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July 24, 1984

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The White House
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Sincerely,



Zeesy Schnur
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bcc: Dr. Marshall Breger

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 28, 1985

I am pleased to send warm greetings to all those gathered for the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs Dinner in Washington. I particularly want to commend you for your choice of Congressman Jack Kemp as your honoree. Jack is unshakable in his commitment to the security of both the State of Israel and the United States, and I am proud to join in congratulating him.

JINSA plays an important part in America's long and rewarding friendship with Israel: its commitment to our policy of strategic strength for both the United States and Israel has contributed significantly to our close working relationship with the Israeli Government.

I am proud to have this opportunity to salute JINSA and Representative Kemp. You all have my best wishes.

/s/ Ronald Reagan



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January 29, 1985

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Mr. Marshall Breger
Special Assistant to the President
For Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Breger:

I thank you for today's telephone conversation, in which I described to you the wish of a large number of rabbis from around the country to visit the White House and to pay a call on President Reagan.

As I mentioned to you during our conversation, two factors have motivated these rabbis. One is that the deteriorating situation of Jews in the Soviet Union is cause for real alarm. Increased violence, accusations that Jews are using illegal drugs in religious rituals, and the planting of guns in the homes of Hebrew teachers and other Jewish citizens of the Soviet Union, signify a new level of violence and suppression. In addition, they are haunted by their memory of colleagues who tried without success to publicize the real meaning of the Nazi threat. In light of President Reagan's personal commitment to the highest religious values, and his fine statement on the occasion of Human Rights Day, they are convinced, more than ever, of the immense value of a personal meeting with him.

You asked my feeling about the possibility of a White House briefing, should it be impossible to meet with the President. I do not know what the reaction would be. Although I think it would not be as welcome, I will certainly make some inquiries. Perhaps a briefing and a short photo opportunity with the President might be a satisfactory compromise. Is Wednesday, March 20, possible?

With every best wish, and with thanks for your understanding and your help, I am

Yours sincerely,

Mark A. Epstein

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Executive Director

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January 29, 1985

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Dear Marshall:

As you know, Agudath Israel of America, as the broadest based Orthodox Jewish movement in the country, is in the forefront of those in our community who have a close sense of kinship with this Administration and the values which it seeks to implant in our nation.

Over the years, I have developed a close relationship with Vice President George Bush, and he personally knows of my devoted help whenever the occasion arose.

At this time, we are anxious to publicly express our affection and respect for Vice President Bush by honoring him with our "Man Of The Year Award" at our 63rd annual dinner, Sunday evening, May 19 in the New York Hilton.

Our annual dinner is attended by 1,800 Jewish community leaders from every walk of life, an unusual cross-section of the spiritual and lay-leadership of Orthodox Jewry.

Last year we had been at the verge of having the Vice President at our 62nd annual dinner, except that he had to be in California that weekend in connection with the election campaign.

I would appreciate your conveying this message to the Vice President, with the hope that you can work out this arrangement for us. It will be a memorable event.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Morris Sherer
President

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Mr. Benjamin Waldman
Executive Director
Reagan-Bush '84, Jewish Coalition
440 First Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Mr. Waldman:

Thank you for your letter of July 16. We appreciate the kind offer to consider the possibility of an appearance for "President Reagan and his surrogates." The major activity we are planning prior to Election Day is our National Assembly, in Washington, D.C., October 21-23. This will bring together the leadership from the national membership organizations who are constituents of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, and representative leadership from communities across the country.

As part of the Assembly, we have scheduled an Awards Dinner on Monday evening, October 22.

The Assembly planning committee met two days ago, and there was a unanimous desire to have the President, the Vice-President, or the Secretary of State appear and deliver a message. Should the Secretary appear, it would be in recognition of his efforts in regard to human rights, and his steadfastness in raising the plight of Soviet Jews with the Soviet Union. Time has not permitted us to extend the formal invitation to the Secretary yet, and any assistance you could provide would be most welcome.

I assume you are aware of the event planned for Madison Square Garden, on October 15, organized by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, with which we are cooperating.

We would be pleased to cooperate with you and your office in trying to coordinate our efforts with your own.

Sincerely,

Jerry Goodman
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July 30, 1984

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
The White House
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My dear Mr. President:

The Jewish Community Relations Council of Cincinnati has long recognized its obligation to help create an educated and enlightened electorate. Four years ago, we were the major sponsor of a Presidential Candidates Forum at which representatives of the major candidates appeared at a local synagogue before an audience of 600 individuals. By all criteria, the program was an unqualified success.

In preparation for the 1984 election, we are beginning to plan a similar Forum sponsored by several local Jewish organizations. We envision that this year's Forum would occur toward the end of September or, more ideally, in mid-October. As was the case four years earlier, we would ask each candidate to present a fifteen minute opening statement followed by written questions from the audience. Consequently, we would be pleased if you, Vice-President Bush, or your representative could join us for this event.

We would be very interested in hearing from you on this subject. Please contact the undersigned.

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Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

Dear Dick:

If we can get President Reagan to address the Jewish National Fund dinner in Chicago on Sunday, October 14, 1984, it would be of tremendous importance in getting him a bigger share of the Jewish vote, nationally, in November.

There are several pluses. The audience will be appropriately large and representative of the whole Jewish community, and the man the Jewish National Fund is honoring that evening is Herschel Auerbach, one of our own, National Public Affairs Chairman of the Zionist Organization of America and an ardent supporter of President Reagan. The Honorary Chairman of the Committee is Governor Jim Thompson, the President's Illinois Campaign Manager. The dinner will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, probably pretty good for security. Of course, campaign-wise, the timing is excellent.

In addition to praying, what is it we have to do to get the President to come to Chicago on October 14?

With warm regards,


Clement C. Caditz

CC/hc

cc: Marshall Breger
Congressman Henry J. Hyde

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

June 26, 1984

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Mr. Ed Rollins
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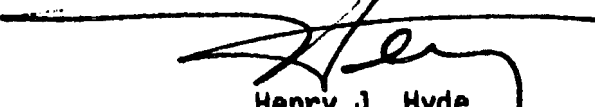
Dear Ed:

My good friend, Clem Caditz, a life-long Republican and very active Reagan supporter, has informed me that President Reagan has been invited to address the Jewish National Fund dinner in Chicago on Sunday, October 14.

I agree with Mr. Caditz that there are a number of pluses in the President accepting this invitation. There will be a large audience representing the Jewish community; the dinner will honor Herschel Auerbach, the National Public Affairs Chairman of the Zionist Organization of America and an ardent Reagan supporter, and the timing will be excellent for a visit to Chicago a few weeks before the election. Also, Clem informs me that Governor Thompson is serving as Honorary Chairman of the dinner.

I wholeheartedly endorse this invitation and hope that you will give it priority consideration as you finalize the President's fall schedule.

Cordially,



Henry J. Hyde

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cc: M. B. Oglesby
Clem Caditz

REAGAN-BUSH'84

The President's Authorized Campaign Committee

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The Honorable Henry J. Hyde
United States Congress
2104 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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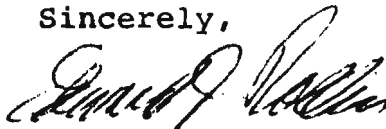
Dear Henry:

I appreciate your taking the time to endorse the recent request for the President to address the Jewish National Fund dinner in Chicago.

Please be assured that I will reinforce your interest in this appearance in my conversations with the White House as we develop the upcoming schedule.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely,



Edward J. Rollins
Campaign Director

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 16, 1984

Dear Congressman Hyde:

Your recent letter endorsing an invitation for the President to attend the Jewish National Fund dinner in Chicago on October 14, 1984 has been forwarded to me by Ed Rollins.

We appreciate your letting us know of your personal interest in this invitation. I hope that you will understand that we are unable to make any commitments for October this far in advance. However, we have made special note of the date of the dinner and will certainly actively consider this invitation as the President's schedule is made in the coming months.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

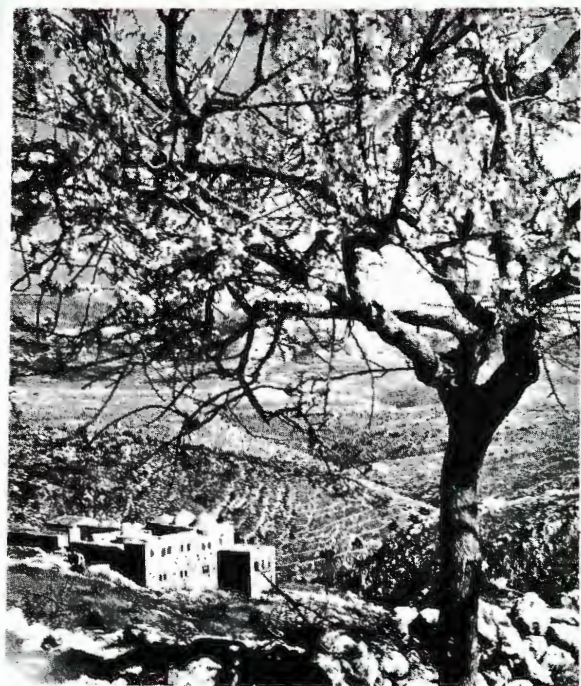


FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.
Director, Presidential
Appointments and Scheduling

The Honorable Henry J. Hyde
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

*And they shall build the old wastes,
they shall raise up the former desolations,
and they shall repair the waste cities,
the desolations of many generations.*

Isaiah 61:4



For over 80 years, the Jewish National Fund, the organization responsible for Israel's land development, has worked to transform deserts into farms, swamps into gardens and barren hill-sides into majestic forests.

The work of restoration has been long and difficult and much remains to be done. The Jewish National Fund pledges to continue to keep faith with its charge to rebuild Zion, speedily and in our time.

And I shall plant in the wilderness the cedars, the shittah tree and the myrtle and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir and the pine, and the box tree together.

Isaiah 41:19

For all these challenges the Jewish National Fund needs the full partnership and active assistance of all people concerned with Israel's future. The next decades are sure to bring new problems, new commitments, new challenges. As always, the JNF will be in the vanguard as the guarantor of Israel's future.

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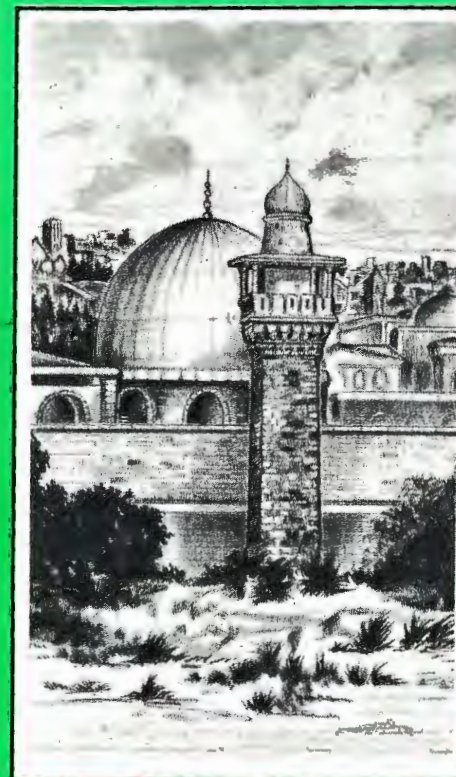
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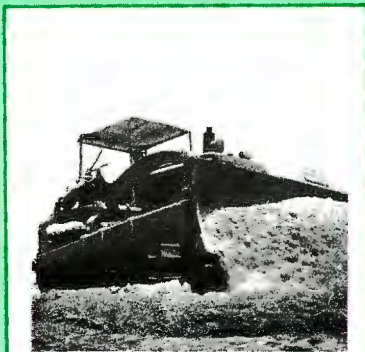
BUILDING THE HOLY LAND'S HERITAGE

YESTERDAY, TODAY, TOMORROW

YESTERDAY

And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land.
Isaiah 61:27

In the brief span of fourscore years, the Jewish National Fund has planted 150 million trees, reclaimed over 160,000 acres of land, built thousands of miles of roads and provided viable infrastructures for hundreds of farming settlements. In areas of the Holy Land that were desolate land virtually uninhabited eighty years ago, a dedicated population now flourishes. The Jewish National Fund has helped to make modern Israel a secure land, a land of hope and peace.



TODAY

He turneth the wilderness into a standing water and dry ground into water springs. And there he maketh the hungry to dwell that they may prepare a city for habitation.
Psalm 107:35-40

The Jewish National Fund is today intensifying efforts to restore the Holy Land to its once bountiful state. Afforestation, irrigation and drainage, road building and the construction of new agricultural settlement sites are given high priority. The Jewish National Fund's program is showing the way for greater food production to alleviate world hunger.



TOMORROW

The Jewish National Fund is preparing to meet Israel's future needs. By 1990 the nation's population will increase 20 per cent to 5 million. New farms, villages, parks, recreation areas and forests must be created. Tons of rock must be moved, soil must be prepared, water must be carried to desert regions. This is the task commanded of all who love Zion—the Redemption of the Land of Israel.



Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom

July 26, 1984
26 Tammuz 5744

Mr. Marshall Breger
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Breger:

At Dick Fox's suggestion, I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I am sending to President Reagan.

Our congregation in Elkins Park, a suburb of Philadelphia, has decided to extend an invitation to both presidential candidates to speak separately before members of our congregation and the Philadelphia Jewish community at large.

As I explain in my letter to the President, we have a building which is centrally located to all areas of Jewish residents in Philadelphia, and a seating capacity in excess of 2000 individuals. Moreover, we have experience in welcoming national figures, most recently, Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick. Ambassador Kirkpatrick was exceedingly complimentary about the reception which she received and the skill with which it was handled.

We would be open to any date, except a Sabbath or holiday, which would be available on the President's schedule.

Among our congregation are many of the top leaders of the Philadelphia Jewish community. It will be of

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Mr. Marshall Breger

July 26, 1984

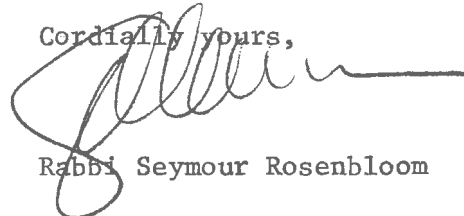
interest that Daniel A. Schmerling, an active member of the Republican Jewish Coalition is a member of our congregation. I, too, am a member of the Coalition.

I would be most appreciative of any assistance you can give us in putting this invitation before the President with a positive recommendation.

By the way, I attended the briefing meeting which you held recently for rabbis at the Bellevue Stratford, and enjoyed your presentation very much.

With all good wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,



Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom

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encl/
c.c. Mr. Richard J. Fox

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom

July 26, 1984
26 Tammuz 5744

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to you today on behalf of Congregation Adath Jeshurun of Elkins Park to extend with respect an invitation to address members of the Philadelphia Jewish community from our pulpit during the course of the election campaign.

Permit me to tell you a bit about our historic congregation, the characteristics of our membership, and the facilities which we would be happy to make available.

Congregation Adath Jeshurun was founded in 1858 in the city of Philadelphia. We are the oldest Conservative congregation in greater Philadelphia and are affiliated with the United Synagogue of America. Our Elkins Park structure is just north of the city, and central to all centers of Jewish living in the area.

Currently, our congregation numbers more than 1000 member families. Among them are many of the top leadership of the Philadelphia Jewish community. As a group, we avidly follow developments on the current scene. We are particularly interested in the current Presidential campaign because of the impact which it will have on the general welfare of our nation, and on issues of particular concern to the Jewish community.

Congregation Adath Jeshurun, York and Ashbourne Roads, Elkins Park, Pennsylvania 19117

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The President

July 26, 1984

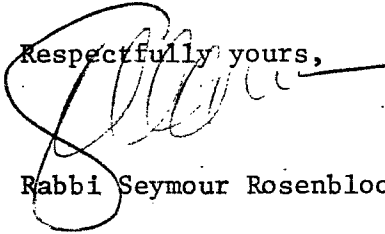
In speaking from our pulpit, you would be able to address more than 2000 members of the Philadelphia Jewish community. Moreover, we have experience in welcoming major national figures. Earlier this year, Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick spoke before 2000 people, and was exceedingly complimentary about the warm reception which she received.

We would be open to any date, except a Sabbath or Jewish holiday, that would be convenient to your schedule. We would be happy to work with your staff to develop an appropriate format for the presentation. Should you desire to have a question period, we would be happy to consider in advance how such questions could be determined.

This is an important election for members of the Jewish community. I believe it is important to speak not only to delegates of major Jewish organizations, but to rank and file members of the Jewish faith who are deeply concerned in this election year. I believe that an appearance in our synagogue would provide you with such an opportunity of sharing your positions and concerns with a significant portion of one of the major Jewish communities in our country.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I hope that we will have the honor of welcoming you to Congregation Adath Jeshurun within the next several months.

Respectfully yours,



Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom

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June 20, 1984

Dr. Marshall Breger
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison
Old Executive Office Building, Rm. 197
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Dr. Breger,

We would like to invite the President to address a special Naturalization Ceremony for 40 Soviet immigrants on Sunday, October 7, at 2 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center; 300 guests will attend.

On Sunday, December 4, 1983, we had the honor of hosting the President at our Chanukah Celebration. On that occasion, he greeted these same immigrants as they took their first steps toward filing for naturalization. We will never forget his moving speech as he welcomed them into their "new family." Since that time, they have worked hard in our Citizenship Education project preparing themselves for naturalization. Their efforts will reach fruition on October 7th as they take the oath of citizenship. How honored and proud they would be to have President Reagan participate in this great day in their lives!

On behalf of these newest American-to-be and on behalf of the Jewish community, we sincerely hope the President will consider accepting our invitation.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Lester I. Kaplan, ACSW
Executive Director

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cc: Zev Lewis



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forward to Dick Fox

Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America

1712 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009

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Harris B. Stone, PNC
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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April 25, 1984

Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr., Chairman
National Republican Committee
310 First Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

Rep: Biebel
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fyi: G. McCoy

Dear Mr. Fahrenkopf:

On behalf of National Commander Joseph Zoldan, it gives me great pleasure to invite the 1984 Republican Presidential Candidate to be a part of a candidate's forum at the 89th Annual National Convention of the Jewish War Veterans of the USA. The forum will take place on Thursday, August 30, 10:15 a.m. at the Hyatt Regency - Crystal City, Arlington, Virginia.

The issues of major concern for discussion at the forum are veterans's affairs, foreign policy, national defense and the Middle East. The convention delegates, representing top ranking businessmen, professional and community leaders who have served our country in time of armed conflict are anxious to hear the candidate's views on these issues.

Please notify me re the candidate's availability at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Harris B. Stone

Harris B. Stone, PNC
National Executive Director



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Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. A., Inc.

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Convention Co-Chairman

July 6, 1984

*Mrs. Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500*

Dear Mrs. Reagan:

On behalf of the National Ladies Auxiliary, Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. (J.W.V.A.) it is our pleasure to inform you that you have been chosen by our organization to receive our "Woman of the Year" Award for 1984.

Our Convention will be held at the Hyatt-Regency in Crystal City, the week of August 26 - September 2, 1984. Our organization stipulates that the recipient of this award must be present at the Convention, and the award cannot be given to a representative of the recipient.

In accepting this award, you will become an honorary member of J.W.V.A. and would join the ranks of other outstanding women who have been selected for this honor in the past. They include: Eleanor Roosevelt; Sophie Tucker; Senator Margaret Chase Smith; Dr. Margaret Meade; Dr. Frances Kelsey; Lady Bird Johnson; Golda Meir; Nanette Fabray; and others.

We would be honored to add your name to this imposing list of women who have unselfishly given of themselves to further the cause of humanity. Your selfless efforts on behalf of drug research and its victims is known to many, as well as your many other outstanding qualities led our organization to this decision that you belong among this list of other leading women of our times.

To give you a brief outline of our background, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA is the oldest active veterans organization in this country; its Ladies

Convention Headquarters- Hyatt Regency

August 26-September 2, 1984

Crystal City, Virginia


Auxiliary is representative of the hundreds of thousands of Jewish men and women who have served our country in times of war. Our program of aid is non-sectarian. Our women are united by a common goal of service to the veteran and his family, the aged, the youth of America, and the State of Israel. We are dedicated to preserving the democratic ideals upon which our nation has been founded.

We hope you will be able to attend our Convention and accept this award as our "Woman of the Year". We are planning our program at the present time and this activity would be a major highlight of our Convention. As of now, a luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, August 28th; however, if this date is inconvenient, you could be our Keynote Speaker at the Opening Ceremony, on Monday afternoon, August 27th, and receive the award then --- or at any time during that week at your convenience.

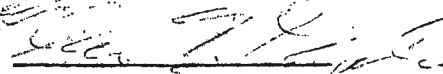
May we hear from you as soon as possible so that we may complete our arrangements for making this a most memorable time for each of us.

We look forward to hearing from you by return mail.

Sincerely yours,


Ceil Schwartz, PNP

Convention Co-Chairman


Ellen G. Kaplan, PNP

Convention Chairman

CC: Florence Goldberg, Nat'l. Pres.
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Reply to: Mrs. Ceil Schwartz, PNP
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 30, 1984

Dear Ms. Gittleson:

I am writing in regard to a telephone call you placed on July 25, 1984 to Marshall Breger, Special Assistant to the President for Public Liaison. You asked for a time when you could interview Dr. Breger for an article you anticipate writing for New York Magazine. I have tried unsuccessfully to reach you by telephone -- the number you provided was 212/555-9433. I checked with New York directory assistance and was provided with the number 212/873-9594.

Will you kindly contact me at 202/456-2164 as soon as possible so that I may schedule a time for your interview with Dr. Breger.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Geneva J. Murray
Geneva J. Murray
Assistant to Dr. Breger

Ms. Natalie Gittelson
One Lincoln Plaza
New York, New York 10010

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Honorable Ronald Reagan, President
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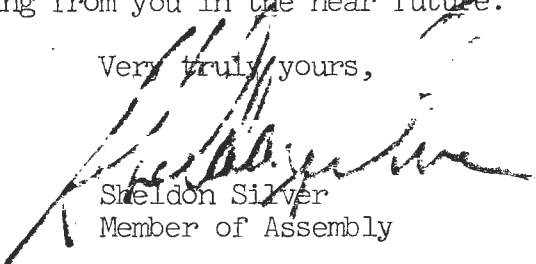
Dear President Reagan:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend to you a warm invitation to join me at the Lower East Side Jewish Festival to be held on June 17, 1984. The Jewish Festival is one of the major events in Jewish communal life, and last year, over two hundred thousand people participated.

As a representative of the Jewish Festival Committee, it would be my honor to present to you the Citizen of the Year Award for your efforts on behalf of world wide Jewry. Being that this is a very special year in the world of politics, I am sure you would be particularly pleased to be the guest of the Lower East Side, a community with a wealth of Jewish history. My office has already had the pleasure of conversing with Mr. Marshall Breger of your administration regarding this matter.

I am enclosing herewith some information regarding last year's festival which clearly illustrates its great success. Please contact me as to your intentions about the Festival. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Very truly yours,


Sheldon Silver
Member of Assembly

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Honorable Marshall J. Breger
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Professor Breger:

I write to call your attention to the very important issue of the South Jersey Jewish Colonies (see enclosure) and to invite President Reagan to join us on July 8th at our A Nation of Nations Picnic.

Sequel to last year's First Jewish Festival---ever to be hosted by a Christian Church---the July 8th Picnic will honor the music and dance of both Jews and Italians with outdoor group games fostering brotherhood.

A major exhibit at the Picnic will be of the South Jersey Jewish Colonies which I respectfully invite President Reagan's attention and concern.

At our historic Jewish Festival on September 25, 1983, we were prevented in having Governor Kean join us because President Reagan arrived at Newark Airport prior to an event in New York City. With your expeditious assistance, the attendance of President Reagan and Governor Kean at our July 8th Picnic would be a fantastic affirmation of our efforts to "build bridges of brotherhood".

With warmest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Austin P. Mohrbacher

(Rev.) Austin P. Mohrbacher
Pastor

cc: Congressman Chris Smith

Encl.



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HISTORIC JEWISH COLONIES IN PERIL

by

John W. Gotsch and Austin P. Mohrbacher

All of the Jewish Agricultural Colonies in South Jersey---including Woodbine (1891), acclaimed as the "First Self-Governed Jewish Community Since the Fall of Jerusalem", and the historic Alliance (1882) Colonies (Alliance, Brotmanville, and Norma)---are in grave danger of irretrievable extinction.

In 1903 special legislation created Woodbine Borough resulting in Jewish self-rule: the first anywhere in the world since the destruction 1,833 years ago of the Second Temple in 70 C.E. With all of the troubles that currently beset the South Jersey Colonies, we must never lose sight of the fact that Israel as a unit of Jewish self-rule was preceded by Woodbine, New Jersey!

How insane, with World War II destroying centuries-old Jewish Shtetl (village) life in Eastern Europe, that the very last examples of this historic communal legacy are sliding into oblivion with scarcely a whimper of outrage.

"I feel like it is the 'wild west'", says Jay H. Greenblatt, president of the Alliance Colony Foundation and a descendant of this the oldest colony of Jewish farmers in America. "The wagons are in a circle" (with the establishment of the foundation in 1982,

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Alliance's centennial year) "and we keep waiting for reinforcements that never come."

Greenblatt's pioneering analogy is appropriate on at least 5 counts:

- * the Jewish agricultural colonists, who began in Alliance, pioneered in states as far-flung as Kansas, the Dakota territory, Iowa, Michigan, Colorado, California, Texas, Washington, Louisiana, and Oregon;

- * "the New Jersey colonies are the only survivors" reported the Jewish Agricultural Society in 1925;

- * Woodbine, with the establishment of the Baron de Hirsch Agricultural School in 1894 (America's first agricultural technical high school), became the scientific engine of the 15 independent and autonomous South Jersey Jewish Colonies that not only transformed New Jersey into the Garden State but served as a pioneering model for the flowering of Israel;

- * the South Jersey Colonies---the first, the last, and the most important of the many Jewish Agricultural Colonies in America ---are currently under attack from all quarters.

Woodbine, the site of surreptitious night flights of arms and munitions to Israeli freedom-fighters in 1946 and 1947, is currently being dismantled by ignorant and uncaring planners, administrators, and night-time marauders. Many of the historic buildings have been destroyed because "they were too old". The synagogue on the grounds of the New Jersey State Woodbine Hospital was just obliterated last year. The majestic Brotherhood Synagogue has been assaulted by fire-bombings, thieves, and desecrators. Woodbine, a magnificent treasure

to New Jersey, to America, and to the world, is slowly, but irretrievably, returning to what it was before the Jewish farmers: scrub pine wilderness.

Lost too will be a special chapter in the peopling of America. Jacob Riis described Woodbine in the late 1890's this way: "The cattle were lowing in the fields. The evening breathed peace. Down the sandy road came a creaking farm wagon. Beside it walked a sun-burned bearded man with an axe on his shoulder, in earnest conversation with his boy, a strapping young fellow in overalls."

Woodbine too was an important sociological model in brotherhood as the Jewish elders always sought out and encouraged gentiles to settle in the colony. This was, indeed, the philosophy of all the South Jersey Jewish Agricultural Colonies as the histories of Alliance, Brotmanville, Norma, Rosenhayn, Carmel, and Garton Road so abundantly attest. Rabbi Moshe Davis, of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, aptly described the South Jersey Colonies as "the continuing quest of the Jewish people to find a more perfect union with lands and peoples of expanding freedom."

In brotherhood, we two Catholics are volunteering for what we pray will be the nucleus for Greenblatt's "reinforcements"!

The Jewish Colonies in New Jersey are surely a national treasure and therefore worthy of more than just New Jersey concern and remedy. Therefore, we would like to present two specific recommendations to President Reagan and to Governor Thomas H. Kean of New Jersey.

The National Park Service, as the official federal agency for administering and developing for public use national historic areas, should be encouraged to evolve a combined public and private venture

to showcase the Historic Jewish Colonies in partnership with the Alliance Colony Foundation, the Jewish Federation of Atlantic City which administers the Woodbine Brotherhood Synagogue, and other appropriate legal entities.

The National Park Service is crucial, because the issue is not simply to save old historical buildings, but rather to fill them with school children and adults by the thousands who will come to the Jewish Colonies to learn and to be enriched by the precious legacy that these Jewish pioneers are to all of us.

Woodbine ought to be developed as a year-round Jewish repertory theatre and full performing and fine arts facility. Imagine what this would do for the tourist industry along the Jersey Shore for Woodbine is located just 25 minutes from Atlantic City and 4 miles from the Atlantic Ocean. Six years ago, John Gotsch specifically asked then Assemblyman Stephen Perskie, the author of the enabling legislation for casino gambling, if the casino set-aside could be used for the development of a "New Jersey Woodbine Shtetl Arts Complex". His answer: "Yes, but after a significant infusion of set-aside monies first went into Atlantic City."

The dominant issue, right now, however, is that Woodbine and the rest of the historic South Jersey Jewish Colonies cannot wait another minute for Greenblatt's "reinforcements". These communities are absolutely in the gravest of peril!

John W. Gotsch and Father Austin P. Mohrbacher are respectively festival coordinator and pastor of Saint Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church of Roebling, New Jersey. St. Nick's held a Jewish Festival last September, the first ever by a Christian Church; a sequel is to be held on July 8th.

Note: Two books that were crucial to the gathering of historical facts about the Jewish Colonies of South Jersey.

1. Ande Manners, Poor Cousins, New York: Coward, McCann & Geoghegan, 1972, pp. 157-197.
2. Joseph Brandes, Immigrants To Freedom: Jewish Communities in Rural New Jersey Since 1882, Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1971.

Jay H. Greenblatt, Esquire, President of the Alliance Colony Foundation, can be reached at his law office in Vineland, New Jersey at (609) 691-0424.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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Date:

TO: *Michael Gale*

FROM: FAITH R. WHITTLESEY

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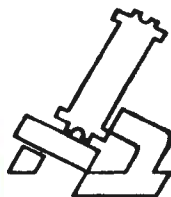
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18th August, 1983.

Ms. Faith Ryan Whittlesey,
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison,
The White House,
WASHINGTON. U.S.A.

Dear Ms. Whittlesey,

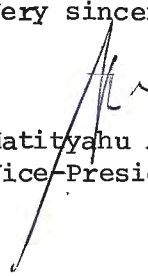
I have your gracious letter of July 20th and, indeed, all of us here appreciate it.

What I had in mind was the conferral of an honorary doctorate upon the President in 1984, either in the States or in Israel. Because the Senate of our University is presently recessed, formal action upon the proposal cannot be taken until the fall semester begins. However, I know that the proposal will receive enthusiastic support and when approved, our president will write to President Reagan.

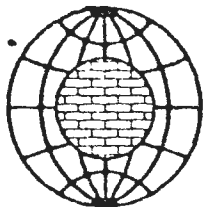
Among the American statesmen who received honorary degrees from us, we are proud to state, is to be found the late Vice President Hubert Humphrey. President Reagan would be the first American President so to be honored.

With warmest personal regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,


Matityahu Adler.
Vice-President.

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מרכז חסיד'י סקוורא העולמי
MERKAZ CHASIDEI SQUARE INTERNATIONAL

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December 26, 1984

The Honorable George Bush
Vice President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20500

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Dear Mr. Vice President:

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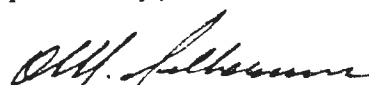
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It is with pleasure and honor that we invite the Honorable Vice President to attend and greet the attendees of our upcoming dinner. On February 3, major political, rabbinic and lay leaders will join together and share an evening on behalf of the 50,000 followers of New Square and its affiliate institutions. In addition, we will proudly salute and pay tribute to our international growth worldwide, spanning the globe building and establishing educational institutions from the United States to Canada, Europe and Israel.

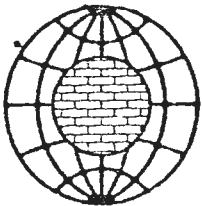
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Looking forward to your response to join us at this momentous occasion, I remain,

Respectfully,


Rabbi A. M. Silberman
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