרונות שהקרוים קדושים, מעידה על בקב, שהנהנה הפלשטיינית החדשת הזאת לא יכולה דבר ממשני קודסיה. יתכן אפייל, שהנהנה החדשת היא בלתי-רמימה ובל-תמידלאונטי מבחן פליטית עד יותם פרודמתה.

אפייל והשקבה הביקורתית בזוחן נגבי אומן הטיטול היישראליabalimot ha-palestiniot v-hamidiot hadotcha shel yisrael, המצדדת בשירות עצמה, שאינה וקאיית להאהה – אינה תריכה לפטור את הפלשטיינים מכל אשמה. שkn, מי שלא היה האשם במעשה העבר בקעת וקורותה הגדונת חורת-תקדים למתוך את מעגל האלימות בין העשבים ליהודים. מיצתךך זו אינה תליה במעשה ישראל, אלא בעשי הפלשטיינים.

במשך החודשים שחלפו הוכיחו הפלשתינים בשוחטים, כי הם מעצינים Bairut ביטוי ועם ואלימות. כאמור, גדרה אלימות זו אלימות-געדרית ועוגני דיכוי. מה שהפלשתינים עשו לא הוכיחו הוא, שהם ספוגלים באזהה פידה לגבש סדריהם פוליטיים ישים, שעלו תולך ישראאל להגביל במוחים מדיניות. בחודשים האחרוניים זהה הונחה הנחת-ענקים פלשתינית, שהוכיחה כשרון ומשמעות פדרהים בינו לבין יזרו האבויים ובקובקן התרבות על חילוי צד"ל אילו היהת מצינה הנהנה זו, לישראאל ולעולם, דרישות ט"ו ליטיות הנינויות, אין ספק, כי דעתה הכה בישראל ובעולם היו מוגנות מהנהנה היישראלית להתייחס בכבודו הראש לדרישות אלה. אך עד כה לא היה כל סימן לכך, שהפלשתינים מוכנים לפחות נזות.

נבר נאמר – ובצדק, לעצוי – כי הפלשתינים טשלם לא החמי צו חזנותם להחמי הזרמות. זה מדריהם, אך נכון, שתביעותיהם הנווכיות של הפלשתינים – מדינה עצמאית בגדה העמוכות כר' לה ובכל רצעת עזה – מצומצמות למשעה יותר ממה שהציג להם א"ס לפחות 40 שנה בדיקוק, בהסתמכת הנע' שליטים הנן למדינת ישראל. אך הפלשתינים והעולם הערבי דחו הצעה זו בשאותיפש, כשהם מהמרים על יכולתם להשפיד את המדינה היהודית הזוריה – כדי לזכות בכל הקופה. הם הפסידו בהימרו. מיד לאחר מלחמת ששת הימים, שבמהלכה נתן שוב העולם הערבי ביטוי לדחפים האפלים בינוו שלו, כאשר ביקש להטבע את תושבי ישראל במרוחץ דמים, אך תחת זאת הפסיד שטחים ונספים, הצעיה ישר



בוח סכין כוה ואופיה היהודי והציוני יטושטש כליל. אך לדעתי, לא תהיה בכך נחמה גודלה של פלשתינים, שתוקותיהם לבית לאומי יונפיצו סופית – בשל איוול羞 שליהם.

בשביל אלה, שבאמת וצץ לנצח מתרן לבעה, הניע הופן לחוזל מן הטהוות. ההודנותם לעמימות ריפולומיטיה היא סמי' שית, אם כי בתייחלו. כמחצית מסטלה ישראל ומאכלהם היהת כבר מטפסים בהסדים פדיוניים חדשים לשינוי הסטטוס-quo, דור קא מסיים מהם משתוקקים וואקנות למבע את החזון הטרואני הזה. ארוגנים יהודים באורה"ב, בנים הקונגרס היהודי-אמריקני, הביש בטעמי את חמיכתם בשינוי כוה. המרכיב המביך החסר הוא העזות פלשתיניות הגינויוות, שעילתה תוכל ישראל להניב. הדבר תול, איטה, בפלשתינים.

אם יצליחו הפלשתינים סוף-סוף לאוור את האומץ הפוליטי הנדרש להם לקבל אתן מחויבויות מטבויות, שלישראל יש כל כוחות לצפות להן (החברה בישראל והויתור על דרכ האלימות), אין כמעט שפק, כי ורב נודל בישראל יתמן בஸינה הדורנית מהשוחטים הכבושים. לעומת זאת, אם לא ייעשו זאת הפלשתינים, כמנם זה 40 שנה, הם יעצם יהיו הקורבות הקשים ביותר של הסטטוס-quo. וההיסטוריה לשלם לא תסלח – וואך לא תתאבל על

לאיזון בין היהודים לערבים, ובסתום של דבר – "סלחנות גועים", מונח שבנווה נסيبة להשתטבש. התוצאה של אפקטיבסה זו, הם פאמיניס, תחיה מדינה פלשתינית לא רק בגודה המערבית, אלא בכל שטח ישראל. הם מינויים, איטוא, למסקנה, כי ישראל לים, ולא הפלשתינים. הם שצרים ליקוט יומות כדי למגע מעכוב כוה.

למעשה, אם הפלשתינים האלה צדקים, והונסיבת אכן יובילו את ישראל ואת הפלשתינים לעימות טואני סטון זה, אין פאמין כי הפלשתינים ייצאו הספסדים. בעימות כוה, לא יזכה איש מהישואים לבצע התאבדות קיבוצית. הם יעשו כל שידורש כדי לשמר על קיומם הלאומי, יהא המחר אשר יהיה, ויש בידיהם האמצעים לשותה ואת הרשות לא לדודם אפריקה, שפלשתינים כה אויבים להשטי, מטהה לחלוון, שכן ישראל אינה ניצבת לפני אוכלותה וטולת-זוכות, הנדרלה נסנה פ' ששה, כמו שקרה בדורם אפריקה. חון אחרית-היסים של מט' נסيبة ועמיטיו יהיה לעמזה הסוף לשאות הפלשתיניות, שכן ככל עתידים לטצוא עכם לאחר סלחנת-אווחים כואת עבר השמי של הירדן – לתי. פיד.

כמובן, תוצאתה של סלחנת-אווחים כואת יהו הורות-אסק'ם לבוי ישראל, והחבה הישראלית תשנה בזויה קיונית נאך

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May 17, 1988

Mr. Albert Vorspan
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Dear Al:

In addition to reading your letter of May 13, I came across your article in Tikkun, which you neglected to mention to me. After I read your New York Times piece, I asked Richard Cohen to check the record with respect to your charge that I had put a "Kosher stamp on everything -- shootings, deportations, excessive force." Dick prepared the enclosed letter based on the record. As you can see, the charge you leveled is both false and defamatory.

It is especially hurtful in view of the very circumstances which you related in your letter, namely that I have a reputation in the field of Human Rights and, indeed, served for many years in the Human Rights organs of the United Nations. I suppose I have been engaged in the field as long as you. I, therefore, do not take lightly this impugning of my reputation.

I thought your other references to me were a little "cute," and I might add, they were read that way by many. Needless to say, I was shocked and surprised by the personal references in your piece, in view of our long acquaintance, the civil way we have learned to disagree, and the collegiality which has hitherto marked our relationship.

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On a different level, I think your New York Times piece was unbefitting to you as a leader in the community and to the organization that you represent. The Atlanta opposition to the Arab Consul from Israel is certainly not "racist." Is it really necessary to pin that label to every circumstance in which your reaction differs from others on issues involving other ethnic groups? Must there ever be a knee-jerk reaction and labeling? I happen to know the Consul and I think I have some appreciation of Atlanta. I feel, as do many others, that the Consul is in a difficult situation at this time. This appreciation does not make one a racist. Was it really necessary for you to paint with a brush so broad and so bold?

Next, I found, as you now acknowledge, your use of the term "kosher" to be terribly offensive. But it is on a par with your painting Jews reveling in a gilded hotel while the Arabs suffer -- for that I gather was the thrust of your mentioning the Jerusalem Hyatt.

What you uncover in these two references, in my judgment, is a deep-rooted problem so unbefitting to one in your position, but familiar to me from my upbringing in a region infected with such words and images.

Two other matters disturb me:

You portray Ambassador Arad and the Israeli Consul in Atlanta as "grateful" for your speech at the Israeli Embassy (including, I suppose, your unique view that "Israel and the Jewish people have contributed to the demonization of the Palestinian people.") I would doubt that these two Israeli diplomats agree or appreciate your excepting them from their colleagues who "... hurled their questions (at you) like stones."

Then there is the question of collegial trust. Alex Schindler joined with me in a recent letter to The New York Times occasioned by the breach of confidence of another colleague who reported from a meeting closed to the press.

Scores of people have told me that they read your article as a breast-beating-agonizing triumph of a compassionate and sensitive person over the hardness of colleagues in other agencies and establishments. You lifted yourself to a plane of moral superiority from which you gazed down upon the common herd in sorrow and with a great deal of repugnance.

One may ask, as many have, to what end did you do this? To inflict wounds upon your friends? As a condemnation upon a majority of the community? Why do you furnish ammunition to those who now, as always, are all too ready to take the grenades, especially those furnished by Jews, to explode against Jews?

I have written that in Israel, even after the most acrimonious debates, Israelis are united in the defense of their country. Whether the task is clearing Southern Lebanon of terrorist installations or quelling rioters on the West Bank, soldiers who support the "Peace Now" movement and soldiers who are members of "Gush Emunim" will, in the final analysis, march together and die together. Debate in Israel does not dissolve the determination of its citizens to make the supreme sacrifice.

However, the kind of policy in which you are engaged may very well, when all is said and done, leave the Israelis who come together to serve their country, without the arms to do so. Public debate and criticism on matters of defense and security can have a very different effect in Israel and the United States.

Whatever its purpose, your article did not contribute to the healthy debate within our community; rather, it appeared to be an attack from without.

I accept your invitation to sit down as soon as possible. I think we should and must.

Sincerely,


Morris B. Abram
Chairman

Enclosure

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PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE ASSAILED
'SIXTY MINUTES' ATTACK ON AIPAC

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In a statement commenting on a segment of the CBS-TV "Sixty Minutes" broadcast Sunday night dealing with the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), Morris B. Abram, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said this week:

"The attempted 'expose' of AIPAC by 'Sixty Minutes' failed on all counts.

"1) It sought to attack principles enshrined in the Constitution of the United States -- the right of free speech and the right of all citizens to petition the government. AIPAC'S charter is the Bill of Rights. Its efforts to strengthen ties between our country and Israel have proved successful because the American people recognize that the U.S.-Israel alliance -- reflected in the designation of Israel as a non-NATO ally and in the signing of a Joint U.S.-Israel Memorandum expanding strategic cooperation between the two countries -- is in our nation's highest interest.

"In the words of President Reagan, contained in a letter to AIPAC dated May 13, 1988:

"AIPAC is widely respected and admired as one of the country's most influential organizations, with many achievements to your credit. Probably none is more important than the developing strategic cooperation between Israel and the United States. We could not have been nearly so successful in building this new tie between our countries without your inspiration and strong support....

"Our relationship with Israel is in our mutual self-interest. But a narrow calculation of interest is not the sole basis of the bond between our nations. At its heart is a moral obligation on our part to do whatever is necessary to defend and protect Israel.'

"2) 'Sixty Minutes' sought to attack the principle of American aid to our country's friends abroad, and particularly Israel. The United States has provided foreign aid around the world since the Marshall Plan more than 40 years ago. That assistance has been an investment in the defense of American interests and in the independence of friendly nations that need our economic and military assistance.

"Nowhere have these aid programs proved more successful than in the case of Israel, the only democratic nation in the Middle East cauldron, the state that votes with America at the United Nations more than any other, the state that shares essential intelligence information with our country and that stands as the one bulwark of freedom in the region.

"In launching its attack on AIPAC, 'Sixty Minutes' distorted AIPAC's purposes and performance with innuendoes and inaccuracies that made the program a piece of shabby journalism.

"We reiterate our support for AIPAC as the political instrument of the Jewish community in petitioning our government on Israel-related matters. Its integrity and usefulness remain unimpaired despite the sorry attempt by 'Sixty Minutes' to discredit it."

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"עלים" על "אייפאך"

אות למספר שני תקופה החיקשנות האמריקנית בצוות
שלוחתך את "אייפאך", השדולה ששמורה לקרב את
הכיבור האמריקני ואות הקונגרס לעמדות ישראל ולצריכה.

כשם שקשה להסביר את העיתוי המדויק של כל התקין
פה כוות בעבור, כך גם הפעם אין לנו יודעים מה הביא את
תוכנית הטלויזיה הפופולרית "ששים דקות" ואת אחד
מעורכיה, מיק ואלייס, "עלות" על "אייפאך". אולי השפי'
עה חמלוקת הפומית (שישבח בינותיהם) בקרב הארגונים
היוזדיים, שכונת כמהם איזם מזוזים בנין התחזוקת הדרוג
וית של מעמד ושורלה בקווילן וויזוריית אמריקת. ואולי
דווקא ההצלחות של "אייפאך" במנציחה להופיע על המ'

דיניות האמריקנית היו לצנינם בעניין נונאנדייה.

אך גם יתכן שרשות סי.ב.י.א.ס., כמו אמצעי תתקשרות
שותקטו את "אייפאך" בעבור, מעלה למי רמו של המישל,
שעם כל יידוחו לישרעל איזו רוזח בשדולה חזקה מדי.
ביוודר אין רוצחים בשולחן שושפיע על הקונגרס להתנגד
למכירות נשק אמריקני ליטויוזים ולמזרות ערב אחורות, כפי
שהכן טען במושב ביניהם אלה שר החגנה האמריקני, פרע

ונק ארכוצי והעמו לבקש בישרעל.
ונסיוון להציג און "אייפאך" כונך כליכול הוא מתחמאה
בלוי מוגדרת לא מחותן מאשר הוא השמיצה חסרת שחר.
בכל אופן, אייפאך" הווא – כפי שאמרו המנהיגים היהודים
בארה"ב לעורכי סי.ב.י.א.ס. – נף עצמאי, שחבריו פועלים
כאורחים אמריקניים לטובת האינטרסים של ארה"ב ובהת"
אם למסגרת חפולה חמקובלת באמריקת.

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אל : מ"ר יצחק שמיר, ראש ממשלה ישראלי
מאת : מוחמד מסארווה, קונסול כללית, אטלנטה

אדוני,

באפריל קייםתי במסגרת עבודתי כקורנכ"ל בישראל בדרכם מזרח ארה"ב ביקור בן 10 ימים, 27-26 בעיר צ'יטרוגה - טנסי, ומצאתי שם קהילה יהודית חמה מאוד ופעילה מאוד.

בביקורי התקבלתי בישיבה מיוחדת של מועצת העיר צ'יטרוגה, אשר הכינה והקרירה מושך מיוחד ליום העצמות הארבעים למדינה, לאחר שקיים ישיבה מיוחדת לזכר יום השואה.

מועצת העיר החליטה לקיים ברית ערים תאומות עם העיר גבעתיים בישראל.

כאות וסימן למתוכה, ובכבוד לתפקיד הקהילה, ר"פ מקור הפטיציה החתומה ע"ז מאות מבני הקהילה, ושהעתקה נתבקשתי להעביר לחברי הכנסת.

בכבוד ובברכה

מוחמד מסארווה
קונסול כללית

P.O. Box 3303
Chattanooga, TN 37404

May 3, 1988

Dear Mr. Shamir:

We are mailing these petitions to you as a sign of our support and prayers for you. You have a very difficult task in a troubled area, and we are aware of the awesomeness of the task.

Our prayers continue for you and your people, as well as for our United States Government to continue its firm stand on support of your State.

These 297 people from the Chattanooga, Tennessee area send you a greeting of "Shalom" and prayers.

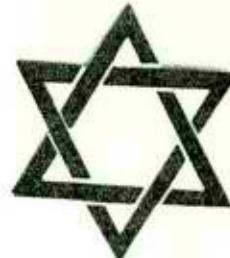
Respectfully,

Fred P. Bennett

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"I SUPPORT ISRAEL PETITION"

We the undersigned do herein:

1. Proclaim our support for the Biblical Nation of Israel.
2. Petition our U.S. Government to continue its full support of Israel.

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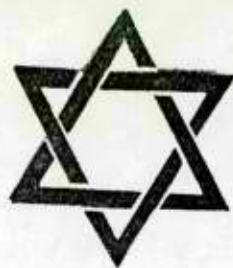


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I apologize for not having sent this letter sooner, but the response to our full-page article in the New York Times was enormous.

It has aroused great interest from all parts of the United States. Both Jews and Gentiles have given financial support to continue the program. Of course, the hate-mail and phone calls have been numerous and violent, but that is far better than being ignored.

We have enclosed a reduction of my article against 'incomplete reporting' by the networks. Copies have been sent to the President, Vice-President, Secretary of State and the full U.S. Congress.

Our fight to influence the TV networks and the print media to report the news fairly and without bias, rather than seek the sensational and dramatic at the expense of truth and justice, will continue.

If you will suggest the problem area most pressing for the security and benefit of Israel, we will be happy to 'carry the message'.

Respectfully,

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"WE ACCUSE!"

AN OPEN LETTER AGAINST INCOMPLETE REPORTING

THE NEW YORK TIMES, FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 1988

Many of us, as American Jews, feel embattled and cornered by the events in Israel, where a highly organized PLO has a new and brilliant strategy: to undermine the moral integrity of the Israelis, to defame the government and bias world opinion by making Israel seem the Goliath against the David of the PLO. It is even more tragic that some American Jews seem ready to accept this charade. If WE do not resist this new, effective PLO ploy, if we do not take the action now—we will have to live helplessly with the reaction later. I hope I may reach other thinking Americans to recognize the inherent danger of relaxing their vigilance.

Most of us have been exposed to the TV coverage of CBS, NBC, ABC, along with their severely edited news clips. It is often the same footage of children and women throwing small stones to 'harass' Israeli troops. They carefully decline to show those young Israeli soldiers injured or even killed by bricks, grenades, and lit gasoline bottles. They do not show the riot conditions pre-arranged by the trained PLO leadership to force a riot response from young Israelis who have neither the equipment nor the training to deal with this strategy. Neither do they show, or acknowledge, how the TV cameras and equipment with their large signs announcing "American Television," nor do they indicate how this acts as a catalyst for rioting to begin for the American audience.

I challenge the networks to show the true picture of events as they are happening in Israel, with the violent and deadly provocation that elicits an equally deadly response, so that the American public and the world may see that soldiers have every right to defend themselves against organized lethal force. I know it is more dramatic to show armed soldiers shooting at women and children, but, as reporters of integrity, it is their duty to report the truth, not the half-truth. It is their function and the purpose of a free and fair press to temper dramatics and fanatical sacrifice with fair coverage by their TV camera crews. A PLO-planned program to suddenly legitimize terrorism, makes the PLO appear almost virtuous in a 'struggle for their people.' It matters little that they are incited to riot for political or religious reasons, both of which may be untrue. Mr. Rather, Mr. Brokaw, Mr. Jennings, and others of the networks have done more to destroy the good reputation of Israel with incomplete reporting, and have done more to create the 'underdog' sympathy situation for the PLO in total disregard of what Arafat and the PLO stand for and have perpetrated. Neither do they show how the PLO is tied to a global strategy far beyond their 'cause' for a 'homeland', which they and their sponsor Arab 'moderate' states have rejected many times. The Israelis have been ready to talk directly. The Arab states have not been willing even to give humanitarian aid for the living burden of the Palestinians, with decent housing, food and amenities for the past 40 years, or to give up the 'cause' of the Palestinians, but perfectly willing to let them live in hopeless squalor for two generations while spending billions on military and terrorist and training assistance for the destruction of Israel in the name of the Palestinians. And in their obsessive hatred, they have become the unwitting dupes of the Soviets.

When politicians, and some individual misguided American Jews, in their weakness and indecision throw their hands in the air and wail: "We have no choice," we must remember that NO CHOICE IS A CHOICE.

We are vitally involved with the interests of America and Israel, and we are intensely concerned over events occurring with such rapidity and frequency at the instigation of terrorist Arab states and under the orchestration of the Soviet Union. We have been shaken by the ménage-a-trois ... Castro, Arafat and Moscow and its terrible implications in Central America. While Israel is the prime target in the Middle East, the United States is the prime target throughout the world. The manipulation of Cuba and the Arab entities, spearheaded by the PLO assault in Central and South America, provides the Soviets with more than enough satisfaction with the progress of Soviet long-range goals. It is sad to listen to the rhetoric of U.S. politicians who cling to the illusion that the PLO really represents the interest of Palestinian Arabs; or that its influence in training, arming, financing, educating terrorists throughout the world does not threaten the security of the United States by instigating destabilization in the Third World countries; or that they refuse to recognize the shadow of the Bear calling the tune in the global dance. Cuba was the principal supplier of arms to the Sandinista revolution. However, just before the final offensive, large, vital shipments arrived from Libya and Algeria. Arms from North Korea were sent to Nicaragua on a Lebanese-registered Syrian-controlled vessel, owned and operated by the PLO. Yet today, Ortega rails against the U.S. for doing only a fraction of what the Soviets and their surrogates, and the PLO arranged for him. What is even more frightening is that American public opinion, many naive Congressmen and a segment of American Jews are against all aid to the Contras in their fight for democracy and justice. It is significant that ALL of the Democrat candidates for President of the United States are vehemently anti-Contra, as is a great many in the media.

After the revolution, the Sandinistas signed a "government to government agreement" with the PLO. On the first anniversary of the revolution in 1980, Yasser Arafat received a royal welcome in Managua. Mr. Thomas Borge, the Interior Minister of Nicaragua, told him: "We say to our brother Arafat that Nicaragua is his land, and the cause of the PLO is the cause of the Sandinistas." Mr. Arafat replied: "The links between us are not new. Your comrades did not come to our country just to fight." This last was a reference to the 1970 Jordanian war. In January 1982, Arafat announced that the PLO had sent pilots to Nicaragua and guerrilla fighters to El Salvador. The U.S. State Department confirmed.

The Nicaraguan government hosted the Latin-American regional conference as one of a series in Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin-America prior to the International Conference on the Question of Palestine. The purpose of the conferences was to "OBTAIN SUPPORT FROM INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION FOR THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE FOR LIBERTY AND SELF-DETERMINATION," according to the Nicaraguan Foreign Ministry. According to a Sandinista defector, PLO pilots, technicians, and advisors, all Soviet trained, still operate in Managua. The Bear has been fiddling faster.

If there is still any doubt of the scope and the ultimate intentions of the entire program, ask yourselves whether ANY country taken over by the Soviets or their surrogates have ever again enjoyed freedom, democracy, or true nationalism. Nor have the borders of any such state satisfied their lust for further encroachment of their neighbors. Will a Palestinian state, Soviet controlled, bring peace or calamity to Israel? How dangerous it is for Senators, Representatives, and candidates for the highest office in the land to send the wrong signals to our enemies. The adversary, as it has been in recent history, is the United States and its true ally, Israel.

I am appalled at the adverse reaction of the Congress and the media who ignore the sly orchestration of the Soviets and focus upon individual acts of riot terrorism and reprisal. They are able to participate in evil, without taking direct responsibility for creating it; by using two sets of moral criteria—one for what they do, with impunity; another for what they believe others should do, with condemnation. They seek the short-term solution, as politicians always do to stay in office with little regard for damage fallout, and as the media has learned to do in creating the ultimate dramatic story.

Those in high places who accept hypocrisy as principle and self-aggrandizement as the norm, are called Congressmen and Politicians. And those who function in an age-old set of deceptions, distortion, and illusion in every country, are called Diplomats. And the media, with little concern and less conscience, who whip it all up for the gullible, are called Experts. And Israel, which loses the support of the American public so hard won and so long sought, is called Ingrate, Butcher, and worse. And America, in its ineptitude and permissiveness, and with its idealism and charity, is called Fool.

How sad!

We are aware of our responsibilities to each other and to Israel. We know how important good press and good TV reporting are to the functional economy and safety of Israel. We must not be the missing gene which leads to the demise of the body of Israel. We must make our protests felt quickly and with suitable emphasis, with the full weight of ours and kindred organizations.

But you must help me. You will be called upon to respond, according to your inner conscience, your fraternal spirit, your financial ability. I believe that you will respond well, as you have in the past.

I have faith in you. If you should question the 'limits' of your participation, remind yourselves of the 'limits' of the Holocaust, of the 'limits' of prejudice and hatred of Jews in the World, of the 'limits' of Jews WITHOUT Israel, of the 'limits' of survival....

WHAT WE ARE IS THE SUM TOTAL OF WHAT WE HAVE BEEN AND WHAT WE HAVE DONE. This axiom determines our ability to withstand adversity—our spirit, our will, our judgement, our wisdom, our humanity. Look to the history of the Jews: Israel today is a product of the trials and the suffering, the dreams and the accomplishments of the years of the Diaspora, and of the prior millenia of both glory and difficulty. Israel is the re-birth. As individuals, we are the strengths and the failings of our entire life experience. WE ARE OUR HISTORY.

BUT no nation, or people, should be asked to cooperate in their own destruction, to denounce the use of force, where deadly force is used against them; or to help to create an enemy state dedicated to their obliteration, within artillery range of Tel Aviv, Haifa, and Jerusalem; or to allow inroads by enemy surrogate states and their main trainer, supplier, or mentor, the Soviet Union.

NO NATION ON EARTH HAS EVER BEEN ASKED TO DO THIS, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES. WHY ISRAEL?

The facts and the principles in this open letter have come from many outside information sources. I am prepared to stand behind them in any forum. Can Mr. Rather, Mr. Brokaw, Mr. Jennings stand behind their incomplete reporting?

If you feel the way we do, you can join us: as an organization, we will place your name under this message, or the next one. As interested, thinking individuals, we will be happy for you to swell our ranks, to insist upon complete and undistorted reporting by the networks; to watch and to protest when the media CREATES the news and INFLUENCES world opinion, overstepping their First Amendment Rights of fair and equal reporting. We must also monitor our politicians who choose to view the Palestinian threat as focal, instead of part of an evil global strategy.

I don't know all the answers. I don't know who can trust and who can be depended upon to be more the heroic statesman or less the cunning demagogue. But I DO know who we CANNOT trust....

If we are to save the good of our civilization, our society, our country, our individuality; if we are to cherish our love for the Lord, our need for each other, the survival of Israel—we had better get started. We must show that the power of the pen and our mighty voice of protest will prevail over the slanted reporting of the giant networks, and the indifference of short-sighted politicians.

I challenge them all to 'clean up their act,' to produce complete reporting they are not ashamed to put their names on, and for our Congressmen to look beyond the glaze of 'glasnost.'

Robert Freeman
Grand Master
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On a brief historical note: Brith Abraham was originally organized in 1859 to serve the great waves of Jewish immigrants seeking freedom from oppression. In 1887, Brith Abraham grew into its present form.

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From the Journal of the
Award Dinner...
by Robert Freeman, Grand Master

The First Hundred Years

A story is told about Albert Einstein. A reporter, seeking to test him, asked how many feet there are in a mile. "I don't know," said the great mathematician. "Why should I fill my head with things that I can look up in a book in two minutes?" He focused on the important things few others could accomplish. The ability to act on information is what gets things done. It is far better to have people around us who can solve problems, than to recite facts.

Einstein once estimated that when he came to a conclusion, 99 times out of a hundred it was wrong. He had to re-think it. But Einstein was much more modest than most people. Some years ago when I was working on the Minuteman missile program, I delivered a series of lectures to engineers at the Redstone Missile Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Dr. Werner Von Braun was the director. After the question period, I went back with him to his office. On his desk was a tablet: "Basic Research is what I am doing when I don't know what I am doing."

Both men, giants of our time, were extremely modest about their accomplishments. They believed that what we have done yesterday, or last year, is really academic. More important is what we do with today and tomorrow. No success, no matter how great, can last forever. Success must have continuity, never satisfaction, self-praise or finality. When growth stops, we have begun the process of decay.

You may wonder why I would open an essay in this way. It is because Brith Abraham, with its glorious history, has coasted for the past 50 years, and we know



Dr. Stephen S. Wise (left), American and World Zionist leader, with M. Hollander, an eminent national officer of the Independent Order of Brith Abraham in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., on June 18, 1939.

coasting can only happen downhill. It is a testament to the former power and size of Brith Abraham that it was able to survive this long period of limited progress. And I weary of the burden of trying to make our past, our future. It is tautology, a term usually describing the lawyer's art, that is saying a thing over again, in different words, adding nothing to clarification or forward movement. It is the stating of a fact to be its own reason, for confusion of cause and effect.

In 1987, Brith Abraham will reach its Centennial—100 years since the Independent Order Brith Abraham regrouped and formed a new organization out of the old, the original Order Brith Abraham founded in 1859. We are now known as *Brith Abraham*, and

whether we are to be considered to be 100 or 128 years of age makes little difference. It is a milestone enjoyed by few organizations. It is something to celebrate.

But our past history for world Jewry and for the State of Israel must not be our reason for existence. We need optimism in this sad and sorry old world, but not blind optimism. We must constantly examine our optimism to be certain that we are still in touch with reality. The solutions to problems are not always found in brilliant and creative projects. They are often discovered by making the old, proven ideas work. People make a great fuss about creativity—the ability to think up new ideas. But creativity must be accompanied by two other talents: the judgment to distinguish between a good idea, and a bad one for the time; the ability to make a good, timely idea actually work. Lots of people have ideas. We must decide which are workable, and then to find someone who can put them into practice.

Brith Abraham has taken the steps to move forward. We have formed an association with our sister organization Bnai Zion, with common goals and combined talents. We have our programs to develop. We assist in the many living projects of Bnai Zion, and the reciprocal strengths we derive from dedicated leadership together. We will not use tautology, the constant repetition of our history to blind us to the difficult tasks ahead.

It would be untrue, to end this essay sounding the loud clarion of success. I am surely aware of the limits of our people-power and of our ability to raise large

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sums of money which, more and more, have become the necessary hallmark of Jewish organizations. We will do our own fair share of fund-raising, of work for the just cause, of developing new programs.

Someone said: "I could do great things, if I weren't so busy taking care of the little things." Brith Abraham will take care of its little things, and some great things, too. We look forward to our second hundred years, with cautious optimism. We now know the limits for our Order, and our people. We have learned never to try to push for projects beyond us. It wastes our precious time, and it only dulls the spirit of our people. We will try, instead, to multiply our number so that we may attain a greater influence.

The future has in store only what has been placed in store for the future—our energy, our will, our talents. In three years we will enjoy a long awaited Centennial.

But we will also be prepared with ongoing programs for growth.

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Among the countless letters which have been addressed to President Ronald Reagan from all over the free world pleading with him to change his planned visit to the Bitburg Wehrmacht cemetery containing the tombstones of 47 SS Nazi officers, the letter sent to him by Robert Freeman, Grandmaster of Brit Abraham-Bnai Zion, who served as an American bomber pilot during World War II, merits to be recorded in the historic chronicles of the commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the defeat of the Nazis. Since the letter represents one of the most moving missives on this painful subject, with its words flowing from the heart, we reproduce for the information of our readers, the complete text of Robert Freeman's letter:

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

With all the media coverage, you hardly require additional comment regarding your proposed visit to honor the German dead at Bitburg. Then, to an extermination camp, for 'balance.' You are in a situation in which you can gain nothing, but where you may lose a great deal of support from large segments of Americans, and even from our Allies with considerable war dead.

I have some strong reasons for writing to you. I am the head of a large Jewish organization and that is my first area of concern. A great many of our members are

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survivors of various death camps and have lost many of their family members in them. Many of our own close family perished at Treblinka and Auschwitz. Most of the camps and much of the trappings of the barbarism used there have been hastily removed after the war, but not before thorough photo and witness documentation by Allied Forces in the liberation.

Secondly, in 1944 I was a B-24 heavy bomber pilot. My aircraft sustained severe flak damage over the target in Germany, then was hit by ME-109's. I descended from bombing altitude with two engines out, to a rocky area just west of Zagreb, and belly-landed. We had two dead, two badly wounded, the rest of my crew of 10 suffering flak injuries of varying degrees. Everyone, including myself, was bleeding. The Germans had followed the smoke trail: waiting for us at the site were two half-tracks and a truck, fully manned, with an SS officer in charge. We were savagely treated and thrown into the truck with a brutality that exacerbated our injuries and murdered my two seriously wounded crewmen. For having

detonated my Norden bombsight which I was required to do as lead pilot, and to keep it out of the hands of the enemy, the SS officer knocked out three of my teeth with his luger. Later, I was separated from my crew, for questioning, and I never saw any of them again.

I would wish that anyone who doubts the brute ferocity of the Germans of that era, should enjoy the experience of interrogation by the SS.

I escaped, met up with a group of partisans who led me at night through 250 miles of enemy territory to an advanced British position. Back at my base, I could barely wait to get out of the hospital and return to flying status.

There were so many Nazis who needed killing.

Mr. President, as one personally involved with German soldiers and German civilians; as a member of the D.A.V.; as the Grand Master of Brit Abraham-Bnai Zion; as a Jew, both directly and generally affected by the holocaust; as one who believes you are good for the country and who wishes you to remain high in world esteem, please do neither the Bitburg memorial nor the death camp visitation. The first lowers the stature of the Presidency; the second, as a 'balance' under pressure, demeans the memory of the victims of a country gone mad. Together, they will blur your image as a strong leader of decision.

Mr. President, our members and our affiliated organizations support you, and have worked for you. But you are making it difficult to explain some things away. For no gesture and no apology by anyone, can speak about the unspeakable, or forgive the unforgiveable, except the victims. It is like forgiving the Inquisition, or the Crusades; or for the tens of millions of Jews who died in campaigns of hate and destruction in the Diaspora—more than

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in all the wars in history up to WW II.

Who forgives whom, and for what? The Jews, as a people, never lost faith in the Lord. The ultimate judgement is His, not yours, not the Pope's, not the Germans, not even the Jews.

I do business with Germans. We get along rather well, and we assist each other, cordially, as gentlemen. But I have difficulty being close friends, even after 40 years. To forgive, and to forget, is an anachronism. We must do the first. We dare not do the second.

Mr. President, my grandfather left Russia at the time of the Kishinev massacre, and made his way with my grandmother and my father across Europe, on to America. When I prepared for the service in 1941, he offered me these words:

"Never dishonor this great country.

Never dishonor your People, your family, your name.

Never, never, honor the dishonorable."

Mr. President, we should heal the wounds with Germany. We should be Allies against Soviet aggression, and partners in commerce. We should share our bounty and exchange our technical expertise.

But please, not at Bitburg, not any military posturing, no mollification at Dachau or Buchenwald, not with dramatic gestures and empty platitudes. Get rid of the people of bad judgement who advised you and set you up in this embarrassing and dangerous position.

And remember Grandpa. He never lied to me.

Respectfully,
Robert Freeman
Grand Master
Brith Abraham-Bnai Zion

Mr. Freeman's comments after the President's visit to Bitburg:

After President Ronald Reagan completed his brief visit to the Bitburg cemetery, Robert Freeman made the following comments:

"I would like to make this comment, after the fact. As Jews, we must realize that, whatever our personal feelings and opinions, we will be held accountable collectively as Jews. We have loudly raised our voices, and we have rightfully made our appeals. We have done all that could be done through the Jewish leadership, and our own organization. Now it is the time to cool it. Ronald Reagan is our President, and will be for the next three years. We, as Jews, must go to him for his assistance to Israel and for his help with any actions

of other nations against the interests of Jews everywhere. We have had to 'go it alone' for thousands of years. Now we have a good friend in the White House, who makes mistakes every so often, but who has, nevertheless, been remarkably responsive to the needs of Israel and the rights of Jews in oppressed lands. "It is better to enjoy a hen tomorrow, than an egg today." Enough already with endless complaints against him. Let us dispense with further rhetoric. I am militant and vocal to prevent an action, but it is futile to continue the invective after the action is past. Let us rather address ourselves to influence the President because we are friends. We will gain nothing by being adversaries."

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Your Excellency:

On Monday, June 13, our congregation will celebrate its seventh anniversary. In honor of that occasion, a special Journal will be published.

The honorees are Rosalyn and Franklyn Snitow. Also receiving honors will be Caren and Harvey Barnett and Esther and Julian Zimbler. All three families have worked tirelessly on behalf of this congregation.

Our intellectual, open Orthodox Jewish congregation is the newest in Forest Hills. In the seven years since its inception, we are gratified to have had an important impact in our community through the dynamism of our programs.

I am sure that your communication will mean a great deal to our honorees and to the rest of the members of this congregation.

If we receive your letter by May 30, we will be able to publish it in our Journal. I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes from all of us.

Sincerely,

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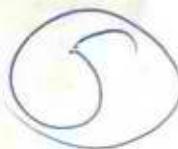
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May 9, 1988

Editor
The New York Times Magazine
229 West 43rd Street
New York, NY 10036

Dear Editor:

I deeply resent the unfair and unfounded accusations against me contained in the article by Albert Vorspan in your May 8 issue. His outrageous charge that I put a "kosher stamp on everything -- shootings, deportations, excessive force" is belied by the series of unequivocal public statements I issued in the name of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

In them, I deplored the violence and regrettable loss of life resulting from the riots in Gaza and the West Bank as "dangerous and disfiguring to people who have no alternative but to find a way to coexist in peace." I acknowledged that "of course Israel makes mistakes, just as America does," and that "sometimes the actions it takes vary from the central core of values for which Israel stands." I also said -- and I maintain still -- that Israel "is a democracy, and thus it has a self-correcting mechanism to restore it to the proper path."

I publicly expressed sympathy for the Palestinians, who -- abandoned and left homeless when the Arabs refused to accept the UN Partition Plan of 1947 -- were further betrayed and forced into more refugee camps after the Six Day War when the Arab states refused to make peace with Israel in exchange for all of the territories Israel won in repelling Arab aggression.

And while I cannot report on my private conversations with Israeli leaders, The Times itself reported that I had strongly objected, in a telephone call to Defense Minister Rabin in Jerusalem, to the policy of beatings which he had enunciated. Three days later, at a news conference on January 27, I stated: "A policy of indiscriminate beatings would be wrong and inconsistent with Israel's historic policy and practice."

It was slanderous of Mr. Vorspan to write about me as he did and irresponsible of The Times Magazine to publish it.

Sincerely,

Morris B. Abram,
Chairman

ALBERT VORSPAN

May 13, 1988

Dear Morris,

I've heard from many sources that my article caused you great distress and that the sentence on the "kosher" stamp was especially painful. Needless to say, I did not intend any personal attack and all comments about you were fair, respectful, if not outrightly complimentary. By contrast, see the New Republic.

The "kosher" word was unfortunate. Certainly, I did not intend to suggest that you advocated or welcomed "deportations, excessive force, etc.". I know that on occasions you expressed misgivings and regret about these practices and they caused you as much pain as they did me. Indeed, I truly believe that the vast majority of readers understood this sentence as I intended it and not as you are reading it. In your public statements as Chairman, in seeking to interpret the broader context and the need for Israel to restore tranquility in the territories, you were widely perceived as defending these policies.

A major point of the article was to show the terrible dilemmas which the Palestinian revolt provoked in the American Jewish community --- and the tension between the need to show Jewish unity and the need to respect the diversity of opinion which obtains among American Jews.

To me, this is not the good guys versus the bad guys. It is the profound conflict and agony among Jews who love Israel and who know that her choices also are not good versus bad but bad versus worse.

I have known you for thirty years --- since I first met you in Atlanta where I admired your courage and commitment as a young civil rights lawyer. Over the years you and I have shared many causes and sometimes disagreed, agreeably, on several issues but I never ever intended to malign your integrity or dedication to the Jewish people.

I think we should sit down and clear the air as soon as possible.

Cordially,

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SOUL- SEARCHING!

**A personal diary offers insights into the
struggles within the American Jewish
community over current Israeli policy.**

By Albert Vorspan

Albert Vorspan is senior vice president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, which comprises 804 Reform synagogues in the United States and Canada. For 35 years, he has directed the union's social-action program, an advocacy group that applies Jewish teachings to issues of social justice in American life.

NEW YORK, DEC. 9, 1987 Riots have erupted in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. The networks show scenes of rampaging Palestinian youths hurling rocks and insults, Israeli soldiers firing back. Is this it? Has the pot boiled over at last? Twenty years of occupying an alien people, and now on our television screens a harvest of rage. Has the nightmare begun?

DEC. 21 Everybody I talk to is as upset as I am, depressed and anguished. The Israelis can't cope. In the territories, it is spontaneous combustion. The press reports that some young Arabs have stood up to Israeli troops, baring their breasts and daring the soldiers to shoot. How can a humane, democratic society respond to such desperation?

Something fundamental seems to be happening. The moral equation has changed. Whether we accept it or not, every night's television news confirms it: Israelis now seem the oppressors, Palestinians the victims.

Arguments rage about riot control, live ammunition, rubber bullets, deportations. But the underlying issue is the political and moral bankruptcy of Israeli policy. And now Israeli Arabs have declared their solidarity with their Palestinian brothers and sisters. One of them, interviewed on the news, makes an analogy that turns my blood cold: just as you Jews, though American citizens, share a deep, almost mystical kinship with Jews in Israel, he says, so we Arabs, though Israeli citizens, feel a profound sense of connection with our Palestinians in the territories.

CHAPPAQUA, N.Y., JAN. 8, 1988 I'm at Temple Beth El for a scholar-in-residence weekend. A snowstorm wipes out the Friday service, but the weather improves Saturday and we gather in the temple's library.

It's painfully obvious that each of us is following the grim events with deep emotion; we are implicated. It's not like discussing a foreign issue. It's about us.

Beyond any issue in recent years, American Jews are traumatized by events in Israel. This is the downside of the euphoric mood after the Six Day War, when we felt 10 feet tall. Now, suffering under the shame and stress of pictures of Israeli brutality televised nightly, we want to crawl into a hole. This is the price we pay for having made of Israel an icon — a surrogate faith, surrogate synagogue, surrogate God. Israel could not withstand our ro-

mantic idealization. Israel never asked us to turn it into a kidney machine to pump some Jewish blood into our moribund lives.

Now Israel reveals itself, a nation like all the others. Welcome to Israel's Vietnam, Kent State and Watts rolled into one. What did we expect? An eternity of Golda Meir and "the woman of valor," kibbutzniks dancing the hora around bonfires?

Some members of the congregation are prepared to accept the bitter normalcy into which Israel has descended, but most are not. Israel must behave like a Jewish state, they say, measured by Jewish ethical standards; it must be better than Iran or Jordan or Syria. I pick up the prayerbook and read from Micah: "What doth the Lord require of us? Only to do justly, to love mercy, to walk humbly with thy God," recalling that the prophets judged first and foremost their own people. The majority here seem to share my view.

NEW YORK, JAN. 14 An informal staff meeting at the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. What should the U.A.H.C. do or say? Last November, our General Assembly adopted a strong resolution condemning the status quo in the territories as dangerous to Israel's security and its survival as a Jewish nation. While acknowledging that the Arab world, except for Sadat, had refused to recognize Israel's right to live, we had warned against the demographic time bomb in the territories and urged prompt negotiations to end the occupation.

But what good would it do to say "We told you so"? Maybe it would advance Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres's plan for an international peace conference, which Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir rejects. But should we get involved in the middle of the Shamir-Peres fratricide? Besides, the new conventional wisdom is that it is crazy to expect any negotiations while the riots persist. Israel will not reward violence, will not negotiate under the gun. First tranquillity, then, maybe, talks.

But what if the riots don't end? What then?

Some of us are upset about the position of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. Its chairman, Morris Abram, seems to be putting a kosher stamp on everything — shootings, deportations, excessive force. Yet our group and several others represented believe in taking a more critical line. Somebody suggests we join the other critical organizations in issuing a separate joint statement, urging Israel to begin negotiations now. But many worry that speaking out now will hurt the seeming unity symbolized by the presidents conference, or that it will stir acrimony within the Jewish community — or be used by Israel's enemies.

Do the Israelis understand the profound impact of the disturbances on the American Jewish community, on American public opinion, and — at least potentially — on Israel's support in Congress? Rabbi Alexander Schindler, the president of our group, has been telling them; Henry Siegman, director of the American Jewish Congress, has been telling them; even Morris Abram has been telling them, privately — so have many other Jewish leaders. But do the Israelis really care about our opinion when they face issues vital to their national security?

David Saperstein, director of our Religious Action Center in Washington, describes the deep disquiet on Capitol Hill. No serious erosion of support has emerged, but great

unhappiness lurks beneath the surface. Nobody needs to say it. The \$3 billion in aid and the military alliance represent Israel's margin of safety. But the arrangement is not written in stone.

WASHINGTON, JAN. 18 The Israeli Embassy has invited Morris Abram, Queens College sociologist Steve Cohen and me to present our assessments of the uprising's impact. I fly to Washington with very mixed feelings. In 40 years of service in American Jewish organizations, much of it devoted to Israel, this is the first time I can remember the Israelis' asking for my opinion.

Our audience consists of about 30 Israeli officials from consulates all over the United States. Abram speaks first. He is skillful and graceful, describing the impact of the events and the harm done by the news media, but stressing the American Jewish community's undiminished support.

My turn. I apologize for the harshness of my judgments and language, but (as I tell them) I see no point in my being here if I am merely an echo of Morris Abram. In my view, Israel is facing more than an image disaster. It is facing a moral and political catastrophe.

Yes, the media have overdosed on the violence. But for us to scapegoat the media as the heart of our problem is to engage in a colossal act of self-delusion. The central problem is the bankruptcy of the policy. Not only is a negotiating process essential to end that failed policy, it may be a necessary prelude to ending the uprising itself. Israel is perceived not only as the oppressor, but as a country with a Government divided against itself, in total gridlock, incapable of any political initiative.

As for the American Jewish community, I believe it is in trauma, that there is a danger of alienation unless there are Jewish voices of dissent that publicly address the anxieties Jews share. There are deep divisions within the Jewish community that the presidents conference and the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council cannot paper over. The longer this disaster continues, the greater the danger of Jews' simply turning off and turning away from Israel.

Finally, while it is true that American public opinion has been strong and sympathetic to Israel, it is very volatile. Yes, Americans prefer Israel to the Arabs by 5 or 6 to 1, but that is partly because they have a racist and stereotyped view of Arabs. Indeed, Israel and the Jewish people have contributed to the demonization of the Palestinian people. The Arabs have demonized the Jews as well; but let us admit that Golda said the Palestinian people did not exist, that Begin likened them to "two-legged beasts,"

and that Israeli politicians routinely equate Palestine Liberation Organization terrorism with the Palestinians themselves, thus stripping this people of any humanity and any dignity.

The Israeli officials seemed to appreciate neither my analysis nor my candor. They hurled their questions at me like stones: You worry about our dehumanizing the Arabs, you think they do not dehumanize us? Can you tell us how to achieve order without force? My son is doing his military service on the West Bank, are you saying he is a beast? With whom should we negotiate? And who are you to tell us about these things, anyway?

Only two Israelis seemed to be grateful that I had come and said my piece. One was Ambassador Moshe Arad himself, the other the Israeli Consul General in Atlanta, who is an Israeli Arab and is now under fire from some Jewish racists in Atlanta.

NEW YORK, JAN. 19 As we get up in the morning, my wife, Shirley, and I listen as National Public Radio's Israel correspondent describes a new Israeli Army policy of "breaking the bones" of Palestinian demonstrators. The army, he says, is dragging Palestinians out of their homes and deliberately breaking their bones. Palestinians with broken hands can't throw stones, says an Israeli spokesman.

We listen in stunned disbelief. Is this possible, or has some reporter gone crazy? No, it is not possible, it cannot be. My stomach is queasy. Shirley is near tears. But when I get to the office nobody mentions it, so it must have been a phony report. Deliberately breaking bones? Israel? Come on....

JAN. 21 The New York Times confirms Israeli Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin's proclaimed policy of administering "force, might, beatings" to deter violence in the territories. Shamir says this will put "the fear of death" in them. The hospitals are filling up with Palestinians whose arms and legs have been deliberately broken by soldiers and settlers.

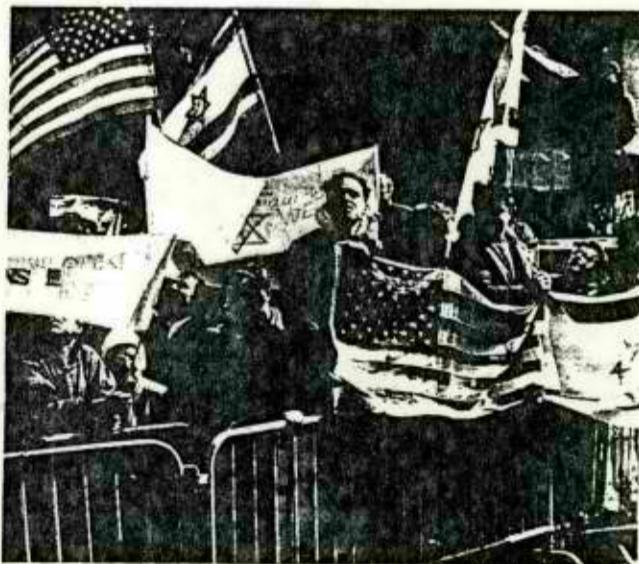
If all this is true, Israel has lost its moral compass, has become a nation in panic. Op-Ed columns are (Continued on Page 51)

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Demonstrators in New York supported Shamir's policies as the Prime Minister spoke to the presidents group March 20.

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savaging Israel. I have been a Zionist since I was a child growing up in St. Paul. Is this the fruition of Zionism?

JAN. 22

Alex Schindler, a Reform rabbi and the president of my group, calls from Los Angeles. He can't sleep, too upset. Alex is thinking of sending an open cable to President Chaim Herzog of Israel. Herzog won't like it, but it has got to be said. How can anyone take us seriously if we are silent on the beatings policy? What help can we be to Israel if our silence brands us as mere apologists? But going public with criticism means breaking the unwritten law: Jewish organizations don't attack Israel, at least not out loud.

Still, if anybody can and should do it, it's Alex Schindler. Schindler's support as chairman of the Conference of Presidents at the time was crucial to American Jewish leaders' acceptance of Menachem Begin when he became Prime Minister in 1977. Begin was a hawk, allied with Orthodox parties, an ex-terrorist. Schindler was liberal, a peacenik. But he immediately liked Begin personally (a feeling that was reciprocated) and decided that the first non-Labor Prime Minister in Israel's history deserved the support of American Jews.

Schindler, then, had the credibility to make the point that the policy was so damaging to Israel's reputation in America that even so deeply committed a Zionist as Alex Schindler was forced to protest.

NEW YORK, JAN. 25

Everything has hit the fan. The story about Alex's open letter to President Herzog, along with lengthy excerpts, occupies the entire front page of New York Newsday. The Los Angeles Times and The New York Times give it lots of space, and the networks play it big in the evening. It's a thunderbolt. You can almost hear the sighs of relief from staff members at the U.A.H.C. office and, I sense, from large segments of the Jewish community.

Morris Abram presides at an emergency meeting of the Presidents conference, called to assess the awful press Israel's been getting. For many present, however, its Schindler-bashing time. How dare

any Jewish leader run to The New York Times to make publicity out of Israel's troubles?

"What is this hubris, this chutzpah, this moral arrogance?" an official of a Jewish community relations agency demands. "When Israel was shooting and killing Palestinian rioters, he was silent. Now Israel has a policy of force to avoid shooting and he blasts them publicly?" With a look of utter disdain, he notes that the media have been beating a path to his door, but he absolutely refuses to cater to the media at Israel's expense. Much applause.

Simcha Dinitz, once Israel's Ambassador to the United States and now newly elected chairman of the Jewish Agency, urges "restraint," so that the presidents conference can continue to be the vehicle of united Jewish support for Israel. I reply that on some issues, the conference has no consensus — just as there is none in Israel; that the sky will not fall if a voice of disagreement with Israel's policies is raised; and that our joint credibility will be shattered forever if an unnatural silence should descend upon the entirety of American Jewry in this moment of ultimate testing. Moreover, if Alex Schindler, of all people, must be defended against the belief that disagreement constitutes disloyalty, we are all in big trouble. Dinitz interrupts to say: "Look, I did not even mention Alex's name, so why do you assume I was talking about him and his statement?"

WASHINGTON, JAN. 27

The founding meeting of the United States Interreligious Committee for Peace in the Middle East. I'm one of the signers of its statement calling for reconciling Israel's security with Palestinian self-determination.

I have been asked to participate in the press conference, along with several Middle East experts, representatives of Protestant denominations, and the Roman Catholic Church. Hundreds of Jews signed the original manifesto, but only a handful are here. But who are all these Palestinians? Do I know what I'm getting into? On the other hand, what good does it do to spend your life talking to your Jewish clones about Palestinians and never getting to know any?

The press conference room is jammed. I recognize a few familiar faces, but where did this army of Palestinian and Arab reporters come from? I make a brief statement — pointing out that Jews and Palestinians have been joined at the hip by geography and destiny and that our survival requires mutual recognition — before the questions rock me: Will you call for sanctions against Israel? Support a P.L.O. state? When will you demand a cut-off of American aid to Israel? What plan do you have for the ultimate solution to Jerusalem? I become angry. I tell National Public Radio that if the Arabs had not attacked Israel in 1967 there would be no occupation, that if the P.L.O. had not betrayed the Palestinians they would have a homeland already.

One of the Arab speakers says his family was wiped out by Israeli terrorists in his village of Deir Yassin, but his Moslem faith compels him nonetheless to seek peace and mutual recognition. How many other Arabs are saying that? A couple who did were assassinated by the P.L.O. This guy's got guts.

I'm not comfortable here. I'm even anxious about my fellow Jews, all controversial doves whose views I have criticized in the past — a past when establishment types like me were content with the received wisdom about the Middle East.

The best speeches are by the Israeli Mordechai Bar-On of Peace Now, and Hanna Siniora, editor of the East Jerusalem Arabic daily *Al Fajr*. After Siniora speaks, he refers a question to an intense Palestinian in the audience, who delivers a passionate case for a Palestinian state. Who is that guy? I ask. Oh, I'm told, that's the P.L.O.'s Washington director, the one whose office you guys just closed down.

What am I doing at a conference with a P.L.O. official? I have always regarded the P.L.O. as an international Manson gang. On the other hand, where has Israel — and American Jews — gotten over the years by not talking? One by one, the premises of our position are coming unstuck. The rocklike fortress is coming loose, stone by stone.

NEW YORK, FEB. 8

Executive committee meeting of the U.A.H.C. — an opportunity to gauge the sentiment of Jewish lay leaders, at least Reform ones. Even a distinguished Orthodox rabbi

and a prominent Conservative rabbi both publicly criticized Alex — for going public. That's the new Jewish schizophrenia: think one thing, say another.

We have shared with committee members copies of Alex's cable as well as President Herzog's public response, which took sharp issue with him, asking: What would you have us do? One officer reports on a Jewish federation breakfast in Florida that became a frenzy against Schindler. Others report hostile reactions in their communities. Some said he should have said it, but privately. Overwhelmingly, however, they express pride in Alex's courage. Alex reads his draft response to Herzog's

message. They all want copies, but nobody comments on the fact that Alex is sending this one as a private message.

LOS ANGELES, FEB. 14-17

The annual plenum of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council — representing a dozen national Jewish agencies and a hundred or so local Jewish community councils — is the most serious of its conventions I've attended in 40 years. Although the program includes sessions on the end of the Reagan era, the status of the Christian Right, civil rights, poverty, Soviet Jewry, apartheid — affirming that American Jews are still liberal, still more than a single-issue community — this time there really is only one issue pervading the halls, the elevators, the talk in the bar: the place is electric with Israel.

I take part in a panel on anti-Semitism with Earl Raab, director of the San Francisco Jewish Community Relations Council, and Gary Tobin, a Brandeis University sociologist. Earl offers scenarios according to which the Israeli crisis could cause a severe anti-Israel backlash among the American public and in Congress, pointing out that before the Six Day War, Israel was neither a favorite of the American public nor the recipient of massive American aid. Today, he says, though public support for Israel remains high, it is shallow and volatile. While antipathy for the Arabs continues high, there is real danger of "a plague on both your houses" attitude.

Part of the problem, I blurt out, is that we in the field of Jewish community relations have lost sight of our role. We have ceased to be Jewish champions of social justice

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and become cheerleaders for failed Israeli policies. We have served Israel ill by suppressing frank discussion of the Palestinian issue — the "P word."

The Jewish community is regarded as a mouthpiece, a lawyer who defends his client no matter what. We have no business defending the indefensible, whether it is beatings, the Pollard affair, Iran-gate, or the Iraqi pipeline scandal. Honest criticism of Israel is now impossible in American politics; indeed, any candidate who said what I was saying would be savaged by us. Does this help Israel's cause?

We owe Israel our support, yes, but we also owe to it our best judgment, our honest disagreement, and our conscience. It is utter delusion to think we can stop public criticism, keep the lid on the pot.

To my surprise, I get a burst of applause — mostly from the younger delegates. Later, some of my colleagues belabor me for exploiting a panel on anti-Semitism to justify Schindler's speaking out. Maybe they're right. But I was still glad I said what I said.

JERUSALEM, FEB. 25-MARCH 3

The organizers of this year's Jerusalem mission of the presidents conference have developed a program of workshops on the Israeli media, economy, public opinion, ethnic tensions, relations with the Jewish Diaspora. But the overarching issue is the uprising. As we arrive, controversy rages over a CBS report about four Israeli soldiers' protracted beating of two bound Arabs.

One of the delegates of the presidents conference, presiding over a panel of Israeli and American newsmen, observes that a discussion of the news media is needed because of the "sensationalist" and "unbalanced" reporting of events. Is-

raeli authorities have told us, she informs the meeting, that press reporting of the incidents is inaccurate, that 750 foreign reporters are in the territories looking for anti-Israel fodder, and maligning Israel's good name around the world.

The first panelist, Yossi Goell, columnist for The Jerusalem Post, replies that the media are not anti-Israel, the existential situation is biased against Israel: armed soldiers against unarmed civilians, mostly youngsters. Israel could not possibly win this propaganda war. Television is biased, yes, but not

against Israel; it is biased toward showbiz and its penchant for blood on the rug. It is tempting but wrong to ban the press. Media are needed, Goell says, to limit excesses, prevent atrocities.

Dan Fisher, Israel bureau chief for The Los Angeles Times, coldly rejects the idea that the media are biased against Israel. My job is not to write nice things about Israel, he says, but to tell the story. I'm a journalist; I'm not here to protect anybody's image, but to report reality.

Martin Fletcher of NBC concedes that occasionally the camera provokes the violence, but more often the presence of the Israeli troops does. Dan Patti, former press adviser to Prime Ministers Rabin and Begin, remarks that Jordan and Syria managed to liquidate the P.L.O. in their countries without worrying about the media coverage.

In the question period, the seething frustration boils over. Reporters slant the news to please their editors, one delegate declares, and it is naive to say they are not seeking to shape the politics of the situation. There is a subliminal pro-P.L.O. bias, asserts another. "You should call your paper the 'P.L.O. Post,'" a delegate sneers at Goell, you're the most biased of all. Why don't you report how the Arabs refuse to accept the existence of Israel?

Do you ever show the wounded Israeli soldiers in Hadassah Hospital, another delegate demands, or only the Arab wounded? Do you really pretend that you are objective?

Only Kafka could have done justice to the closing session: a glittering banquet in Jerusalem's newest and most resplendent hotel — the

Hyatt Regency — which appeared to be devoid of guests; a few miles away the raging civil rebellion was entering its third month, with no end in sight. In the territories, a day of sporadic violence; in Jerusalem and throughout Israel, life seemed to go on as normal. Earlier, we delegates had strolled through the Arab quarter. There seemed to be a few more soldiers around, but not many. At the Western Wall a small crowd of worshipers stood at prayer.

For those who remembered nostalgically how terrible the food used to be in Israel, the handsome menu given us in this posh but empty hotel ("rainbow of smoked fish mousse, braised roll of rib eye in fruity cabernet . . .") was another sign of the times: Israel laughing on the outside, crying on the inside.

Morris Abram was at his Georgia-born charming best as he thanked Prime Minister Shamir, the guest of honor, for the courtesies extended to us by so many members of the Cabinet and Knesset. Abram also declared that the "present situation" could not continue — which the right-leaning members of our group could interpret to mean the riots, and the more moderate members could interpret as a call for a political solution. He expressed gratification that the American initiative was continuing and that Secretary of State George P. Shultz was returning to the area. Considering the deep political and philosophic differences among the organizations, Abram once again

succeeded with almost acrobatic skill in reflecting a basic consensus, which, while real enough, papered over deeper conflicts that mirrored the policy disarray in Israel itself.

Then came the turn of our distinguished guest. Things were not all that complicated, the Prime Minister said. The riots were essentially the latest chapter in an unremitting war against an Israel that had always sought peace and still does. Yes, Shultz is a good friend — but only Israel can and will judge its own security needs. The impact of the civil unrest? It is damaging, and, although Israel is a democracy, "we have to consider taking steps, like closing parts of the country to the media, to reduce the damage they are doing unjustly to the state. They don't want to listen to us; they are looking for Arab sources. Some of them even live in Arab areas and

get their information from their neighbors."

This sounded strange, because we had heard that the American networks all had Israeli cameramen, and we had also seen that the Israeli media were at least as critical as the Western press.

Having attended to the media, Shamir took aim at dissenters in the American Jewish community: "It is inconceivable that, God forbid, any American Jews would permit themselves to be used in the campaign against us, even if they have criticisms or doubts . . . regarding some of Israel's policies." Jews abroad have a "moral duty," he declared, to "support the Israeli Government, never a foreign [read United States] Government against Israel. It is absolutely un-Jewish and very dangerous to join an anti-Israel front with non-Jews."

Denouncing criticism from Jews abroad, the Prime Minister said that Arabs exploit such criticism by "first, driving a wedge between Israel and American Jewry, and then between Israel and the U.S." He called on the "responsible" Jewish leadership to clamp down on such criticism. He expressed hope "that the great American Jewish community will have sufficient strength to put an end to this criticism."

"It's up to you," he said. "Every critical statement of a Jewish leader does much more harm than many violent demonstrations in Gaza and elsewhere."

I was too stunned to take advantage of the question period. One distinguished American rabbi rose and pointed out that while there were differences among American Jewish groups, he wanted to urge the Prime Minister to dig in his heels and not to let anybody [read: Shultz] push Israel around. So much for the voice of prophetic Judaism. Shamir whisked out of the room and the delegates fell upon the dinner — at least those whose stomachs were not too queasy. How could we sit there and receive those verbal stones and not respond?

BOSTON, MARCH 17

Addressing a joint social-action conference of Reform and Conservative sisterhood women, I touch on a host of issues in the current social and political scene before even mentioning Israel. But it's no help. The questions, which are mostly tough, even barbed, zero in on one issue: "I admire you, but I am dis-

appointed that you take it upon yourself to criticize Israel at such a time." "You and those Peace Now people do not represent Israel or the Jewish people." "You talk Palestinians, but that really means P.L.O., and they are still bloody killers — look at their latest butchery on the bus in Dimona — so how can we negotiate?"

Is Shamir's digging in his heels against American pressure evoking a defensive circle-the-wagons mentality among American Jews, as it apparently is doing in Israel? Is the tide of American Jewish public opinion moving to the right, as in Israel?

NEW YORK, MARCH 20

Prime Minister Shamir meets with the presidents conference to report on his talks in Washington. If the Shamir mission was a failure, as many believe, you would not know it from him. The American-Israeli relationship, he assures us, remains excellent; there is full agreement on the goal of peace, but understandable differences on the means to it.

The international conference proposed by the Americans, he repeats, would be a way to gang up on Israel and impose a settlement, not contribute to peace. The only way to peace is through direct, face-to-face negotiations with the Arab states. Yes, he accepts United Nations resolutions 242 and 338, but implies that giving up the Sinai under Camp David satisfied the resolutions' requirement for territorial compromise.

"When Israel decides, the Jews of America must support it," Shamir says. "We are on the front line." Those who speak out publicly do harm, and especially if they encourage foreign governments (read: United States) to pressure Israel.

In the question-and-answer period, each speaker rises to pay tribute to Shamir for standing firm against the United States. "We are 100 percent behind you," one says. Another blasts those American Jews who think they have a "right" to go public in their criticism.

That does it. I get up to ask a question, but it doesn't turn out to be a question. "Mr. Prime Minister," I hear myself saying, "Jews are united in a commitment to Israel and its security, but we do not serve you or Israel by telling you whatever you want to hear. Given the fact that the people and the Government of Israel are divided right down the middle, isn't it obvi-

ous that American Jews are going to be divided as well? And if Israelis are embroiled in debate over these issues, isn't it to be assumed that American Jews will be debating these issues as well?

"And, Mr. Prime Minister, isn't it the worst way to build unity by equating disagreement with disloyalty to the Jewish people, and to Israel?"

Shamir lowers the boom: yes, there are arguments, but Israel must decide, and under no circumstances do American Jews have the right to contribute to American Government pressure on Israel. Stormy, sustained ovation. I feel like Daniel in the lions' den. O.K., that's telling me, but telling me what? Shut up and mind my own business? Israel — love it or leave it? Are those of us who are lovers — but critical lovers — of Israel going to permit ourselves to be marginalized?

I make my way out, with several leaders taking their shots along the way. "Now you know how unrepresentative you are," one says. "In that room, yes," I say. "Out there, no."

Back home, I turn on the radio and listen to the news: The first Israeli soldier has died at the hands of a Palestinian.

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WASHINGTON, APRIL 12

Meeting of the full Commission of Social Action of Reform Judaism. Gen. Yehoshafat Harkabi, former head of Israeli military intelligence, tells us that to continue the occupation indefinitely will bring on the "Belfastization" of the West Bank. Territorial compromise is essential to Israel's security.

But even here, where territorial compromise is widely accepted, positions are so nuanced that we spend hours debating our own position paper. Somebody passes out a national survey on Americans' views toward the Middle East, just published in The Los Angeles Times. It finds American Jews overwhelmingly support the United States proposal for a Middle East peace conference, approve of public dissent, wish Israel to come to "some sort of accommodation with the Arabs in the occupied territories" — and hold a more favorable opinion of George Shultz than of Yitzhak Shamir.

I remember the comment at the Shamir meeting in New York three weeks before: "Now you know how unrepresentative you are," they had told me. I smile faintly, thinking of that, and feel more hopeful about the future. ■

Vorspan's diary: The presidents have no clothes

By WALTER RUBY

In an article entitled "Soul Searching," published in last Sunday's *New York Times Magazine*, Albert Vorspan, the senior vice president of the Reform movement's Union of American Hebrew Congregations, presented unflattering pictures of Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir—whom Vorspan described as utterly unyielding and unsympathetic to American Jewish moral concerns—and Morris Abram, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations—who "seems to be putting a kosher stamp on everything—shootings, deportations, excessive force."

Vorspan, who presented his appraisal of the events of the past five months in diary form—much of it based on private meetings of the Presidents Conference—said that the embarrassed and confused American Jewish reaction to Israel's repression of the Palestinian uprising reveals the bankruptcy of American Jewry's idealization of Israel:

"This is the price we pay for having made of Israel an icon—a surrogate faith, surrogate synagogue, surrogate God. Israel could not withstand our romantic idealization. Israel has never asked us to turn it into a kidney machine to pump some Jewish blood into our moribund lives."

Vorspan recalled the indignation he evoked in a group of 30 top Israeli consular officials when he informed them, "Israel and the Jewish people have contributed to the demonization of the Palestinian people."

According to Vorspan, "The Israeli officials seemed to appreciate neither my analysis nor my candor. They hurled their questions at me like stones: 'You worry about our dehumanization of the Arabs, you think they do not dehumanize us?...My son is doing his military service in the West Bank, are you saying he is a beast? With whom should we negotiate? And who are you to tell us these things, anyway?'"



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Vorspan was "stunned" and had a queasy stomach when Yitzhak Shamir told members of the Presidents Conference in Jerusalem in late February 1988 that "every critical statement of a Jewish leader does much more harm than many violent demonstrations in Gaza and elsewhere."

After Shamir made a similar point to Vorspan during a March meeting of the Presidents Conference in New York, the prime minister received, according to Vorspan, a "stormy, sustained ovation" from the Jewish leaders.

"I felt like Daniel in the lions' den," wrote Vorspan. "Ok, that's telling me, but telling me what? Shut up and mind my own business? Israel—love it or leave it? Are those of us who are lovers—but critical lovers—of Israel going to permit ourselves to be marginalized?"

Vorspan said that after his March encounter with Shamir, "I make my way out, with several (Jewish) leaders taking their shots along the way. Now you see how unrepresen-

tative you are," one says. "In that room, yes," I say. "Out there, no."

Vorspan noted that a recent *Los Angeles Times* poll, which showed most American Jews supportive of Secretary of State George Shultz' peace initiative, left him feeling "more hopeful about the future" and vindicated in his belief that the hawkish leaders of the Presidents Conference are not representative of the true feelings of American Jewry.

Says Who?

Jewish community leaders split sharply in their appraisal of Vorspan's article. Some praised him, but many blasted him both for criticizing Israel in the pages of the most prominent organ of the so-called 'secular media' and for making public the contents of meetings that many had presumed to be private, off the record discussions.

Abram was widely reported to be incensed about the Vorspan piece. Neither he nor Malcolm Hoenlein, executive director of the Presidents' Conference, returned calls from this reporter.

Vorspan himself told the *Jewish World* that he "likes and admires" Abram, but believes that "in an organization like the Presidents Conference, it is the obligation of the chairman to ensure that the views of the representatives of all member organizations are treated with civility and respect. Umbrella organizations have a responsibility to allow honest debate to be conducted with mutual respect. That has not been the case in recent months."

"The reality of the present situation is that while American Jews are united in devotion to Israel, there are honest differences that are very deep. It doesn't do a great service to the Jewish community to paper them

over."

Vorspan conceded that his decision to make public his thoughts on two private meetings was "borderline." He insisted, however, "I don't remember anyone telling me specifically those meetings were off the record. In any case, the meetings happened nearly four months ago, so we are really talking about history here."

Vorspan expected criticism of his decision to publish his article in *The New York Times*, but he had a hard time taking some of that opposition seriously. "There is a great myth in the Jewish community that the non-Jews don't know about what is happening in Israel unless a Jewish leader speaks about it in *The Times*. That is ridiculous. Have not non-Jews been watching Ted Koppel from Jerusalem for 15 hours, pointing out things I didn't even raise in my article?"

But might not the contents of his own article be used by persons or organizations hostile to Israel to weaken U.S. support for the Jewish state?

Vorspan acknowledged, "There is some risk in that. I live in fear that some Arab leader will take some part of my piece out of context to show

that even Jews are saying, for example, that Israel has lost its moral compass. But there is no good way out of that dilemma, since the alternative [to speaking out publicly] is for American Jews to throw away their deepest beliefs."

Vorspan's immediate superior at the UAHC, Rabbi Alexander Schindler, said, "Obviously, I liked [the article] very much. It was well to the point, and it reflects the true situation in the Jewish community."

Schindler, who was strongly attacked by much of the Jewish leadership last January for his sharp public denunciation of Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin's announced policy of 'force, might, and beatings,' said that the reaction pouring into the UAHC from rank and file Jews on Vorspan's piece "has been overwhelmingly positive—even more supportive than when I spoke out."

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Nevertheless, some of the most prominent and powerful Jewish leaders in the country were decidedly unsupportive. Abe Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said of Vorspan's article, "This is not 'soul searching,' but rather headline searching. It is a very

simplistic analysis of the situation that [blames] everything on a failure of Israel's policies. It feeds on the media's need to reflect a split in the Jewish community and also feeds into the media's Israel bashing. The article doesn't help Israel resolve its problems, or move one iota closer to peace. Instead, it comes across as an ego trip."

As for Vorspan's going public with the contents of several 'private' meetings, Foxman said, "I was a little surprised, since I was under the impression that some of these meetings were not to be made public. In the future, if participants in such meetings expect the meetings will be later publicized, they will posture and not say what they really believe. What Vorspan has done is not helpful to the openness he says he wants."

Kenneth Bialkin, a prominent New York lawyer and immediate past chairman of the Presidents Conference, said the article "was very self-aggrandizing on the part of Al Vorspan. He makes it appear as though he and his activities are the very center of Jewish life...I think there is a problem when elements of our community seem to set themselves up as keepers of Israel's conscience and as supervisors of the Jewish dedication to morality. It is as though [the Israelis] are children, and it is our job to make sure they don't stray."

Bialkin added: "But how does this kind of packaged morality help when it doesn't seem to be balanced or take into account Israel's need to take steps to ensure its security? It is not Al Vorspan's duty to save Israel from itself, and his piece is unfortunate in that it creates the misapprehension that he speaks for a larger group than himself. I think it has been borne out that Morris Abram speaks for the majority of American Jews."

Rabbi Israel Miller, a prominent Orthodox leader and another former chairman of the Presidents Conference, commented, "We do not have in the Jewish tradition the concept that we should confess in public. It is one thing to speak one's mind in a meeting, and another thing to bear your soul in *The New York Times* before millions of readers."

Miller was also angered by what he saw as Vorspan's violation of confidentiality. "In the future if I am at a meeting with Al Vorspan, I will ask him either to give his word he will keep quiet or to get out of the meeting."

Kenneth Kellner, president of the Manhattan region of the Zionist Organization of America, called Vorspan's article "a repugnant statement which clearly shows that [Vorspan] has become an anti-Zionist in the classical sense. A leader of the Jewish community who leads it against Israel is by definition an anti-Zionist."

Al Chernin, executive director of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC), was somewhat more sympathetic to Vorspan's anguish over Israeli policies. "I well understand Al Vorspan's concerns and admired him for asserting his feelings when he spoke at the NJCRAC plenum in Los Angeles in February. But in my mind *The New York Times* is not an appropriate forum for an airing of such concerns, which are best discussed in the family tent. I would have preferred to see Al's piece in the *Jerusalem Post*."

A source at the Israeli Embassy in Washington, who asked not to be named, said of Vorspan's account of his meeting with consular officials: "We were under the impression that was a closed meeting for an open exchange of views." Nevertheless, the source said, "We will certainly have Vorspan back. We invited him in the first place because we wanted to hear his [critical] viewpoint. We don't always want to hear the same views."

The source said he found Vorspan's article "an interesting piece" and said that the Israeli Embassy "does not want to get involved in the ongoing debate within the Jewish community in recent months."

Robert Lifton, president of the American Jewish Congress, noted, "We at the AJCongress faced many of the same issues as did Vorspan before deciding to speak out publicly [in opposition to present Israeli policies]. But while Vorspan speaks more from the heart, we made our decision to speak out more from pragmatic reasons. We believe that in order for American Jews to have credibility with the Administration, Congress and other Americans, when we speak in support of Israel's vital interests, we also have to speak out when [the Israelis] are doing something wrong."

Theodore Elleno, president of the American Jewish Committee, said of the Vorspan piece, "It is an accurate portrayal by one sensitive and informed Jew of a passage through a terribly difficult landscape. It is useful that such a piece is published at this particular time in an important journal so that American Jews and non-Jews alike can see the insistence of these problems and the various points of view being reflected. I also think it is useful to show the thoughts of someone who has a deep love for Israel, but who has a different point of view from the present Israeli government."

Menachem Rosensaft, president of the Labor Zionist Alliance, said, "I think Vorspan's piece was very good. We still have to deal with the reality, however, that those in the Jewish community who are opening their mouths [about events in Israel] are too few and far between." □

Al Vorspan in the rhubarb patch

Maybe Jewish professionals, like President Reagan, decide policy by astrology. Maybe Albert Vorspan, senior vice president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, is a Sagittarius and he read the charts for Sunday, May 8. "Important changes lie ahead. Move with the times. (*The New York Times?*) Your personal appeal is at an all-time high. You enjoy the spotlight..."

Or maybe he's a Pisces: "Break out of your shell. Forget about being shy."

Or maybe he's a Scorpio: "Facing reality is painful but necessary."

Yes, astrology is one of America's great national pastimes. Even people who never read the news pages of the paper buy the newspaper for the astrology charts.

Baseball is another of our great national pastimes. Even in the days when ball players (or presidents) didn't read, they'd read *The Sporting News*. It encapsulated the results and the locker room gossip of every game of the previous week. Ball players call *The Sporting News* "the Bible of baseball." (George Will calls the Bible "*The Sporting News* of religion.") But clearly *The New York Times* is *The Sporting News* of the Jewish professional. And the *Sunday Times* is the "rhubarb patch" of choice for any Jew's op-ed, article or ad.

So on Sunday, May 8, every Jewish communal leader picked up the *Sunday Times Magazine* to find blank-faced models wearing only bras and girdles, ads for boarding schools and summer camps ("Is your child overweight?"), the information that Cheerios cost \$7.20 in Tokyo, and Al Vorspan searching his soul.

Vorspan was exposing his personal diary "offering insights into the struggles within the American Jewish community over current Israeli policy."

There's a sign that hangs in baseball locker rooms: "What you say here, what you see here, what you hear here, stays here." This is the basic creed of all private conversation and any team's internal goings on, including the 'team' of Jewish leaders. People have the right to disagree. But Vorspan's diary wasn't diversity—his own opinions had already been expressed—but disloyalty. It is disloyal to say that his colleagues have acted with duplicity; it is disloyal to illuminate not only what was in the public domain but what he learned as a 'teammate' rather than as a journalist.

A Jewish journalist must understand the unique responsibility of balancing the gathering of information, and the dispensing of that information, with the discretion befitting communal integrity. But journalistic ethics aren't simply for those of us who have press cards; journalistic ethics are the responsibility of anyone who sits at a typewriter with the intention of making his words—and other people's words—public. The ethics of the written and spoken word apply to everyone who deals with the press in whatever fashion. As Rabbi Israel Salanter said, "Not everything that is thought should be said, not everything that is said should be written, and not everything that is written should be published."

Take our word for it, that leaves everyone plenty to say. But, as Jews, we believe that a misappropriated word is a major sin. There has to be a purpose to what we write and say. But how are the Jewish communal structure and Jewish interests advanced by Vorspan's detailing the infighting within the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations? The Conference was founded when Eisenhower's secretary of state grew sick and tired of having to meet with the leader of every single Jewish organization every time there was an issue concerning Israel. He told the Jewish leaders that they had better get their act together. The Conference of Presidents was thus created to present a united front. Every

organization which joined the Conference, including Vorspan's UAHC, accepted the concept: There was strength in unity. An individual twig may be easily snapped, but 40 twigs—entwined—are unbreakable.

If the concept is accepted, then there is an implied code of honor that says there will be times when a certain organization's views are in the minority. But, nevertheless, as gentlemanly losers, all the organizations remain united under the 'umbrella.' If every organizational leader runs for cover, or runs to the *Sunday Times*, every time there is a minority opinion, then our community will surrender power to ego and we will once again be weak and scattered twigs easily broken.

This is a lesson that was learned negatively during the Holocaust and positively over the last 40 years of an independent Israel. That the hydra-headed Israeli government itself is in utter confusion is no reason for the American Jewish communal establishment to scream 'every man for himself' and jump overboard.

Vorspan wouldn't appreciate it if someone within the UAHC decided to publish a selective diary about the decision-making process of that organization, and he shouldn't be surprised that the leaders of other organizations don't appreciate his diary either.

There is something disquieting about these kiss-and-tell revelations, whether they be from a soap opera starlet, a White House staffer or a communal leader.

Once, as a nation and as a community, we placed a premium on acting with class, respecting intimate relationships, professional and personal. There is a limit to the virtue of "honesty." If the concept of privacy is null and void, if intimacy is an antiquated concept, if personal, strategic conversations are subject to unilateral publicity then we are less civilized than we like to think.

This isn't the first time that a Jewish leader revived the old fad of 'streaking' across the pages of *The New York Times*. Several months ago, Henry Kissinger held a private, strategic session with several prominent Jewish leaders, including some of the former chairmen of the Presidents Conference. Within days, what many considered a distorted version of the meeting was leaked to *The Times*, prompting Kissinger to marvel at the Lilliputian immaturity of the people we call our leaders.

As long as our prominent communal leaders insist on acting emotionally rather than elegantly, our fragile alliances—and the central investment of Jewish political power—will dissipate into a Balkanization of meaningless and powerless institutions and organizations.

The issue here isn't Labor or Likud; it isn't Morris Abram or Al Vorspan. The issue is the strength and integrity of our power and process.

The Conference of Presidents will soon be choosing a new chairman. One of his most immediate tasks must be the revitalization of that strength and integrity, exploring whether there are satisfactory channels for discontent within the Conference, and the strict instituting of discipline when leaders present a public face.

When Vorspan's UAHC decided to huddle under the umbrella of the Conference of Presidents, the UAHC knew full well that an umbrella group is like a marriage in that it contains as much compromise and submergence of internal disputes as it provides love and satisfaction.

Did Vorspan run to *The Times* with his diary or was the article requested by the newspaper? If Vorspan were Nancy Reagan, he'd know that on Sunday, May 8, he should "question a puzzling request. A stranger's motives deserve close scrutiny."

But, in the spirit of positive unity, we should remember that, as Jews, we were all born under the same sign. Perhaps all of us in the Jewish community—presidents and vice presidents, writers and readers—should have spent more time reading *The Daily News* astrology column than *The New York Times Magazine*. The horoscope would have advised us to "use spare time constructively, catching up on household chores. Do not let the memory of an old heartache overwhelm you. Look to the future. Put your family's welfare before your personal pleasure. Seek cooperation from brothers and sisters. A loved one makes a concession in order to restore domestic tranquility. New understanding helps you deal with conflicts. Listen closely. You admit more than you should reveal."

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AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS

May 8, 1988

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir
Office of the Prime Minister
Kiryat Ben-Gurion
Jerusalem



Dear Mr. Shamir:

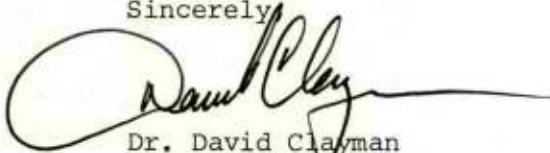
Our newly elected president, Mr. Robert K. Lifton, will visit Israel for several days later this month.

The purpose of the visit is to meet with Israel's leadership and to familiarize himself with the complexities and problems that Israel faces, as the AJCongress formulates its own program and direction under Mr. Lifton's leadership. Surely, recent events require the fullest exchange of views and co-ordination between Israeli and American Jewish leaders.

Mr. Lifton, accompanied by our executive director, Henry Siegman, will be in Israel from May 23-25. It would be helpful and important for Mr. Lifton to hear your assessment of the current state of affairs.

I hope that you will be able to arrange your schedule to meet with us. I will be in touch with your office to make the arrangements.

Sincerely,



Dr. David Clayman
Israel Director

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I EXTEND BEST WISHES TO ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONVENTION OF NAAM. YOUR EFFORTS ARE DIRECTED TOWARDS ISRAEL'S MOST IMPORTANT NEED AND NATIONAL INTEREST. THE COUNTRY BENEFITS GREATLY FROM THE ROLE AND CONTRIBUTION OF THE NORTH AMERICAN OLIM ALREADY IN THE COUNTRY. THEY ARE A PRODUCTIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ELEMENT. WE NEED MANY MORE SUCH PEOPLE IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS. THIS WILL STRENGTHEN THE NATION, SECURE THE STATE, OVERCOME THE DEMOGRAPHIC ANXIETIES AND ENSURE OUR PRESENCE FOREVER IN ALL PARTS OF ERETZ ISRAEL. BEST WISHES FOR SUCCESS AND GOOD RESULTS. YITZHAK SHAMIR.
PLEASE TRANSMIT THIS MESSAGE TO SHRAGAI SIMMONS ALSO FOR CONVENTION JOURNAL.

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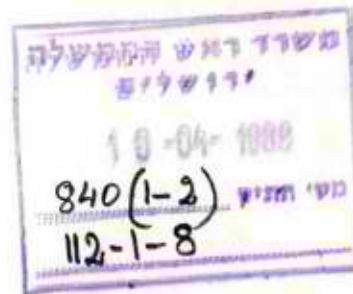
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March 16, 1988

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir
Office of the Prime Minister
Jerusalem, Israel



Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

On behalf of the Convention Committee, and in the name of the Board of Directors of the North American Aliyah Movement, we would like to extend an invitation to you to attend our Annual Convention which will be held at the International Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey, May 13 - 15, 1988.

The North American Aliyah Movement is a grassroots organization dedicated to the promotion and support of aliyah in communities throughout the United States and Canada. NAAM, a Klal Yisrael movement, is comprised of individuals and families who all share the common goal and desire to live in Israel. The role of NAAM is to provide these prospective olim with the necessary resources to prepare for a successful aliyah.

We would be honored if you would join us for the occasion. However, we understand that your schedule may not permit your attendance. We would, therefore, be most pleased to receive greetings which will be communicated to our members. These greetings should be sent to our office prior to the Convention.

We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

B'vrachot,

Tamar B. Harris
President



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March 22, 1988

Mr. Harry Hurwitz
Office of the Prime Minister
The Knesset
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Harry:

Mazel Tov to you and the Prime Minister on the success of your recent trip to the United States. I thank G-d we have a man like Yitzhak Shamir guarding our Land.

The North American Aliyah Movement is holding its Annual Convention in May, and I would like to incorporate a message from the Prime Minister into our Convention Journal. The theme of the convention is honoring the 75,000 Americans who have made Aliyah since 1948.

I have enclosed a proposed text. Please review it, make any changes as necessary, and contact me with the final text. My deadline is April 20, and I look forward to speaking with you by then.

A happy and kosher Peasach to you and Freda.

B'Shalom,

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FROM THE OFFICE OF
PRIME MINISTER YITZHAK SHAMIR

In 1926, Ze'ev Jabotinsky addressed Zionist leaders in Vienna and said the following: "The Jewish State is not the ultimate aim; it is merely the first step in the process of implementing greater Zionsim. Then will come the second step, the return of the Jewish People to its Homeland. The meaning of Zionsim is the liquidation of the galut."

Today these words could not ring more true. As Israel is threatened by hostile neighbors from within and without, I call upon all Jews to take up their rightful place in building our Jewish Homeland. The time has come for Israel to go beyond its role as a haven for Jews of distressed lands like the Soviet Union, Ethiopia and Syria. The Zionist dream requires Aliyah by all Jews.

Today, as we proudly celebrate 40 years of Jewish independence, let us all rededicate ourselves to the principles of a strong and secure Israel, to a free enterprise economy, and to the ingathering of exiles from all corners of the world.



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The Honorable Itzhak Shamir
Prime Minister
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Hakirya, Romena, Jerusalem
Israel

Dear Prime Minister Shamir:

The National Education Association of the United States, an organization of 1.9 million education employees and a founding member of the 11 million member World Confederation of Organizations of the Teaching Profession (WCOTP/CMOPE), to which the Israel Teachers Union is also affiliated, herein reaffirms its support for the State of Israel and wishes to inform you of a policy statement recently adopted by our Board of Directors.

The attached policy statement expresses our concern over the grave situation which exists in the occupied territories of the West Bank and Gaza. The statement recognizes the imperative that Israel's territory and borders be secure. We also recognize that the aspirations of the peoples of the occupied territories must be given consideration by the government of Israel. We ask that the government of the State of Israel take the initiative to institute a process of negotiation toward resolution of the complex questions that impede a lasting peace.

We have communicated with the U.S. administration and with the Secretary General of the United Nations, urging their support in facilitating the discussions which must precede the eventual settlement of this critical matter.

We urge you to devote your energies, and the resources available to your government, toward a just, peaceful, and mutually acceptable resolution of this long-standing dispute.

Sincerely,

Mary Hatwood Futrell
President

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attachment: NEA Policy Statement,
Board of Directors, April 1988

cc: Mr. Shimon Perez, Foreign Minister

NEA STATEMENT REGARDING ISRAELI OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

(Adopted by NEA Board of Directors, April 30, 1988)

The National Education Association reaffirms its support for the State of Israel and the right of the Israeli people to live within safe and defensible borders. At the same time, NEA is deeply troubled by the confrontations in the occupied territories of the Gaza Strip and West Bank, particularly the disruptive effect of such confrontations on the lives, welfare, and education of the children involved.

NEA believes that questions regarding the status of the occupied territories, the rights of the Palestinian people who live in these territories, the security of the State of Israel, and other matters that must be dealt with in order to achieve an equitable and lasting peace in the region should be the subject of negotiations between the State of Israel and the other concerned parties, including legitimate representatives of the Palestinian people. NEA urges the State of Israel to take the lead in initiating such negotiations, and calls upon the United States and the United Nations to provide appropriate assistance in facilitating this process.



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April 27, 1988

His Excellency Yitzhak Shamir
Prime Minister of Israel
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Machar, the Washington Society for Humanistic Judaism is an organization with many close ties to the State of Israel and its people. As strong supporters of the free, democratic, Jewish nation, we have become deeply distressed by the course of recent events. We are writing to urge you to take what steps you can to move toward a stable peace, which will benefit all of the people of Israel and the Occupied Territories.

Both peace and the democratic nature of Israel itself are being jeopardized by the continuing occupation of the West Bank and Gaza. We, therefore, urge you to cooperate fully with the peace initiative of Secretary of State George P. Shultz. This is likely to be the only opportunity for many years to come by which a long-term, peaceful resolution can be reached.

The true security of Israel requires peace and the support of other democratic nations. The failure to cooperate with Secretary Schultz will result not only in a missed opportunity for peace, but also in a dangerous erosion of support from the people of the world's democracies.

Very truly yours,

Mary Abrams
President

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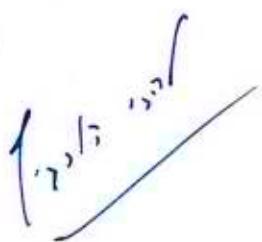
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June 12, 1988

His Excellency Mr. Yitzhak Shamir
Prime Minister of the State of Israel
JERUSALEM

His Excellency,

American Jewry is deeply concerned by the repeated attempts to amend the Law of Return in a manner that would have a negative impact on the unity of the Jewish people.

On numerous occasions the leaders of the major American Jewish organizations have expressed to the Prime Minister their deep concern regarding proposed amendment that would cause a serious rift within the Jewish people and a dangerous sense of alienation between the Jewish Community in the Diaspora and Israel.

At these same meetings with the Prime Minister we have expressed our opinion that this sensitive issue - which is the focus of a religious - halachic controversy - should not be resolved through parliamentary legislation. It was our understanding that His Excellency, the Prime Minister, was cognizant of the dangers which were brought to his attention and that he would not support such legislation.

Now, in the remaining weeks of the current Knesset, there is once again an unfortunate attempt to resolve this religious issue through parliamentary legislation. We are certain that His Excellency, the Prime Minister, will stand firmly against the proposed amendment to the Law of Return which will undoubtedly cause a great damage to the unity of the Jewish people.

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כבוד ראש הממשלה,

יהודי ארה"ב מוטרדים ממד הנסיוון החוזר על עצמו לתקן את חוק השבות באופן
שיפגע באחדותו ובשלימותו של העם היהודי.

בהתאם נזונות רבות הביעו באגדי ראש הממשלה מנהיגי הארגונים הראשיים של הקהילה
היהודית בארה"ב את חששותיהם מתייקון חוקתי כזה העולול לగרום לקרו וולפילוג בעם היהודי
ולניכור מסוכן בין התפוצה לבין ישראל.

באותן הזדמנויות הבינו את דעתנו שאות הנושא הרגיש השנוי בחלוקת דתית הלכתית
אין לפטור באמצעות חוקיקה פרלמנטרית ממלכתית. התרשנו באותן פגישות שכב' ראש הממשלה
עד לסקנות שהצענו עלייהן ושהוא לא יתן דעתו לחוקיקה כזאת.

עתה, במושב האחדרון של הכנסת ה-11, שוב החוזר על עצמו הנסיוון ליישב ויכוח הלכתית
באמצעות חוקיקה ממלכתית.

אנו סמכים ובוטחים שכב' ראש הממשלה יעמוד איתן נגד הנסיוון לפגוע באחדותו
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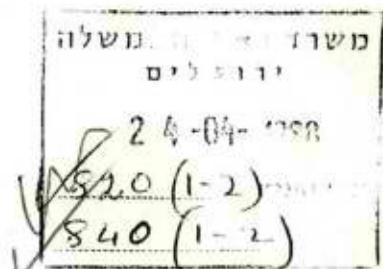
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Hon. Yitzhak Shamir
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Issue: More "land for peace"?

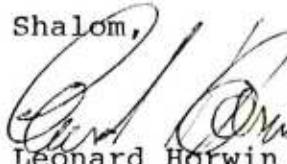
My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Because of their timeliness, I enclose copies of my following letters:

1. March 8, 1988 to 32 United States Senators, with copy to the President of the United States and Secretary of State.
2. April 18, 1988 to the Secretary of State with copy to the President.

I had the pleasure of hearing your very impressive talk, and being presented to you by the Glazers, at the World Affairs Council luncheon of March 18, 1988 at the Century Plaza Hotel, Los Angeles.

With very best wishes for your continued strength, purpose, and success, I remain,

Shalom,

Leonard Horwin

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NATIONAL CONVENTION IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM—JULY 3-7, 1988

April 11, 1988

His Excellency Yitzhak Shamir
Prime Minister of Israel
Prime Minister's Office
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Prime Minister Shamir:

As you are aware, the Zionist Organization of America will convene its 90th Anniversary Convention in Israel, July 3-7, 1988.

We are eagerly awaiting your confirmation that you will be the principal speaker at the closing banquet of the Convention on Wednesday evening, July 6th, at 7:30 P.M., at the Jerusalem Hilton Hotel.

Sharing the platform with you that evening will be a representative of both the United States Democratic and Republican Parties.

Mr. Prime Minister, we have embarked on an intensive campaign to promote attendance at the Convention, which will be a demonstration of unity and solidarity with the people of Israel.

We would greatly appreciate a letter from you which we could utilize in our promotional efforts. It is our opinion that such a letter would encourage the participation of our members in this historic ZOA Convention in Israel.

With Zionist greetings and our assurances of our esteem and high regard.

Cordially yours,
Milton S. Shapiro
Milton S. Shapiro
President

Ivan J. Novick
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Co-chairmen
ZOA 90th Anniversary Convention

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JERUSALEM—JULY 3-7, 1988

APRIL 5, 1988

TO: REGIONAL DIRECTORS
FROM: PAUL FLACKS
SUBJ: WE WILL NOT CANCEL!

BEFORE IT BECOMES RUMOR, PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT RUMOR WILL NOT BECOME FACT!

NO, ZOA WILL NOT CANCEL ITS 90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN ISRAEL!

WHEN NATIONAL STAFF RECENTLY MET IN NEW YORK, MUCH TIME WAS DEVOTED TO DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE CONVENTION AND DELEGATE ATTENDANCE. I REPORTED ABOUT MY RECENT VISIT TO ISRAEL WHERE, ACCCOMPANIED BY STEVE SCHWARTZ, KATHY BRANCH AND AL HELD, WE EXPERIENCED AN INTENSIVE WEEK DURING WHICH WE FINALIZED PROGRAM AND TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ZOA CONVENTION. IT WAS AN EXHILARATING EXPERIENCE, BECAUSE THERE WERE SO MANY EXCITING DETAILS WHICH WE WERE ABLE TO COMPLETE AND BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THIS CONVENTION IN ISRAEL WILL BE TRULY SPECIAL.

WE STAYED AT THE JERUSALEM HILTON, WHERE OUR CONVENTION WILL BE HELD. EVERTHING IS READY TO GO -- AND WE ARE RECEIVING ENTHUSIASTIC COOPERATION.

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OUR STAY IN JERUSALEM WAS PEACEFUL AND WITHOUT INCIDENT. IN FACT, THERE ARE NO VISIBLE SIGNS OF A PROBLEM IN THE AREAS WHERE OUR DELEGATES WILL BE MEETING OR VISITING.

CORRECTION: WE DID EXPERIENCE A MOST UNUSUAL EVENT.... SNOW FELL IN JERUSALEM DURING OUR VISIT. THIS WAS A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT TO BEHOLD, AND IT DEMONSTRATED THE UNIQUENESS OF THE ETERNAL CITY, WHICH RARELY HAS THIS EXPERIENCE.

THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION HAS MADE A COMMITMENT AND IT IS A COMMITMENT WHICH WE WILL KEEP. IN NO WAY WILL WE RETREAT, NOR WILL WE DO ANYTHING TO UNDERMINE THE MORALE AND CONFIDENCE OF THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL WHO DEPEND ON THE LOYALTY, SUPPORT AND DEDICATION OF AMERICAN JEWS -- ESPECIALLY AMERICAN ZIONISTS -- AS WELL AS THE MEMBERS, LEADERS AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF OF THE ZOA.

THERE IS NO VACILLATION IN OUR DETERMINATION TO PROCEED, AND EACH AND EVERY ZOA LEADER AND PROFESSIONAL SHOULD MAKE CERTAIN THAT EACH AND EVERY REGION AND ZOA DISTRICT WILL BE REPRESENTED IN UNPRECEDENTED NUMBERS.

OUR CONVENTION THEME REMAINS, "PRIDE IN THE PAST AND FAITH IN THE FUTURE," AND WE NOW ADD TO OUR THEME, "ZOA STANDS WITH ISRAEL TODAY."

OUR CONVENTION IN ISRAEL COMES AT A MOST DELICATE, SENSITIVE MOMENT IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY. IT IS A TIME WHEN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE DIASPORA IS SUBJECTED TO AN INTENSE CHALLENGE. THEREFORE, OUR BEING IN ISRAEL WILL BE AN EXPRESSION OF JEWISH

UNITY AND SOLIDARITY WHICH SHOULD BE FORTHCOMING FROM THOSE WHO TRULY CARE ABOUT THE WELFARE OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE, WHICH WE KNOW IS EMBODIED IN THE WELFARE OF THE JEWISH STATE.

GO FORWARD WITH ENTHUSIASM! IMPLEMENT A CAMPAIGN FOR CONVENTION ENROLLMENT THAT WILL INCLUDE THE PARTICIPATION OF EACH AND EVERY MEMBER WHO HAS ASSUMED A POSITION OF RESPONSIBILITY IN THE ZOA TODAY, IN THE PAST, OR HOPEFULLY, IN THE FUTURE.

PRIDE IN THE PAST -

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CC: REGIONAL AND DISTRICT PRESIDENTS
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PAUL FLACKS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ZOA TO HOLD 90TH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION IN ISRAEL

DECLARES REAFFIRMATION OF JEWISH UNITY

NEW YORK, NEW YORK -- The Zionist Organization of America will hold its 90th Anniversary Convention in Israel from July 3-7, 1988. ZOA anticipates that large numbers of members and friends will be motivated to attend this event, not only for its historical significance, but because recent developments call upon Jews to demonstrate their solidarity with the Jewish State.

ZOA President, Milton S. Shapiro, announced that Past Presidents Ivan J. Novick and Alleck A. Resnick will serve as Convention Co-Chairmen. Novick and Resnick called upon all American Jews to visit Israel during its 40th Anniversary Year.

Milton S. Shapiro stated: "At a time when Israel and all the Jewish people are challenged by a campaign of distortion and political pressure, world Jewry must express its support for Israel and its confidence in its leaders and its citizens." Continued Shapiro, "This is not the time for Diaspora Jews to play politics when the fate of Israel and its stature in the world community are at stake. All of us can be proud of a Jewish State that has, in a short 40 years, more than fulfilled its historic mission and has, in fact, been a 'light unto the nations' at a time when the world community needs the influence of democratic-thinking nations."

Novick and Resnick urge non-members of the ZOA to take advantage of this historic event by attending the Opening Session of the Convention,

which will be held in the Jerusalem Theater the evening of July 3, 1988.

Convention Vice Chairman, Isaac Oberman, stated: "This will be the Zionist Organization of America's most important convention since Theodor Herzl founded the Zionist Movement in Basil, Switzerland in 1890." This is why the Convention slogan, "Pride in the Past -- Faith in the Future," has been augmented with the additional theme, "Jewish Unity Now!"

Herschel Auerbach of Haifa, Israel, who also serves as Convention Vice Chairman, indicated that there will be present a full range of personalities and events, including Israel's President Chaim Herzog, Prime Minister Shamir, Foreign Minister Peres, Defense Minister Rabin and other governmental representatives and officials from the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency.

Included in the programming will be Plenary Sessions devoted to such themes as "Jewish-American Critics of Israel -- The Intellectual Left," "U.S.-Israel Relations: Economics - A Shift in Emphasis," and a full day which deals with various aspects of Aliyah titled, "There Is A Place For You."

Other important aspects of ZOA's Convention will include the first report of a special research project on Aliyah conducted by Professor Yaar of Tel Aviv University and underwritten by the Novick Institute on Diaspora Affairs.

Special highlights of the Convention will be a July 4th fireworks display at ZOA's Kfar Silver High School campus, a public demonstration of the unity between American Jews and Israelis and by a display of successful Aliyah through extensive home hospitality by American new

immigrants.

Former U.N. Ambassador Benjamin Netanyahu illustrated the problem and the solution when he stated in a recent communication to ZOA leadership, "Israelis are led to falsely believe that most of the Jewish people are indifferent or hostile to Israel. Undoubtedly, the best way to counteract this false impression is for American Jews to visit Israel."

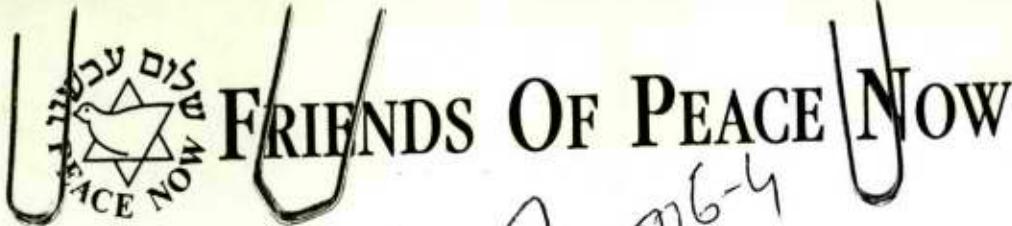
Executive Vice President Paul Flacks emphasized that Zionists have a special responsibility to demonstrate solidarity with Israel. He announced that the ZOA Convention is open to all ZOA members and friends. Travel packages and other travel options are available. For more information, call ZOA Tours at 1-800-223-6393 or 212-481-1500.

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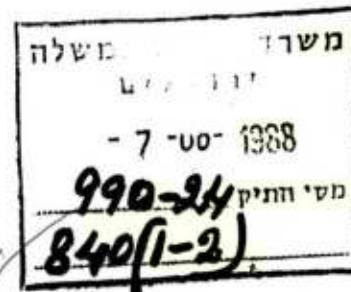


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7 April 1988

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir
The Knesset
Jerusalem
ISRAEL

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Enclosed are petitions bearing the signatures of over 200 Los Angeles Jews who attended a Peace Now rally in Beverly Hills on March 13, 1988.

The petitions call on your government to accept Secretary of State George Schultz' peace initiative as a first-- if imperfect-- step toward a peaceful political resolution of the Palestinian/Israeli conflict.

Over 1000 American Jews attended the rally, to demonstrate their support for Israel in its time of crisis and to speak out in favor of Peace Now's position.

On your next visit to Los Angeles, please include a discussion with the prominent members of our advisory board, so that we can find effective, non-divisive ways to convey our views.

Thank you.

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ISRAEL'S 40th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

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THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCES

HOTEL PIERRE

New York, NY

Sunday, March 20th, 1988

March 30, 1988

Dinner Chairman:

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Robert and Sarah Wax

His Excellency Prime Minister,
YITZHAK SHAMIR,
OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER,
Jerusalem, ISRAEL.

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

We are addressing this letter to you on behalf of the Organizing Committee of the American Friends of the Israel Defense Forces for the celebration of Israel's 40th Anniversary and the close to 500 guests who attended the Benefit Dinner for the Aguda Lemaan Hachayal, which was held on Sunday, March 20, 1988, at the Pierre Hotel in New York.

We understood that we had a firm commitment from you to attend our dinner between 7:00 and 8:00 P.M. that night. This was confirmed by Mr. Yosef Ben Aharon from your office and verified by the Consul General of Israel in New York, Moshe Yegar.

Your anticipated presence caused a great deal of excitement and, had you been there, you would have witnessed a rare show of enthusiastic appreciation to you and, through you, to the heroic defenders of our blessed homeland.

The ballroom of the Pierre was filled to capacity with committed and dedicated Jews. You cannot imagine the let-down that was felt when suddenly it was announced over the loudspeaker that, at the last minute, without any due notification, and for no valid reason whatsoever given to us, you had abruptly decided to cancel your appearance.

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March 30, 1988

Honorable George P. Shultz
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street, N.W.
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Dear George:

There is a great temptation to oversimplify problems in foreign affairs, especially by those who do not carry responsibility for their administration. I hope I do not oversimplify in this brief letter, but I would like to lay before you some elemental truths which must profoundly affect your continuing efforts to move the peace process in the middle east.

There is no one I admire and respect more than you in public life today, for your courage, intelligence, your integrity, your basic fairness and your uncomplicated desire to try to resolve the Arab-Israel conflict. I respect and admire your present efforts, although, as I suspect you know, I do not agree with your fundamental premises, nor am I hopeful that they will bear fruit as presently administered, although I very much hope I am wrong.

When I saw you briefly during the ADL meetings in Palm Beach in February I tried to express my conviction of what was necessary in order to make a meaningful movement towards resolution of the conflict. The fundamental fact is that except for Egypt no Arab state has accepted the legitimacy of Israel, and until all of the relevant states of the region accept the reality of Israel's existence

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CLAUDE PEPPER

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

March 28, 1988

I am honored to have been selected as the Tribute Chairman for an International Dinner of Tribute honoring Dr. Irving Lehrman on Saturday evening, December 17, 1988 at the Fontainebleau Hilton Hotel in Miami Beach, Florida.

Dr. Lehrman, whom I have counted as one of my closest friends for more than four decades, is being saluted on the occasion of both the 50th anniversary of the founding of Temple Emanu-El of Greater Miami and of the 45th anniversary of his service as Rabbi of the congregation.

Under his dynamic leadership, Temple Emanu-El has developed into one of the major synagogues in our nation, and, indeed, the world. He has served with great distinction as president of the Synagogue Council of America, as national chairman of the Rabbinic Cabinet of the United Jewish Appeal, as national vice president of the Zionist Organization of America, as a national board member of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, as general chairman of the Combined Jewish Appeal of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, as chairman of the board of the State of Israel Bonds Organization of Greater Miami and as chairman of the Jewish National Fund Foundation in Florida.

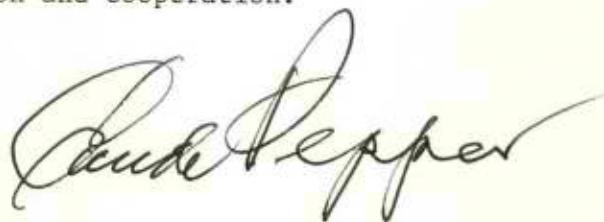
His community service extends far beyond the confines of the Jewish community, and the list of his activities is far too long to spell out in detail here.

We are preparing a Tribute Album to be distributed on the occasion of the anniversary dinner, and would be honored if you could send a letter which could be included in this most meaningful volume. The book also will contain a detailed history -- in words and pictures -- of the history of Temple Emanu-El, Dr. Lehrman and the South Florida community. In addition to you, we are inviting all of the present and former Governors, United States Senators and Congressmen representing South Florida to send greetings for inclusion in this historic Tribute Album.

Your message may be sent to my attention at Temple Emanu-El of Greater Miami, 1701 Washington Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida 33139. If you have any questions, please call me.

Thank you for your consideration and cooperation.

Sincerely,



The American Jewish Committee



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March 28, 1988

His Excellency Yitzhak Shamir
Prime Minister
Kiryat Ben Gurion
Jerusalem

Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

Please accept this earnest request to meet with the principal officers of the American Jewish Committee at your convenience sometime between April 15 and April 20.

Mr. Theodore Ellenoff our President, and Mr. Bertram Gold our Executive Vice President, are coming to Israel at this time on their own cognizance, to gain a better appreciation of the current situation, to share views following recent meetings in the US and to take counsel together on how best the AJC can be helpful to the State of Israel in the immediate future.

I will be calling your office in the immediate days ahead with the hopeful expectation that your response will be positive and a meeting time will be fixed.

With best wishes for a hag sameach.

Respectfully yours,

Dr. M. Bernard Resnikoff
Acting Director

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GUILFORD GLAZER
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March 25, 1988

Dear Yitzhak,

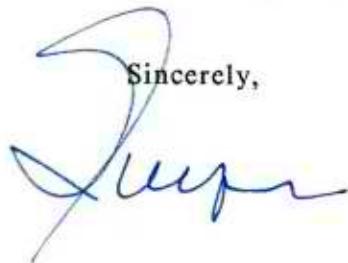
This is just a note to say how sorry I was to become ill with the flu and therefore unable to be with you while you were in California.

The main purpose in this letter is to tell you that your visit to the United States was a great success. There were many Americans -- Jewish especially -- who had planned for you to be criticized while you were here. Your forthrightness, frankness and very clear delivery brought about the opposite. That is, you elicited admiration and understanding. I very much want to congratulate you.

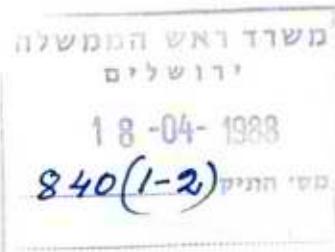
We all pray that solutions will be found. I know you are tractable. All you need is a decent and honorable negotiating partner. The idea of demanding that you grant concessions in advance while you have no one to grant them to is ridiculous and America now understands that.

Our best to Shulamit.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Yitzhak Shamir
Prime Minister of Israel
The Knesset
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March 23, 1988

H.E. Yitzchak Shamir
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Office of the Prime Minister
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Dear Prime Minister;

On behalf of the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation Council of Greater Los Angeles, I am grateful that you were able to spend time with leaders of the Los Angeles business community last Friday afternoon. It was an honor and privilege to meet with you and receive your first-hand briefing on the current situation.

Because I understand the many demands made on your time during your brief visit to Los Angeles, I am especially grateful that you agreed to participate in this meeting. One of the major goals of the Community Relations Committee is to tell Israel's "story" to the members of the non-Jewish community of our city. Your willingness to assist us in meeting this vital objective is greatly appreciated.

We were honored to have you as a guest in our city and we join with you and all citizens of Israel in the fervent desire for peace and security for the Jewish State and all its people.

Very truly yours,

Marvin M. Gross

Rabbi Marvin M. Gross, Director
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His Honorable Yitzhak Shamir
Prime Minister, Israel
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Dear Prime Minister Shamir:

I was privileged to be with you today at the World Sephardic Federation. Your compelling statements, along with the superb article published in Foreign Affairs, informed our understanding of the situation in Israel with a logic and moral force so needed at this juncture.

Your strong call for a show of support from your American audience, which would include travel to Israel now, and sending our children to Israel through various programs, this summer, has prompted this letter.

Further to my personal commitment as Chairman of American Zionist Youth Foundation, I would request your support in reaching out to diaspora youth.

The Jewish Agency has instructed us to make serious programming cuts now, when we in fact should be increasing our efforts.

Widely known for its Zionist grass-roots educational and community projects, culminating in travel and study in Israel, AZYF has long been active in Zionist education for our youth, culminating in the sponsorship of the Salute to Israel Parade.

The mission of AZYF---a clearing house for Zionist youth activity and the largest Zionist youth organization in the world---is to foster study in Israel. Each year, AZYF processes the travel of thousands of young people through educational programs, providing scholarships and sending increasing numbers of young people to Israel on short and long-term programs.

Each of our departments works synergistically, providing a wide sweep across the major American communities in the United States. This past Thursday,



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for instance, our University Services Department, with only a week's notice, gathered together under one roof over 600 college and graduate students to hear Benjamin Netanyahu ask them to become soldiers for truth for Israel, and to consider Aliya. AZYF believes that first, they must be encouraged to travel and study in Israel.

We would not presume to make unjustified requests at this time, but would respectfully request your intervention so that within the budget of the Jewish Agency, a re-examination of funding priorities takes place.

We are in full agreement with you that this summer our mission is especially important. AZYF through the years, has coped with budgetary restraints. We have just been notified of further serious cuts in our budget. We will find it impossible to realize our goals.

In summary, Mr. Prime Minister, we here feel that raising the awareness of American Jewish youth to the Zionist ideal along with travel to Israel for study, is of great importance especially for this coming season. May we respectfully request therefore, that you address this important matter, as you did in the cogent message delivered Sunday to your American audience, to the Jewish Agency, as well, with the hope that some further clarity of understanding on this issue may ensue with them, as it certainly did for us.

Mr. Prime Minister, our hearts and hopes are with you at this time.

Sincerely,

AMERICAN ZIONIST YOUTH FOUNDATION

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TO: Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir
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FROM: Lawrence D. Gibson, President



The sentiments expressed in the attached resolution passed by the Jewish Community Relations Council at its Board meeting on February 15, 1988, reflect our deep love and commitment to the State of Israel. It was passed after painful consideration by our Board of the difficult dilemmas and options facing Israel.

This resolution is not being released to the press or public.

STATEMENT ON THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT

JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL
OF MINNESOTA AND THE DAKOTAS
February 15, 1988

In proclaiming the Jewish State, the Zionist movement consciously affirmed that an ancient people could accept the challenge of modern statehood without abandoning its ethical values -- that this government could adhere to its people's cherished ethos of social justice and civic decency.

Two decades of occupation, the bitter fruit of the Six Day War, have taken their toll. The occupation brutalizes and dehumanizes occupier and occupied, jeopardizes hopes of future co-existence and threatens the Jewish character of Israel. Today, strife between Palestinians and Israelis monopolizes public opinion.

We share Israel's agony over the recent unrest in Gaza and the West Bank, and its frustration in effectively dealing with it. We call on Israel, as it carries out its responsibility to maintain order, to make even greater efforts for the preservation of human rights.

We are confident that Israel shares our conviction that new initiatives must be undertaken to achieve peace. All alternatives must be considered, including direct negotiations, a willingness to consider territorial compromise, and a resolve to end the occupation on mutually acceptable grounds. The risks and benefits of an international umbrella for peace talks must be carefully considered. However, there is no hope in perpetuation of the status quo.

We recognize the historical context of the current situation, Israel's many attempts to negotiate, the hostility of many foes whose fanatical goal is Israel's destruction, and the difficulty in finding a responsible representative party with whom to negotiate. We commend Israel for its continuing efforts to find peace and we encourage Israel to persist.

We in the Diaspora cannot presume to dictate actions in Israel. But we are obligated to express our deep concern as well as our continued support; what affects Israel affects all Jews, for we are indeed one people. *V'nafsheinu Keshura B'nafshechem.* (Our soul is bound up with your soul.)

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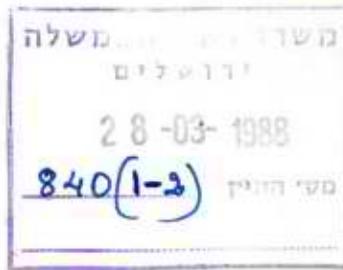
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STATEMENT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER BRIDGEPORT (PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL)

March 10, 1988

TO THE HONORABLE YITZHAK SHAMIR:

The Jewish Federation of Greater Bridgeport is an agency serving the Jewish community of Eastern Fairfield County, Connecticut. As such, it has, and will maintain, a strong commitment to doing whatever it is able, to both support the State of Israel and assure its continued viability as a free and democratic nation. But we believe that there exists in our community a deep concern over recent events in Israel and a level of frustration and anxiety which has not existed since the creation of the State - not in 1956, not in 1967, not in 1973, and not in 1982. Our intent is not to offer a resolution of existing tension, for we share both your struggle and pain in your attempt to formulate a constructive resolution. However, we are disturbed by a government policy which we interpret as transmitting, at best, an insensitivity, and, at worst, a total disregard for those humane values we have held dear throughout the generations, to wit:

1. WE BELIEVED THAT ISRAEL'S INITIAL REACTION WAS REFLEXIVE AND THAT AN APPROPRIATE POLICY WOULD BE DEVELOPED. HOWEVER, STATED GOVERNMENT POLICY IS DIFFICULT TO COMPREHEND WHEN MR. RABIN'S "BREAK THEIR BONES" EXPRESSION IS FOLLOWED BY A GOVERNMENT DENIAL THAT THIS IS OFFICIAL POLICY. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE AMERICAN MEDIA HAS BEEN GROSSLY UNFAIR IN ITS TREATMENT OF ISRAEL, A DENIAL OF BEATINGS WHEN EVIDENCE IS TO THE CONTRARY CAN EVOKE NOTHING BUT DISTRUST.

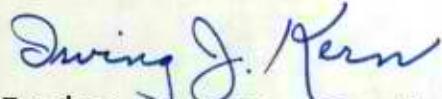
2. WHILE WE DO NOT POSSESS THE DEFINITIVE ANSWER TO PEACE IN THE REGION, IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT THE REACTION TO DATE TO VARIOUS PEACE INITIATIVES, INCLUDING THAT OF THE UNITED STATES, HAS BEEN LESS THAN ENTHUSIASTIC. SINCE ANY PROPOSED PROCESS AND/OR PEACE TREATY MUST BE AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL, THE UNWILLINGNESS TO, AT THE VERY LEAST, DISCUSS SUCH A PROCESS, WITHOUT PREJUDICE, IS UNFORTUNATE.

3. WE PERCEIVE GOVERNMENT ACTION AS EXACERBATING THE EXISTING PROBLEM. WHAT POSSIBLE RATIONALE COULD THE GOVERNMENT HAVE FOR ANNOUNCING THE CREATION OF ADDITIONAL SETTLEMENTS AT A TIME WHEN IT SHOULD BE EXPLORING ALL POSSIBLE MEANS TO DEFUSE THE SITUATION? PREDETERMINED TIMETABLES NOTWITHSTANDING, SUCH ACTION IS INFLAMMATORY. THE QUESTION IS NOT WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT HAS THE RIGHT OR AUTHORITY TO CREATE NEW SETTLEMENTS, BUT TO DO SO AT THIS TIME ONLY ADDS TO EXISTING TENSION.

4. REGARDLESS OF THE FINAL OUTCOME, ISRAEL WILL HAVE TO LIVE, SIDE BY SIDE, WITH AN ARAB POPULATION. ONGOING, RANDOM BEATINGS AND CONTINUAL VERBAL HARASSMENT WILL ONLY PROPAGATE THIS DEEP-SEATED ANIMOSITY AND MAKE THE CREATION OF A TRUE CALM UNATTAINABLE FOR DECADES TO COME.

We would hope that it is understood that these concerns emanate from dedicated, American Jews who have volunteered countless time and much energy in an attempt to create a better Jewish community, while maintaining a deep commitment to the State of Israel. Leadership must lead, and to do so now means the creation and implementation of the viable solutions needed to resolve the existing crisis. While it is a time of great unrest, it is also a time of opportunity. We pray that there exists the foresight and ability to seize that opportunity.

Sincerely Yours,



Irving J. Kern, President
THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER BRIDGEPORT

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Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir
Office of the Prime Minister
Jerusalem, ISRAEL

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I enjoyed the opportunity to sit with you and meet with you during the recent visit of the Conference of Presidents to Israel.

Your candid presentation to us of your policies was very helpful and cleared up some of the confusion.

I look forward to welcoming you during your coming visit to the United States.

I wish you success in your mission of peace.

With warm personal regards.

Cordially,

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His Excellency Yitzhak Shamir
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My Dear Prime Minister Shamir:

I hope this finds you and yours in the best of health.

Priorities change, but the needs of the disadvantaged children, teens and elderly always remain the same.

As you know once a year we hold our HI-BID AUCTION, at the NEW PEABODY HOTEL on Saturday night, June 4th and each year we have a tremendous crowd with standing room only.

Your last donation of an autographed copy of your picture was the "HIT" of the auction. Could you please send an autographed copy of the "WONDERS" OF ISRAEL? We need your help.

Shalom

Accept my sincere thanks for all consideration and please let me hear from you.

My very best regards.

Sincerely,

David Furman

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February 29, 1988

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Hon. Yitzhak Shamir
Prime Minister, State of Israel
Kiryat Ben Gurion
Ruppin Road #3
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Mr. Shamir:

The Chicago Zionist Federation, local affiliate of the American Zionist Federation, umbrella organization of the Zionist organizations in the greater Chicago area, is planning a gala, community-wide celebration of Yom Yerushalayim on Sunday, May 15, 1988.

The 21st Anniversary of the Reunification of Jerusalem following the Six Day War of 1967 occurs on a Sunday, thus making it possible to commemorate the occasion with a festive parade which will unite the entire Jewish community and help forge living fraternal bonds with the people of Israel and the United States.

The parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. The route will commence at the Bernard Horwitz JCC, 3003 West Touhy Ave., Chicago, and culminate at the Associated Talmud Torahs Center at 2828 West Pratt Blvd.

We have the sincere pleasure of extending an invitation to you to participate with us in this parade. We would be most honored if you would grace the dais and extend greetings on behalf of the State of Israel. Your presence will lend prestige and dignity to this auspicious event. If your schedule does not permit your attendance, we will be delighted to read your message to our assembly.

We anticipate the pleasure of your favorable reply.

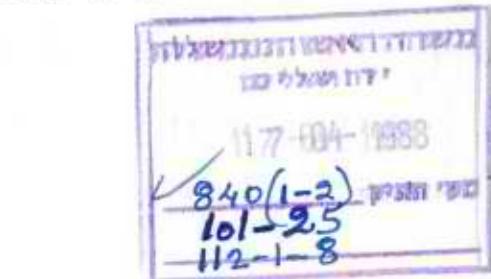
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The Honorable Yitzhak Shamir
Prime Minister of Israel
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Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

The Officers of the Zionist Organization of America extend a most cordial invitation to you to address the closing banquet of the ZOA 90th Anniversary Convention on Wednesday evening, July 6, 1988. It will take place at 8:00 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Jerusalem Hilton Hotel.

10pm.

This Convention will be the culminating event of our year round activities in observance of Israel's 40th Anniversary, and will also mark an important milestone for the ZOA as the oldest American Zionist organization.

We expect to have in attendance several hundred delegates from the United States, high ranking officials from the Israel Government, members of the diplomatic community, as well as an important cross section of the Jerusalem and Tel Aviv communities.

Mr. Prime Minister, as you are aware, the President of Israel, the Prime Minister and other important dignitaries have consistently graced the ZOA platform at previously held ZOA conventions in Israel and, as always, it will be a distinct honor and pleasure to have you address our delegates at this historic convention.

In this moment of great challenge, the Zionist Organization of America stands steadfastly at your side and we will continue energetically and enthusiastically to give support to the Government of Israel and the Jewish people.

With Zionist greetings.

MSS/er
CC: Mr. Harry Hurwitz

February 24, 1988



Cordially yours,

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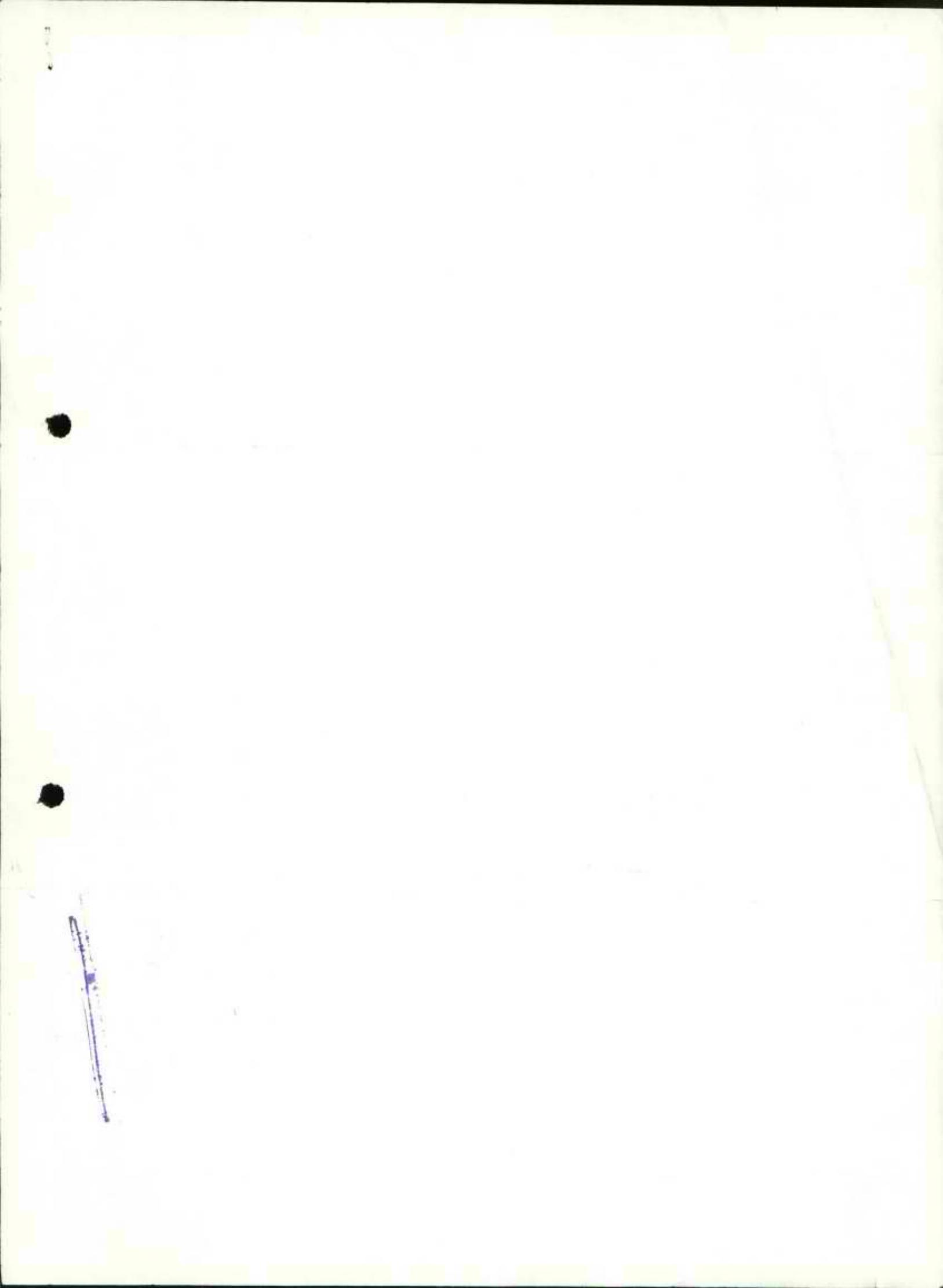
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Dear Mr. President:

Everybody is disturbed about the demonstrations taking place in Israel.

1. The Israelis are of course most disturbed.
2. From the standpoint of what is best for the United States, let us not overlook the fact that Israel is our strongest military ally and is protecting the Eastern Mediterranean from any possible Soviet entry into that area.
3. If out of these demonstrations Israel is weakened, that weakens the United States also.
4. No one knows really to what extent the Soviets are involved in this situation, but we do know that the Soviets have training bases for the PLO and that the Soviets totally and completely support the PLO.
5. Let us not forget that the first thing the Sandinistas did was bring in the PLO for assistance and collaboration, along with the Cubans and North Koreans.
6. The involvement of the Soviets in the disturbances in Israel should be investigated, especially when one looks at the three categories of leaflets being distributed in the Arab areas where the demonstrations are presently taking place:
 - a. One leaflet is distributed by the Fundamentalists. These leaflets call for a Jihad, which translated means "Holy War". These people are linked with Khomeini followers and they want war against any non-Moslems and against Moslems who are not Fundamentalists.
 - b. Another leaflet distributed by the PLO calls for continued armed struggle against Israel until the entire area of Palestine, including of course Israel, is taken over. The day that takes place - if ever - means that the United States will have no strong ally in that area and that the U.S. will be forced to enter that area in a major way to deter the Soviets just as the U. S. has been doing since 1950 in South Korea, and since 1945 in Japan, and as the U. S. is doing in Western Europe. This could mean tens of billions of dollars of costs to

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the U. S. and the lives of many American service men being placed on the line - not to speak of the Democracy of Israel disappearing.

c. A third category of leaflets is being distributed by the Communist Party of the West Bank and Gaza, calling for an "International Conference" with the participation of the Soviet Union to help "solve the Palestinian problem". Keep in mind that the Soviets will bring Syria initially to such a conference. If Jordan and Syria are sitting in the same room initially, King Hussein could never settle for anything less than whatever Syria demands. Syria will demand everything - then nothing will happen because it is not likely that Israel will commit suicide by capitulating to Syria. There has been talk that at an International Conference the Soviets and Americans would come in and start the meeting and then leave. It has been very clear that the Soviets have not agreed to be passive at such a conference, but on the contrary, Gorbachev has stated that the Soviet Union would be active. To be more explicit, Gorbachev has said that his Government will not accept a limited role at an International Conference.

7. This entire picture is very complicated. If the U. S. rushes in and pressures Israel toward a settlement that endangers Israel's security, U. S. interests will also be endangered. We must not let a relative few rioting young people stampede the U. S. into trouble. That is exactly what those who inspired the riots desire.

This is a time when frank and close collaboration between the U. S. and Israel is needed.

No President has been a better friend to Israel than Ronald Reagan. You have your heart in the right place. You understand the security needs of the U. S. better than any past President. There is absolutely no question that the U. S.-Israel alliance must be strengthened - not weakened.

Howard Baker and I are close friends. I am a very close friend of Itzhak Shamir's. I probably can be of help. Please feel free to call on me.

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President Ronald Reagan
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Sincerely,



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To Prime Minister Yitchak Shamir
Jerusalem, Israel

משרד ראש הממשלה
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Dear Mr. Shamir,

There is an old story of two Jews who passed each other in a Jewish neighborhood. One came up to the other and said, "I'm sure I know you from somewhere!" The second answered, "No, I don't think that we know each other." The first Jew thought for a second, "I remember! It was at Mt. Sinai that we met, along with all of the other Jews!" And the second answered, "You're right. Forgive me... there was so much noise and so much going on, I must have been distracted..."

I write to you on very much the same terms. You may not know me very well, but we met at Sinai. Being an American Jew, I may seem to you as if I came from another planet. As a traditional Rabbi, I know that feeling. I sometimes think that my own congregants regard me as living in a different world when I talk with them about observing Shabbat and Kashrut, wearing tefillin, etc. But we all know each other, because we met at Sinai. And that's why I wanted to write to you, because as Jews we have a common concern about what is happening in Israel today.

I never believed in some of the things that have been said by a few misguided American Jews about Israel in recent years. I never believed in cutting ties with other Jews just because we disagreed...even when we disagreed about gut issues. I never believed in the line given by those who refused to contribute to United Jewish Appeal, because I know that the money UJA spends provides critical social services and has nothing to do with defense policies. I always regarded that line as an excuse for people who didn't want to give to Israel in the first place.

I certainly wouldn't believe in a lot of what the media has to say about Israel. Double Vision, Zev Chafets' book about the double standard which the media applies to Israel, is just as true now as it was when it was written after the Lebanon war. The major morning newspaper in Houston recently printed a cartoon showing several Israeli soldiers with a pot of chicken soup, smiling as if on a greeting card; the appended message was "Happy Holocaust." While I was in Israel in early January, ABC Nightline showed South African Prime Minister Botha back to back with Shimon Peres. We're used to seeing those kinds of sickening equivalences, comparing Israel with the worst the world has to offer.

Even better friends of Israel sometimes fall into that trap of the double standard. Last Wednesday (January 27), A.M. Rosenthal, formerly of the New York Times, printed an editorial in which he said some very smart things and some very stupid ones. For instance, he said, "Israel cannot use guns to shoot demonstrators." Mr. Rosenthal has obviously never had demonstrators coming straight at him with rocks bigger than his head and Molotov cocktails. He seems to believe that those soldiers wouldn't shoot because Israel can't afford that kind of self-defense. Who was it who said the only Jew is a dead Jew? Rabbi Yitz Greenberg once put it another way. He said that "if Jews are 10% better than the rest of the world, that's very good. If they are 20% better, that's incredible; and if they are 25% better, they are probably dead."

I have read about the Israelis in the United States today representing the "Committee of Victims against Terrorism." They and their families have a lot more right to talk about Israeli morality than A. M. Rosenthal does.

Like you, Mr. Shamir, I never believed that Israel should talk with the murderers and thugs in the PLO. Perhaps the PLO does represent the Palestinians. That in itself is not convincing. Hitler, after all, was an elected leader of Germany. For that matter, Meir Kahane is an elected member of Knesset. He obviously has a constituency. Nevertheless, that doesn't mean that we should automatically invite him to our synagogues and give him a forum for his bigoted views. I wouldn't have much interest in the snide comments of the British undersecretary who was so critical of Israel's behavior in the Gaza Strip a few weeks ago. I did, however, get a good laugh from "Dry Bones", the Jerusalem Post cartoonist, who suggested that it was the perfect time for turning Gaza back over to the British. They obviously did such a wonderful job managing it during the Mandate period! The British could then vacation on the sunny coast of Gaza, and the Palestinians could spend their free weekends in Ulster.

I also never believed that our problems were the fault of Likud, your party, the party of Begin. After all, Peres in all of his years as leader of the Labor Party, never raised his voice against the creation of Jewish settlements which had nothing to do with security or land which was previously held by Jews (before 1948). And the policy currently being used to intimidate Palestinians is more the policy of Defense Minister Rabin (also of the Labor Party) than of anyone else. You may not be as knowledgeable as he is about American Jewry. I hope you do know how hopeless any policy is that relies on brutality and is produced from sheer frustration.

It is also obvious that most of the blame for the recent uprisings must fall on the Arabs themselves. The recent meeting of Arab leaders in Amman produced no interest and no statement about the needs of the Palestinians. The uprisings are a product of the frustration of children, like the gangs who are stoning Jewish homes in East Talpiot. While they also will not be stopped with brutality, it is understandable that there is a great bitterness in Israel over the Arab hostility. We have been through so many wars, and as it said in last week's Torah Portion, "there was no house in which there were no dead." And some of our anger over our losses has been repressed for many a year, and it is beginning to show.

Even if they weren't from your political party, I'm sure you would admit that two of the great Zionists of our time were David Ben Gurion and Golda Meir. Ben Gurion had an absolute devotion to the goals of Zionism, but he also knew how to be flexible and compromise when some of those goals could not immediately be achieved. When the United Nations offered us a Jewish State in the 1947 Partition Plan, a state that was tenuous and tiny and fell far short of the geographical goals which many of us wanted, and there was a great question as to whether such a state could survive for very long, Ben Gurion nevertheless immediately acceded to the plan and then led us in defense of that new state. And for his willingness to accept less than the ideal, he has the lasting gratitude of the entire Jewish world. Golda has been in our thoughts a lot in these last couple of months. She was the one who said after the Six Day War, "We can forgive the Arabs for killing our children, but we can never forgive them for forcing our children to kill them." Look what a prophet Golda turned out to be. She knew what could happen to our boys, and to a state that constantly had to concentrate on killing its enemies.

I assume that you are well acquainted with Scripture and probably know the passage from chapter 7 of Ecclesiastes: "Sometimes a good man perishes in spite of his

goodness, and sometimes a wicked one endures in spite of his wickedness. So don't overdo goodness and don't act the wise man to excess, or you may be dumfounded. Don't overdo wickedness and don't be a fool, or you may die before your time."

There's a lot of goodness in the State of Israel, and this is no time to forget it. There are also wickedness and foolishness and illusions that must be destroyed.

For years we've had the illusion that Israel's current quarters provided security. We've been told that Israel can't go back to the 1967 borders, which would put Arabs within ten kilometers of Tel Aviv. Can the current situation be described as security? We see homes in East Talpiot and Egged busses stoned by Arabs from East Jerusalem. Do we see 100,000 workers staying home, and Israeli agri-business talking about bringing in labor from Portugal, because Israel is so secure? We have settlers living thirty or forty kilometers from Amman who are much more secure than many Jerusalemites! No one in the army today, not even Rabin himself, believes in the security argument any more.

Many have held up the illusion of morality about this occupation. "It is right to hold on to the West Bank," they say. "This is Jewish land, it always was Jewish land, and we have no right to abandon it."

I don't question that it is right to maintain certain settlements. We know that there are many places that were Jewish owned and settled before 1948, and the Arabs drove out the inhabitants. The children and grandchildren came back after 1967, and I see no compelling reason why any should be asked to leave.

But there is a difference between maintaining some areas as Jewish territory, and maintaining the entire occupation. It's not moral to hold that you can just provide autonomy to the Arab inhabitants, especially when you define autonomy as the right to decide what color to paint the street signs, while Jews make decisions about defense, taxes, land disposal, etc. It is not moral to think that somehow you can make two million, going on three million Palestinians, loyal Israelis.

This most recent round of beatings of Palestinians ought to make you wonder about our morality. Here in America it makes all of us sad, and it makes the vast majority of us a little nauseous.

You've said in the past that Diaspora Jews say these things because they're afraid of the goyim. The only thing I'm afraid of, Mr. Shamir, is that you don't know Diaspora Jewry.

It is not moral to think that the occupation can go on indefinitely without bringing us down to the level of those who hate us. If we come down too far from Sinai, Mr. Shamir, we won't know each other any more.

Recently Yossi Goell wrote in the Jewish Week that there is one lesson Israel can learn from the history of the Palestinian National Movement. "It is precisely because their leaders have insisted on getting 100% of their demands that the Palestinians ended up with nothing." There again was the greatness of our earlier Zionists; they knew their goals and were prepared to get them a little at a time. "It would be tragic indeed if, through stupidity and capitulation to extremists, Israel ended up by emulating its enemies."

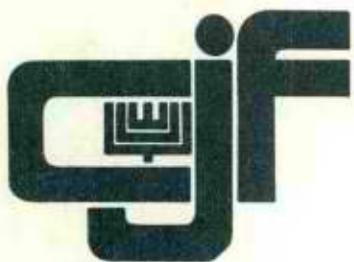
Mr. Shamir, Israel needs a change. Your own party, including Mayor Lahat of Tel Aviv and five members of its central committee, are trying to tell you just that.

- Either hold elections in the West Bank and Gaza, and talk peace with whoever gets elected, or decide unilaterally on appropriate borders for Israel and pull out every Israeli soldier from beyond those borders. Then let the United Nations and Jordan and the Palestinians themselves fight over what kind of government to establish there.

I will be back in Israel within a few years. It's too hard to stay away for too long. I hope that by then you and Israel will have answered this message and all of the messages from our people.

Sincerely yours,

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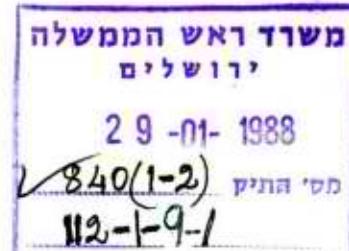
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January 28, 1988

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Honorable Yitzhak Shamir
Prime Minister of Israel
Prime Minister's Bureau
HaKirya
Jerusalem



Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

During the week of February 11 - 18, 1988, the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency will be holding meetings in Jerusalem. At that time the new President of the Council of Jewish Federations, Mandell L. Berman, and the Executive Vice President, Carmi Schwartz, will be in Israel to attend.

On their behalf, I would like to request that a meeting be arranged for you to meet with them for two purposes. One is to be introduced to our new President, Mr. Berman. The other is to discuss the present relationship between the North American Jewish community and Israel.

I understand that your schedule is very demanding; consequently, we are prepared to be flexible in accommodating you as much as possible. We have appreciated your availability to meet with the leadership of the Council of Jewish Federations in the past, and we look forward to meeting with you in February.

In the next few days, one of the staff members from this office will call to arrange for the specific time of the meeting.

Sincerely,

Stephen G. Donshik, D.S.W.

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cc.to: Harry Hurwitz

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His Excellency The Prime Minister of Israel:

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The largest and grandest of all celebrations to be held in North America commemorating the State of Israel's 40th Anniversary will be held in South Florida. **Shalom Fest '88**, which will take place at Gulfstream Park in Hallandale, Florida, will be held on Saturday night, March 12, 1988 and Sunday, March 13, 1988, will highlight many of Israel's excellent products, services and technologies which are exported to the U.S. and Canada. For the first time ever, an expected 100,000 people will personally experience products, services and technologies which underscore the incredible progress the State of Israel has made in its 40 years of existence.

Shalom Fest '88 will also feature Israeli singers, dancers, musicians and the various diverse cultures that make up the people of Israel. Major American institutions which service many of the State of Israel economies, philanthropies and social needs will be there to distribute informational literature. Miss Israel will reign as the queen of the festival.

The Vice President of the United States, Mr. George Bush, is expected to be with us for the grand occasion. We are hoping to have both yourself, Mr. Prime Minister, and the Vice President of the U.S.A. view of fly-over of an American and an Israeli plane, followed by an air show which will dramatically underscore the special relationship between these two great countries.

The international media, which will cover the event, will help focus world attention on the commitment of both the State of Israel and the United States in preserving democratic ideals and their partnership in working for world peace.

An event such as **Shalom Fest** can do much to portray Israel as a progressive, peace-loving, commercially-oriented nation, which has made enormous contributions to Western culture in all areas of human endeavors. How desperately, in light of recent negative press, Israel needs to have the world see it as it truly is: a sensitive nation concerned with the basic needs of its survival. The unifying presence of the Prime Minister of Israel will help underscore this theme.

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January 6, 1988

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir
Office of the Prime Minister
Kiryat Ben-Gurion
Jerusalem

Dear Prime Minister Shamir:

A leadership group of the American Jewish Congress will visit Israel on a fact-finding mission to the Middle East. The group will be led by our president, Mr. Theodore Mann, and our Executive Director, Mr. Henry Siegman.

The group will arrive in Israel from Egypt and Jordan on Friday, January 22 and will remain through Monday, January 25 for a series of meetings. They have especially asked to meet with you to hear your assessment of the current situation as well as to exchange views on those issues of such vital concern to all of us.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,

David Clayman
Israel Director

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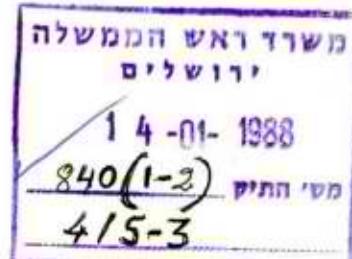
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January 4, 1988

Mr. Morris B. Abram, Chairman
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Dear Mr. Abram,

Congratulations to you on account of your letter to the editor of the ^New York Times (January 3) exposing the relentless and long-standing pro-Arab bias in the columns of Times reporter Anthony Lewis. Lewis's partisanship and distortions of the Arab-Israel conflict have been monstrous and long in need of a public exposure and rebuke such as contained in your letter.

By a marvelous convergence, your letter appears alongside one by David J. Sadd, Executive Director of the National Assn of Arab Americans which plainly indicates that the Arabs do not even now accept the 1947 UN partition plan of the Holy Land.

This too gives the lie to Anthony Lewis and his pro-Arafat, pro-Arab friends that the Arabs are ready to settle for reasonable compromises with Israel. Sadd's letter also indicates that any so-called "lands for peace" settlement, today, would but be a transitory step on the Arab way to the elimination of Israel as a nation.

Yours truly,

Milton Gaman

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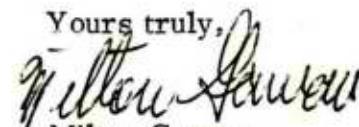
Dear Ms. Popkin,

The other day a pro-P. L. O. rally was held outside the Israeli embassy in Washington. Aside from anti-Zionist and anti-Israel sloganizing, its major theme was a call for the international peace conference proposed by the Soviet Union and King Hussein. Shimon Peres, we know, has accepted the notion of such a conference but with the proviso that neither Arafat nor any known P. L. O. attend the conference as participants.

Neither Peres nor Shamir will be convinced to sit down with the terrorist Arafat or with the P. L. O. for the good reason that neither Arafat or the P. L. O. recognizes Israel's right to exist let alone its very existence.

Your Jesse Zel-Lurie as book reviewer in your January 1988 issue appears to suggest that what is called for to settle the differences between the Israeli and the Palestinians is a "high level meeting with Arafat."

Maybe Lurie knows something about Arafat known to neither Peres or Shamir nor to the rest of us who do not believe that Israel's legitimacy needs to be reaffirmed in an international peace conference.

Yours truly,

Milton Gaman

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