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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

October 15, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR LINDA WATSON

FROM:

MAX GREEN mo

Attached is a draft presidential message for the Centennial of the Beth-El Synagogue in North Carolina. I suggest that a message be sent at your earliest possible convenience.

Thank you.

DRAFT

Dear Rabbi Sager, Mrs. Siegel and Dr. Heyman:

It is a great pleasure for Nancy and me to learn of the Centennial of Beth-El Synagogue and the Durham-Chapel Hill Jewish Community. Your achievements prove vividly that the American vision of freedom, hope and opportunity still burns brightly.

From very modest origins as tobacco factory workers and small shopkeepers, your community has grown impressively, today including successful businessmen, community leaders, scholars, scientists and outstanding members of the medical profession. The Durham - Chapel Hill area has benefited richly from the contributions by the Jewish community in commerce, scholarship and the arts. These gifts are well portrayed in the many. Centennial events to take place in coming months.

America at-its-best is a wondrous composite of small communities -- individuals held together by a common faith and a desire to create a better life for themselves and their children. Your spiritual life is rich; your commitment to your region and our democracy is strong. We wish you all the best in years to come.

SIGNED

Enclosed is a brochure on the Centennial of the Durham-Chapel Hill Jewish Community and Beth El Synagogue, and a draft of a possible letter. Your help is much appreciated. A letter from the President would make a big difference to the community's celebration.

One further imposition -- the celebration begins officially with the opening reception October 11. Anything that can be done to have a letter prepared for the weekend would be terrific. I would gladly hand carry it to Durham for a reading at the reception. (I can be reached at USIA at 485-8548.) If this is not possible, I'm sure the Congregation would welcome the greetings at any time.

You or your staff might wish to contact Dr. Albert Heyman (my father-in-law) at 919-489-0062 (residence) or 919-684-8111 (Duke Medical Center); or Rabbi Sager and Mrs. Siegel at 919-682-1238. Again, my thanks on their behalf for your help and apologies for the lateness of this request.

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Michael Schneider Deputy Associate Director,

Programs

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Beth El Congregation

1004 Watts Street

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Mrs. Herman Silver, a widow and mother of Pat Silver and Sadie Goodman, owned two pews in the new synagogue in 1922. Men, as was the custom, worshipped on the main floor, while women were assigned to the balcony.

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Portrait of Moses Gladstein, his wife Bessie, and their three boys, Sam, David and Mike. Mr. Gladstein came here as a cigarette roller from New York and stayed on in Durham to open a dry goods business.

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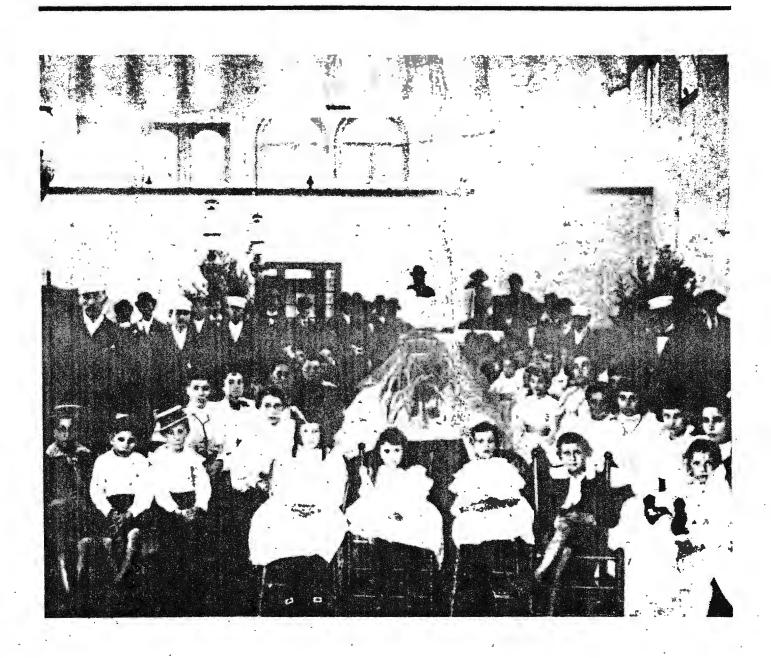
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100 Years

Celebration of the Centennial
of the Beth-El Synagogue and the
Durham-Chapel Hill Jewish Community

Calendar of Events
October 1987 to April 1988



October 11 Opening Reception

A gala reception will be held at the Beth El Synagogue to formally open the centennial year. Former members and friends are invited to this reunion to catch up on all the news. There will be food and drink, archival shows and speeches.

September 28-October 23 Book Show and Archival Exhibit

Selected material from the Kanof collection of books relating to Judaism will be exhibited in the lobby of the Duke University Perkins Library along with artifacts obtained from the Durham-Chapel Hill Jewish community.

September 10-December 13 Southern Jewish History Series

A six week course and symposium in Southern Jewish history will be presented by historians and writers familiar with this subject. Archival exhibits will be displayed. Sponsored by the Durham Public Library and Duke University Continuing Education Program, this series is free to the entire community.

November 6-8 Meeting of Southern Jewish Historical Society

This society has devoted itself to collecting information on the history of the Jews in the South. They are avid historians who enjoy sharing their information with others. Membership is open to all.

November 8-January 8 Exhibit of Jewish Ceremonial Art

Duke University Museum of Art

An exhibit will be held of selected Jewish ritual objects from the North Carolina Museum of Art, the Judah Magnes Museum in Berkeley, and from distinguished local collections. In addition, there will be a reception, open to the entire community, and interesting educational activities for children, ministerial groups and Sunday Schools. Docents will conduct tours and explain the meaning and use of the religious objects. Dr. Abram Kanof, a well known collector of important Judaica will be guest curator.

December 20

Chanukah Candle Lighting

Duke University Museum of Art

A joyous candle lighting ceremony will be held during the exhibit of Judaica. Led by Rabbi Sager and the children of both congregations, there will be music and dancing.

January 10 Vocal Concert

A concert of Jewish music will be given by leading vocal artists in this area: John Hanks, Judith Klinger, Eric Meyers and Isabelle Samfield. It will be a Sunday afternoon to be long remembered.

February 21

"Sacred Service for the Sabbath"

by Ernst Bloch

This beautiful music was written for the Sabbath morning service and will be sung by the Duke University Chapel Choir and accompanied by the chapel orchestra. This is a unique opportunity to hear this seldom performed music.

March 5

Centennial Purim Ball

A gala event celebrating the centennial and reviving the customs of Purim festivities.

April 17 Sealing of the Cornerstone

The congregation and friends will gather to formally seal the cornerstone after depositing important documents and archival materials. There will be contributions from a variety of sources, profound and amusing—but all messages to our descendents.

Additional Events

WUNC radio station will broadcast Jewish music: liturgical, folk, and others.

A book on the history of the Jewish community in Durham and Chapel Hill will be published during the centennial year.

Gleanings

In the early 1880s the Siegel brothers operated a tobacco factory that at its peak produced 570,000 Cablegram cigarettes per month.

"Jews dominate checkers," the Durham Morning Herald conceded after Messrs. Haskell, Enoch, and Stadiem took YMCA championships seventy years ago.

In the late 1940s Dr. Perlzweig of Duke went to Palestine to help establish the Hadassah Hospital.

In 1937 Gibby Katz played semiprofessional football for the Durham Bobcats.

The first Jewish students at the University of North Carolina graduated in 1847. They were Joseph Benjamin, the youngest brother of the Confederate statesman, and Lionel Levy, his nephew.

Name Dropping

Summerfield. Myer and Carrie Summerfield arrived in Durham in the 1870s from Virginia, becoming perhaps the town's first Jewish settlers. Myer Summerfield, born in Germany, served as Beth El's first president and purchased land for the cemetery. His family operated a dry goods store and pants factory. The family left Durham for Baltimore after 1900.

Goldstein. Abe and Esther Goldstein owned retail stores in Durham beginning in the 1870s. When Esther in 1905 died she owned six houses and four lots in the Pine Street ghetto which she rented to boarders. Abe sponsored many immigrants and served as a synagogue president.

Max. Adolph Max was one of Durham's most colorful characters, known as the Colonel. An entrepreneur, he owned retail and wholesale businesses and a brick factory. The newspaper claimed he would sell anything that wouldn't move, and he once purchased a Durham public school. He got into a public fight over ownership of a Torah. Max lived in Durham from the 1890s to 1910 when he moved to Norfolk.

Freedman. Daniel Freedman, on arrival in 1907, followed the classic pattern of the immigrant, beginning as a peddler with a horse and buggy and eventually becoming a merchant at Five Points in Durham. The family affiliated with Beth El from the beginning. Israel Freedman, a son whose generosity to Beth El will always be remembered, died recently at the age of 80. David, another son and his wife Marian continue their strong support of the synagogue.

Berman. Samuel and Mary Berman were among the earliest Jewish merchants in Chapel Hill. They held a mid-winter sale in 1929 which offered men's suits for \$12.50 and \$29.95 as well as ladies silk dresses for \$5.50. In 1930, they were forced into receivership but reopened their business and were successful for many years. Staunch supporters and generous benefactors, they will not be forgotten by Beth El.

Kronheimer. Benjamin Franklin Kronheimer moved his large, extended family from Oxford, North Carolina to Durham in 1900. He eventually built Durham's largest and most elegant department store which prospered until the depression. Although they never affiliated with Beth El Synagogue, they did close their store on High Holidays, said prayers at home and donated to Jewish causes—including the 1921 synagogue. Lilly Kronheimer taught Sunday school at Beth El for many years and she is still fondly remembered.



"Cablegram Cigarettes" was established by J. M. and David Siegel, brothers with long experience in the tobacco business. The tradename was chosen for its association with scientific progress and the first transatlantic cable. The company flourished but a fire of unknown origin destroyed the factory and the business.





Myer and Carrie Summerfield were probably the first Jewish settlers in Durham. He served as Beth El's first president and purchased land for the cemetery.

Greetings-

For the past two years we have been thinking and planning for the centennial celebration, taking for granted that an institution like Beth El Synagogue, which has served the Jewish community for so long, deserves a birthday party. This anniversary celebration has considerable emotional meaning: pride, gratitude, thankfulness and a renewed awareness of ourselves and of those who came before us and contributed to what we enjoy today.

The Jewish community in Durham and Chapel Hill began as a small group of families struggling to survive after the upheaval of the Civil War. They came by many different roads and persevered despite poverty and hardship. Eventually, they joined together to create a vibrant Jewish community, forming close bonds and a support system to sustain a Jewish way of life. They soon became integrated into the total community and lived in friendly neighborliness with all.

We also wondered what kinds of events would be appropriate for this special occasion. As can be seen from our program, some of the festivities relate to our own Jewish interests while others are of interest to our non-Jewish friends, neighbors and the entire community.

We invite everyone to join us at the exhibit of Jewish ritual objects to understand our rich cultural heritage and love of beauty; to listen with us to the Bloch oratorio, "Sacred Service" and hear the glorious music which expresses our love of God and . the Sabbath. Help us to celebrate Chanukah which honors the cause of freedom for all peoples. Enroll in the seven week symposium on the History of the Jews in the South, sponsored by the Durham County Public Library and the Duke University Continuing Education Program. This symposium will be open to all. We hope everyone will enjoy listening to Jewish music, both solemn and joyous, to be played on the public radio station, WUNC. And, finally, come look at the archival displays of a century of photographs and memorabilia to understand "where we are coming from."

Let us all join together in a joyous centennial celebration!

Albert Heyman, M.D. Chairman, Centennial Committee

Steven G. Sager Rabbi, Beth El Congregation

Gladys Siegel President, Beth E! Congregation

Looking Back

Early in the nineteenth century, Jews passing through the Durham area included Sephardic merchants from Richmond and Wilmington, students at the University of North Carolina, a few Union and Confederate soldiers, and inevitably, peddlers with packs on their backs. It was not until the decades after the Civil War that a community formed.

Attracted by Durham's growth as a tobacco town, German and East European Jews began arriving in the 1870s to open dry goods stores. A few years later several hundred Russian Jews were brought from New York to work in Mr. Duke's tobacco factory. They had a stormy time in Durham when they protested automation and low wages, and all but a few families returned to New York.

About this time a small stream of Polish and Russian immigrants settled in Durham. As was customary among Jews, the first communal act was to purchase a burial ground, which they did in 1884. Some of them saw the need for a synagogue and community center, and rented a large hall over Maddry's Drugstore at 102½ Main Street. Visiting rabbis, mostly from Richmond, ministered to the community. So began in 1887 the congregation that would become Beth El.

In 1892 Durham Hebrew Congregation was formally organized, and a rabbi was hired; the congregation continued to meet in the second-floor hall. In 1902 the congregation received a charter from the State of North Carolina. Two years later they purchased a woodframed, Methodist church on Liberty Street, and remodelled it into a synagogue.

For most Jews in Durham, life meant long hours in the family store. They were a closely knit community in their enclaves on Pine Street and later on Roxboro Street. Some local Jews achieved a measure of wealth—either as merchants or through real estate—and moved on to "better" neighborhoods. When the local economy soured, the Jews struggled, and many businesses failed.

By 1920 the congregation needed more space and a cornerstone was laid on Holloway Street for a new building, named the Beth El Synagogue. The congregation was still largely orthodox, though there were—and always had been—voices calling for liberal reform. (In 1901 and 1913 dissidents had briefly established new synagogues.) In 1928 Beth El adopted a constitution establishing it as an orthodox congregation, which held more or less until the 1950s.

Over the years the community's orthodoxy loosened though many clung tightly to it. English gradually replaced Yiddish in the synagogue. In the thirties women began moving downstairs from the balcony. In 1938 the congregation brought to Durham its first Americanborn rabbi, and 11 years later, after much debate, a conservative rabbi was hired.

Beth El outgrew its 1921 synagogue. In 1957 ground was broken on Watts Street and the present Beth El Synagogue was built, designed more to accommodate a conservative congregation than an orthodox one.

Durham Jews found themselves increasingly members of a middle-class community. The University of North Carolina, which had been a bastion of liberalism since the thirties, and then Duke University began to attract significant numbers of Jewish students and faculty. Though many in the academic community did not at first affiliate with Beth El, by the late fifties and early sixties they became increasingly influentia: Chapel Hill's small Jewish community burgeoned. Judea Reform Temple was organized in 1961. The Jewish community grew in vitality, and a cooperative spirit prevailed. An orthodox quorum found a home in Beth El's downstairs chapel. Beth El is again poised for renewed growth with the opening of the Israel Freedman center.

Leonard Rogoff



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September 9, 1987

President Ronald Reagan The White House Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

In commemoration of the 200th Anniversary of our Nation's Constitution, Orthodox Christian faithful have fully participated in appropriate celebrations of "Constitution Weekend" as designated by the Commission of the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution.

On Sunday, September 20th, in our Nation's capital, and in Eastern Orthodox parishes throughout our land, we will gather to offer a Great Doxology, proclaiming our appreciation and esteem for the Constitution which guarantees forever our basic rights -- the first of which is religious freedom.

I will con-celebrate an Archierarchal Liturgy and Doxology at Saint Sophia Cathedral in Washington, DC on September 20th with my fellow SCOBA hierarchs representing over 7,000,000 Orthodox Christians of Greek, Russian, Romanian, Antiochian, Bulgarian, Carpatho-Russian, Serbian and Ukrainian jurisdictions. The Doxology will be followed by a Commemorative Luncheon to be attended by some 800 faithful from throughout the Nation.

We would deem it an honor, Mr. President, if you might send a message to be read at the Commemorative Luncheon to be held at the Washington Sheraton Hotel.

Faithfully yours,

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Archbishop of the Greek Orthodox Church of North and South America

and

Chairman, Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in America

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bcc Mr. Max Green

Dear Archbishop Iakovos,

I am pleased to have the opportunity to extend my greetings today to you and those attending the Doxology and Luncheon commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the Constitution.

We are most pleased that Orthodox Christians have fully participated in appropriate celebrations of "Constitution Weekend" including the nationwide ringing of bells on September 17th. For you understand and appreciate, perhaps moreso than many others, how dear our those basic rights guaranteed by the Constitution - the first of which is religious freedom.

I comm nd you and those 7,000,000 Orthodox Christians of Greek Russian, Romanian, Antiochian, Bulgarian, Carpatho-Russian, Serbian and Ukrainian jurisdictions represented at Saint Sophia Cathedral who have steadfastly provided the moral and spiritual guidance necessary for the preservation of the ideals you celebrate:today.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 29, 1987

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TO:

MAX GREEN - OPL

RE:

Jewish High Holy Days Message

(Draft Due: AUGUST 24)

We would greatly appreciate your providing a draft Presidential message for the High Holy Days (Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur). As you know, this message gets very wide distribution, so we want it to be special. Copy of last year's message attached, FYI.

If you can get a draft to us by AUGUST 24, that will enable us time to get it finalized, cleared by Senior Staff and mailed out in time to meet printing deadlines.

Thank you.

Linda Watson

Presidential Messages

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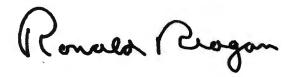
THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

The Jewish New Year begins with the High Holy Days, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. These are days of judgment, not by man, but by God, the one eternal God who revealed Himself to the People of Israel. For Jews, these are the Days of Awe, a time for reflection and repentance — for rededication to the service of God and to His ethical code. This is symbolized most dramatically by the sounding of the Shofar which according to Maimonides says: "Awake, awake, O sleepers from your sleep; O slumberers; arouse ye from your slumbers; and examine your deeds, return in repentance and remember your Creator."

While the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur have special meaning for Jews, they are not special days for Jews alone. At this time of year, all of us should rejoice in the knowledge that ours is a country which has always welcomed Jews and repudiated anti-semitism. As George Washington wrote to the Jewish congregation in Newport, Rhode Island in 1790, the American government is one "which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance."

All Americans can take pride in this, and in our unwavering support for the state of Israel, which was born out of the ashes of the Holocaust and which to this day is a refuge from persecution and a beacon of hope for Jewish people throughout the world. Our deep commitment to Israel's security is one with our commitment to freedom of religion in our own country. Underlying both are the unchanging moral and spiritual values to which Jews and Judaism continue to make an incalculable contribution.

It is therefore a great pleasure for Nancy and me to extend our warmest greetings for the New Year of 5747 to Jews here and throughout the world. May your names be written in the Book of Life, and may the Lord bless you with health and happiness from generation to generation.



THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

September 8,1987

TC: Linda Watson

FROM: Matt Zachari

Linda, attached is a request for a presidential message. Max Green feels that Dr. Hacohen is a good man and should get a presidential message.

Do you see any problems with this?

OK > councils

Dr. Mordecai Hacohen 579 Fifth Avenus New York, New York 10017

August 27, 1987

The Honorable Max Green
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Max:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of this morning, I enclose an invitation to the Annual Gala Dinner Dance in tribute to the fortieth anniversary of the State of Israel for the benefit of the Jerusalem Mental Health Center, at the Lincoln Center, New York on Tuesday, September 15th.

I shall appreciate a message from the President addressed to me on this occasion as guest of honor.

The sister-in-law of the President of Israel, Mrs. Pnina Herzog, the widow of the late Dr. Jacob Herzog, former Israel Ambassador to Canada and Minister of the Israeli Embassy in Washington will be specially flying in from Jerusalem to be the keynote speaker.

The late Mrs. Sarah Herzog, the mother of President Herzog, dedicated almost forty years of her life to the building and maintenance of the Center in Jerusalem. She was a great friend of my family.

As requested, I enclose a bio and other pertinent material about my past and present activities.

With many thanks and warmest regards,

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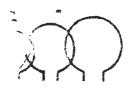
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A venerable prayer for the forthcoming High Holy Days is invoked: "Don't Forsake Us in Our Old Age". A living embodiment of this age-old prayer is Ezrath Nashim: The Jerusalem Hospital for Psychiatric and Geriatric Treatment and Rehabilitation. The American Friends of the Jerusalem Mental Health Center will be advancing the noble cause of the hallowed institution, and at the same time, will be saluting the 40th Anniversary of our beloved State of Israel, with a Gala Dinner on Tuesday, September 15th at the Public Library and Museum of the Performing Arts at Lincoln Center.

Our Guest of Honor is Dr. Mordecai Hacohen, an outstanding humanitarian, a fervent Zionist leader, and a true citizen, not only of this city and state, but of the world. His efforts on behalf of Jewish education, his work for the United Nations, and his pioneering achievements before and after the establishment of the State of Israel, notably in the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs, have earned Dr. Hacohen an enviable position in the ranks of Jewish leadership. It was our Guest of Honor who was responsible for one of the great events in the annals of New York City, when he chaired the Jabotinsky Centennial Dinner at the Waldorf Astoria in 1980, where Israel's Prime Minister, Menachem Begin conferred upon him the prized Jabotinsky Medal. On the national scene, he was a co-founder and vice president of the National Committee on American Foreign Policy. A leading banker, Dr. Hacohen serves presently as First Vice President of Bank Leumi Trust Company of New York.

I am especially gratified that a great lady of Israel, Pnina Herzog is coming from Jerusalem to be our Keynote Speaker. Mrs. Herzog, who is Director of International Relations for Israel's Ministry of Health, and a renowned medical scientist, is the sister-in-law of the President of Israel, the Honorable Chaim Herzog. Her late husband, Yaacov Herzog, was one of Israel's foremost ambassadors, and the political advisor to the Prime Minister Golda Meir. Her mother-in-law was Rabbanit Sarah Herzog, the wife of Israel's first Chief Rabbi, Isaac Halevi Herzog. Her family is indeed legendary, and for the great benefit of all of us, they are a living legend. It was Rabbanit Herzog who recognized the true significance of Ezrath Nashim, and served as its president and its glowing inspiration for four decades.



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The immediate objective of the American Friends of the Hospital is to raise the funds required for the construction of a new 140-bed Geriatric Pavilion. Together with the present capacity of 120 beds, the comprehensive Geriatric Center that Jerusalem lacks and so desperately needs, would become a major medical force for the State of Israel. The funds would also be utilized for the expansion of research and exploratory facilities so urgently required in the battle against Alzheimer's Disease and other mental afflictions.

There will be many distinguished figures participating in this extraordinary event on September 15th as Awardees, Honored Guests, and entertainers. I promise you an evening of style as well as content, of enjoyment as well as high purpose; indeed, a night to remember.

A card is enclosed which I kindly request that you complete and return. I sincerely trust that you will join with me for an evening that will do honor not only to our own country but to our gallant brothers and sisters in our beloved land of Israel.

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Mr. Burton G. Greenblatt

President

....worked ever closer together as allies and friends. That cooperation is the result of hard work on the part of governments, of organizations, and of individuals - individuals like Mordecai Hacohen, whom you rightly honor tonight.

I join you in your celebration of Israel's first 40 years in the full expectation that the next 40 will witness ever greater achievements. God bless you.

STRAIGHTWIRE - September 15, 1987

Mr. Burton G. Greenblatt
President
American Friends of Jerusalem
Mental Health Center
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New York, New York 10016
(212) 725-8175

Lincoln Center

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Warm greetings to everyone gathered with the American Priests of Israel, Mantal Health Center to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the State of Israel, and congratulations to Dr. Mordecai Hacohen, your guest of honor.

The enduring bonds of friendship between the United States and Israel are strengthened by the respect we share for each other's culture.

For four decades, our two governments and peoples have worked closely together as allies and friends. With mutual respect and good will, our hat valued relationship continues. American foreign aid to Israel embodies the commitment of the United States to strengthening democracy, peace, and prosperity, in the Middle Fast. You can be sure that my Administration will continue to appreciate our close links with the State of Israel.

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GOD bless you ALWAYS.

SINCERLY, R.R.

MISS LEONI PARASKKEVAIDES MR NICOS MAYRONICO, AC

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 20, 1987

MEMORANDUM TO KATHLEEN HOGAN

FROM:

LINAS KOJELIS

SUBJECT:

WEDDING GREETING REQUEST

John Parker, a generous and outspoken supporter of the President and of Howard Baker, and very influential figure in Washington, has asked us for a wedding greetings for a wedding he will attend in Cyprus on October 3rd. He will leave Washington on September 25th.

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I can be reached at ext. 6573, should you have any questions. Thank you.

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

October 3, 1987

Dear Leoni and Nicos:

Nancy and I send heartfelt congratulations on your marriage.

As you exchange vows on this most solemn of occasions, you are making a commitment to God and man. It is one that cannot be taken lightly for it entails many responsibilities. May your words and your love join you together as one, and may the happiness of your wedding day be yours to share throughout your life together.

O Theos na sas evloyee.

Sincerely,

Ronald Region

Mr. and Mrs. Nicos Mavronicolas Nicosia Cyprus

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

October 9, 1987

I am delighted to send warm greetings to those celebrating the biannual Svensk Hyllningsfest in Lindsborg, held in conjunction with the nationally sponsored inaugural ceremonies for the 350th anniversary of Swedish influence in the United States.

Since 1638, Americans of Swedish descent have made many invaluable contributions to the greatness and strength of our Nation. From a rugged new world outpost in Wilmington, Delaware, to the numerous farming communities of the Great Plains States, Swedish Americans have brought to this land a deep respect for the Judeo-Christian heritage and a love of liberty combined with a strong sense of justice, brotherhood, and compassion. Through your many worthwhile cultural programs, especially as we enter this milestone year, you help to preserve the dynamic heritage of your Swedish forebears while simultaneously encouraging dedication to the ideals upon which this nation was founded. The United States and Sweden share an extended, harmonious history, which can only grow and prosper in the years to come.

Nancy joins me in sending you our best wishes for an educational and enjoyable celebration. God bless you.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 13, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR KATHLEEN HOGAN

FROM:

MATT ZACHARI

SUBJECT:

Anniversary Greetings

Kathleen, attached is a request for a presidential message for my great-aunt and uncle's 50th wedding anniversary. Their anniversary is on October 24th, but they are having a large party on October 30th, which I will attend.

I can hand carry the message and read it out at the dinner.

Thank you.

STAFF REQUEST FOR PRESIDENTIAL GREETINGS

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From the desk of DAVID A. BRODY

9/29/87

Dear Max:

In the enclosed envelope is the original of our letter to the President requesting a message to mark the beginning of our 75th year.

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September 29, 1987

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

1988 will mark the 75th anniversary year of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

We plan to begin the commemoration of that event at the meeting of our National Executive Committee in Chicago on October 28, 1987. We can think of no more appropriate way of launching our anniversary year than having a special greeting from you. It will be a fitting beginning for our 75th year.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

David A. Brody

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October 26, 1987

I am very pleased to send greetings to the Fifth Annual Defender of Jerusalem Award Ceremony and to the outstanding individuals you honor on this occasion.

The modern state of Israel was born out of the ashes of the Holocaust. Its establishment was, and remains, one of the miraculous achievements of our time. It is therefore most appropriate that you honor Israel Elded, who represents those human attributes -- bravery, intelligence and idealism -- without which Israel would never have been founded or survived the many challenges it has faced during its first forty years.

Among the many dangers that Israel has, and continues to face, is terrorism. In paying tribute to Shalom Argove, you pay tribute as well to the state of Israel, the prime target of modern terrorists, whose aim is to destroy Israel just as Hitler destroyed European Jewry.

It is a credit to Israel that despite the hostile environment in which it lives, untold thousands of Russian Jews want nothing more than to live there. Your award to the heroine Ida Nudel symbolizes your continuing struggle for their freedom. She is living proof that with support from others the spirit of the individual can overcome the will and might of a totalitarian state.

For an example of one who taught us how to overcome, you could not have made a finer choice than Bayard Rustin. He was a leader in the struggle for civil rights in the United States and for human rights throughout the world. Through his actions and his words he demonstrated that the cause of Jewry and the security of Israel are not parochial interests. They must be the concern of all who cherish human freedom.

I salute you for honoring figures of such distinction. God bless you all.

TO BE HAND CARRIED by Max Green

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

November 9, 1987

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TO: Linda Watson

Presidential Messages

FROM: MAX GREEN

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Comments:

Could we please send a Presidential message to this Temple? The event took place on October 18th, but they would like to have the letter for their archives. Call me with any questions. Thank you.



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October 27, 1987

Mr. H. St. M. J. J. & J. - 2950.

Mr. Max Green The White House Washington, D. C. 20005

Dear Max:

Temple Shaare Emeth had its 120th Anniversary Sunday night, October 18th. We had a communication problem and consequently, did not get the formal request in order for a letter from the President.

Please be good enough to have this after the fact so that in our archives we can have a congratulatory letter for this, the oldest Reform Temple west of the Mississippi.

I am also enclosing some bio data on my labor-management background.

Best regards.

Cordially

Alfred J. Fleischer

AJF:mhp

Enclosure



Better Building Since 1896

November 5, 1987

Mr. Max Green The White House Washington, D. C. 20005

Dear Max:

Temple Shaare Emeth was founded in 1867 as the first Reform Temple west of the Mississippi.

It grew from the small group initially to become of the largest Reform Congregations in the United States today. It has almost 1,800 family units. It has numbered among its past and present congregants local and national leaders in both the religious community and the general community.

In Judaism, an old traditional toast is "may you live to be 120", which comes directly from the Book of Genesis. For that reason, 1987 is the 120th anniversary of the Temple and is being celebrated in accordance with that Biblical observation.

I trust that you will have sent to the Temple or to me so that I can transfer it to the Temple, a letter or document of some similar type commemorating this anniversary and, of course, coming from the President.

My best regards.

Cordi**a**lly,

Alfred J. Fleischer

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November 12, 1987

Mr. Max Green Office of Public Affairs Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Green:

We would be deeply grateful to you if you could send us a message of greeting from President Reagan on the occasion of our Third Annual Dinne . It will be held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York on the evening of November 15, 1987.

Among our guests of honor re Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Katz of Hollywood, Florida, wh is a member of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, as I am.

Our guest speakers include Senator Lowell P. Weicker and Ambassador Benjamin Netanyahu.

Mr. Aaron, a member of my staff, explained the circumstances of this very late request, but I do hope that you will be able to provide this message which is most important to all of the 600 guests attending the dinner.

The American Society for Yad Vashem supports special projects of Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial and Rembrance Authority in Jerusalem. President Reagan sent a message to our last annual dinner, and we hope that a similar message can be arranged.

It might be convenient for you to fax the message to my attention in care of the UMB Bank fax number 212-947-4563.

Thank you very much for your help in this matter.

44 Fleet St. Fourt Hills, NY 11375

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October 1, 1987

Mr. Matt Zachari Old Executive Office Building White House, Room 196 Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Zachari:

As per your suggestion, I am requesting that a personally signed message from President Reagan be sent to Dr. Arthur Green on the event of his inauguration as President of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. Dr. Green will be inaugurated on Sunday, November 15, 1987.

I have enclosed a copy of the press release which describes Dr. Green and his accomplishments as scholar, author and educator.

I know that Dr. Green would be pleased to receive a message from the President and would display it prominently in his office.

Prior to the event, I will call to discuss our request. Thank you.

Joan Marie Somers

JoanMarie Somers

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Arthur Green
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For immediate release September 22, 1987

For information call: JoanMarie Somers (215) 576-0800

DR. ARTHUR GREEN INAUGURATED PRESIDENT RECONSTRUCTIONIST RABBINICAL COLLEGE

The Board of Governors announces the inauguration of Dr. Arthur Green as President of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. The celebration will extend over a three-day period beginning with the inaugural ceremony being held at the Germantown Jewish Centre, Lincoln Drive and Ellet Street, Philadelphia on Sunday, November 15, 1987 at 2:00 P.M. In celebration of Dr. Green's inauguration, a dinner dance will be held at The Plaza Hotel in New York on Tuesday, November 17.

Dr. Green is a scholar in the field of Jewish mysticism and Hasidism. He is author of the widely acclaimed Tormented Master: A Life of Rabbi Nahman of Bratslav as well as numerous articles and several volumes of texts and essays. His most recent work is the two-volume collection, Jewish Spirituality, published by Crossroad Books.

Prior to becoming Dean of RRC, Dr. Green served from 1973 to 1984 as Associate Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Pennsylvania where he continues to serve as Adjunct Professor. He was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary and received his Ph.D. from Brandeis University.

An early leader of the Havurah movement, Dr. Green founded Havurat Shalom in Somerville, Massachusetts in 1968. The havurah was the first of the independent havurot of the late 1960s that sought to create a serious religious alternative to Orthodoxy for young Jews. Dr. Green has always attempted to build a bridge between the academic study of Judaism and the needs of contemporary Jewish theology. He defines Reconstructionists as, "ba'alei she'elah - Jews who are ever questioning, in search of more sophisticated, contemporary, and still evolving ways of thinking about our Judaism."

Residing in the Germantown section of Philadelphia, Dr. Green, his wife Kathy and their daughter, Hannah Leah, are active members of the Minyan community at the Germantown Jewish Centre.

The inauguration ceremonies will include the participation of many national Jewish and religious leaders and members of the academic community. Among these are Rabbi Ira Eisenstein, President Emeritus, RRC; Samuel Blumenthal, Chairman of the Board, RRC; Dr. Barry Holtz, Director, Melton Research Center; Bennett Aaron, Esq., President of Federation of Jewish Agencies of Greater Philadelphia; John Vannorsdall, President, Lutheran Theological Seminary and Rev. Vincent Cushing, President, Washington Theological Union.

The dinner dance is co-chaired by Aaron Ziegelman and Jacques Pomeranz. Ziegelman, a New York real estate developer, is General Chairman of RRC's Board of Governors and a founder of the Reconstructionist West End Synagogue in New York. His other Jewish activities include leadership in CLAL, UJA-Federation, AIPAC, and the Jerusalem College of Technology. He and his wife, Marjorie, have been long-time generous supporters of the RRC.

Co-chairman Jacques Pomeranz, a Connecticut businessman, is a member of RRC's Board of Governors. He is also co-chairman of the Joint Steering Committee for the Reconstructionist Movement. His other affiliations include the Reconstructionist Synagogue of the North Shore in New York and UJA

The Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, founded in 1968 in Philadelphia by Rabbi Ira Eisenstein, is an educational institution devoted to the training of a new rabbinate for the Jewish - community. Its innovative curriculum and participatory atmosphere aim to create a true community of learning in which students and faculty share in an ongoing quest for a knowledge of the Jewish past that will lead toward the creative evolution of the Jewish future. This Reconstructionist approach to rabbinical studies is based on the teachings of Rabbi Mordecai M. Kaplan who viewed Judaism as the evolving religious civilization of the Jewish people. Reconstructionism affirms that all Jews have both the right and the obligation to participate in the ongoing evolution of Judaism, a task that involves universal Jewish study alongside creative engagement with the tradition.

THE WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: OCTOBER 03, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. MARTIN RAFFEL

SUBJECT: REQUESTS MESSAGE TO AARON ZIEGELMAN, BEING

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F am pleased to send greetings to all those gathered to honor Aaron Ziegelman as he is presented with the Mordecai M. Kaplan Medal of the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation.

It is fitting that Mr. Ziegelman is honored by the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College because he has been such a moving force in its development. His dedication to the future of the Jewish people and his leadership and commitment are attributes in which he can take much pride. Truly "tzedakah" and Aaron Ziegelman are synonomous and I can think of no better choice for this prestigious award.

Nancy joins me in sending our best wishes for an enjoyable evening and a heartfelt Mazel Tov to the entire Ziegelman family.

God bless you.

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Mail to writer cc Max Green

Greetings to everyone gathered to honor Asron Ziegelman as he is presented with the Mordecai M. Kaplan Medal of the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation.

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Mr. Martin Raffel
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 2, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR CLAUDIA KORTE

FROM:

MAX GREEN

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

We would like a Presidential message to be sent to Aaron Ziegelman (see attached). The message should only be about Ziegelman, not the Rabbinical college. Contact Matt Zachari, Extension 6270 with any questions. Thank you once again.



September 22, 1986

Oct. 29 acough to. ES 19/17 mo record in CF on group or honores:

Mr. Matt Zachari Old Executive Office Building . White House, Room 196 Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Zachari:

As per your suggestion, I am writing to ask whether it would be possible to arrange a personally signed message from President Reagan to Aaron Ziegelman who is being honored by the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College at a special dinner in New York City on October 29, 1986.

Rather than going into detail here, I have enclosed the dinner invitation and accompanying booklet. This material describes our honoree and his important involvement with the Reconstructionist movement as well as with the wider American Jewish community. He is a leader in AIPAC, UJA-Federation, and CLAL (The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership).

I am sure Mr. Ziegelman would be thrilled to receive a message from the President and would proudly display it in his office.

I will call you in a few days to discuss this matter further. Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

Martin Roppel Martin Raffel

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