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Chris Gersten  
Executive Director

December 1, 1987

Dear Max:

FYI

Regards,

*Chris*

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DAVID T. CHASE

Date of Birth: May 6, 1929

Place of Birth: Kielce, Poland

Marital Status: Married to Rhoda L. Cohen

Children: Son, Arnold L. Chase married to Sandra Dakers  
they have 3 children, William Henry, Sara Elizabeth  
and Alison Huntington.

Daughter, Cheryl is married to Roger M. Freedman,  
they have 1 daughter, Dara Chase Freedman.

Education: Weaver High School, Hartford, CT  
Hillyer College, Hartford, CT.  
University of CT, Hartford, CT.

Honorary Degrees: Doctor of Laws  
Rabbinical College of America

Doctor of Laws  
University District of Columbia

Doctor Humane Letters  
Eastern Connecticut State University

## DAVID T. CHASE

### BIOGRAPHY

Creativity, hard work and the desire to take what is good and make it better are all necessary ingredients for success. David T. Chase, president of Chase Enterprises agrees, for he has blended these ingredients to realize his American Dream.

Hartford's well known entrepreneur's struggle for success stems to his teens. Born in Kielce, Poland on May 6, 1929, David Cielsa (who later changed his name to Chase) was only in his teens when World War II and the Holocaust began and found himself in a concentration camp at the age of fourteen.

After having lost his father on one death march, David escaped Auschwitz on a second march by jumping into a ditch and taking cover in the woods.

He was discovered five days later by an American unit and brought to a military hospital in Austria. A week later, Germany surrendered, and within six months David had emigrated to the United States with the help of the United Jewish Appeal. He remembers passing the Statue of Liberty with only 25¢ in his pocket, and many, many dreams. Again, with the guidance of UJA, he chose to leave New York and relocated in Hartford to pursue a formal education.

He enrolled in Hartford's Weaver High School and after graduation, continued his studies at Hilyer College. After transferring to the University of Connecticut to study law, he met his wife Rhoda Cohen. They were married in 1950.

David Chase began his career by selling odd-lot housewares door to door and sensing a market for home improvements, geared his sales in that direction. Before long he found himself involved in the construction business.

In 1952 he established Chase Enterprises. The company's first noteworthy construction project was the Topps Discount Store in Hartford's north end. He then expanded the building department by constructing shopping centers in New York, Rhode Island and New Jersey. His self-confidence and willingness to take risks were the key contributing factors in his rise to success as a major developer in the Northeast.

David Chase was the first developer to have the courage and foresight to invest in the Downtown Hartford area by the construction of the 'Gold Building'. His interest in Hartford has since attracted many other developers to the now burgeoning city.

The 'Gold Building' concept received acclaim from across North America allowing Chase Enterprises to construct and develop two additional structures - One Corporate Center and One Commercial Plaza with partners - Olympia & York of Canada.

Outside of the Hartford area, Chase Enterprises has been constructing, managing, acquiring and renovating major office buildings, hotels, conference centers, industrial parks and residential rental and condominium units.

Chase Enterprises has diversified from its real estate roots. The organization's portfolio includes interests in radio, television, cable-broadcasting, banking, manufacturing and petroleum.

Today, Chase Enterprises has the highest D&B rating (5A1). One of the key factors for the success of Chase Enterprises is the contribution of the Chase family. Mrs. Rhoda Chase, son Arnold and daughter, Cheryl all work within the business.

Rhoda Chase oversees the operation of the Hartford Parkview Hilton Hotel; Cheryl serves as general counsel; Arnold heads the Ch61 television station operation and Roger Freedman, son-in-law, is the company's executive vice president.

A successful business and strong family ties are only a beginning. More inspiring are the numerous ways in which David Chase shares his success. He is a proven concerned humanitarian and committed to a variety of religious, educational and civic causes.

David T. Chase

Civic, Religious and Charitable Affiliations

- . Greater Hartford Jewish Federation (Member)
- . American Red Cross (Director)
- . Connecticut Opera Association (Director)
- . Hartford Ballet Company (Director)
- . Hartford Arts Council (Director)
- . Greater Hartford Chamber of Commerce (Director)
- . St. Francis Hospital (Corporator)
- . Juvenile Diabetes Foundation (Corporator)
- . Rabbinical College of America (Chairman)
- . Haifa University (Trustee)
- . Tel Aviv University (Trustee)
- . Ben Gurion University (Trustee)
- . Governor's Council of Economic Advisors (Vice-Chairman)
- . National Jewish Hospital of Denver (National Trustee)
- . Israel Bond Organization (Member)
- . Hartford Jewish Community Center (Advisory Board)
- . Archbishop's Committee of the Laity
- . Archbishop's Foundation for the Advancement of Catholic Schools (Director)
- . National Conference of Christians & Jews (Trustee)
- . Northern Connecticut State Chairman - United States Savings Bonds
- .

David T. Chase

AWARDS

- . American Friends of Haifa  
Founders Award for Devotion and Dedication to the Advancement of Higher Education
- . Rabbinical College of America  
Doctor of Laws Degree
- . Israel Bond Drive  
Award for Outstanding Service by the Hartford Jewish Federation
- . National Jewish Hospital/National Asthma Center  
Humanitarian Award
- . Institute of Human Relations of the American Jewish Committee  
Human Relations Award
- . Urban League of Hartford  
Equal Opportunity Award
- . Greater Hartford Chamber of Commerce  
Business Leadership Award
- . Greater Hartford Jaycees  
Boss of the Year Award
- . University of District of Columbia  
Doctor of Laws Degree
- . Eastern Connecticut State University  
Doctor of Humane Letters





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December 18, 1987

Mr. George Klein  
Park Tower Realty Corporation  
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New York, NY 10022

Dear George:

Transmitted herewith is a letter from The New York City Department of Investigation (DOI) regarding allegations made about you recently in The Village Voice. We are pleased DOI confirms that these various charges were thoroughly examined by appropriate city and federal authorities.

Over the past several years, the 42nd Street Development Project has been intensively investigated by city, state and federal agencies. There has never been a hint of any impropriety regarding the Project.

Furthermore, no enforcement, investigative or prosecutorial authority has ever suggested to us that we should discontinue our relationship with you or Park Tower Realty Corporation. Nor, to our knowledge, has any member of our respective staffs been informed by any law enforcement authority of any impropriety on your part. As you know, before leases are executed, you and Prudential must fill out the standard City Department of Investigation forms, and be subject to the normal DOI background check, which is required of all developers doing business with the City.

There are many entrenched and vested interests that have fought the clean-up of 42nd Street every step of the way. Twenty-seven different lawsuits brought against the Project have been defeated. In our view, the recent revelation of stale allegations which had already been thoroughly investigated are part of a last gasp effort to delay the 42nd Street Project now that it is close to realization.

We look forward to our continuing relationship and the day when the reclamation of West 42nd Street becomes a reality.

Carl Weisbrod  
President  
42nd Street Development Project  
New York State Urban  
Development Corporation

Very truly yours,

James Stuckey  
President  
New York City Public  
Development Corporation

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 29, 1988

Dear Chris,

Enclosed is the photo we discussed. We'll keep the blow-up here in our office a little longer, and then pass it on to you.

Talk to you soon.

Sincerely,



Matt Zachari  
Office of Public Liaison

Mr. Chris Gersten  
Executive Director  
National Jewish Coalition  
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# The Heitman Group

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February 9, 1988


Mr. Max Green  
Associate Director  
Office of Public Liaison  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Max:

At your request, I am herewith enclosing a copy of the authorizing legislation on the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad together with a copy of the latest letter I sent to all the members to bring them up to date on the current status of the Commission.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,



Betty Heitman

Enclosures

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HAND DELIVERED

Dear Bob:

I am writing in support of the reappointment of Professor Alfred Gottschalk as a member of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council. As you know, Dr. Gottschalk delivered the invocation at President Reagan's inauguration in 1984.

Professor Gottschalk was born in Oberwesel, Germany, in 1930. He came to America as a youngster with his parents who fled Nazi Germany. Thus, he has a deep personal commitment to the Council's work.

Professor Gottschalk has served both on the President's Commission on the Holocaust (1979) and on the Council since its inception in 1980. He has been a key member of the Council's most important committees. Most recently he was appointed as chairman of the pivotal Education Committee.

In addition, he brings wisdom gained from his position as President of Hebrew Union College, a position he has held for the last 17 years. He is an outstanding, internationally recognized educator, administrator (Hebrew Union College has expanded its campuses to New York, Los Angeles and Jerusalem under his guidance), and a skilled fundraiser. Thus, his association with the Council enhances its recognition in academic circles. With his able assistance, the Council will be better able to fulfill its Presidential and Congressional mandate to raise from private sources sufficient funds to build and endow this memorial and educational institution.

Such an appointment is in the best interests of the Administration, as there are very few such uniquely qualified academians in this area, and would demonstrate the President's commitment to this historic and sacred project in its purest form.

I strongly endorse Professor Gottschalk's reappointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard J. Fox".

Richard J. Fox  
National Chairman

cc: Max Green  
Max Fisher  
Bill Lowenberg  
Bud Meyerhoff  
Lyle Ryter

GEORGE KLEIN is a real estate developer who is heavily involved in civic, philanthropic and political activities. He is the founder and President of Park Tower Realty Corp., one of the country's leading development companies.

Mr. Klein is on the Advisory Board of New York University Real Estate Institute; a member of the Board of Overseers of New York University Graduate School of Business Administration; a member of the Board of Governors of the Real Estate Board of New York. He is on the Advisory Board of New York University Real Estate Institute and a Trustee on the Board of the Citizens Budget Commission.

He serves as a Director of the United Nations Development Corp.; a Co-Chairman of the New York Holocaust Memorial Commission; a Director of the Realty Foundation of New York; a Co-Chairman of the National Republican Jewish Coalition and a Board Member of the United Jewish Appeal and the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York.

Mr. Klein holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the New York University School of Commerce and Finance and a Master of Business Administration degree from the New York University Graduate School of Business Administration. He was born on April 23, 1938.

Mr. Klein has been a generous and prominent leader in all Republican Presidential campaigns since 1970. He has played similar roles in Republican campaigns for governor, Senate and House.



NATIONAL  
JEWISH  
COALITION

Chris Gersten  
Executive Director

March 31, 1988

Dear Max,

Thought you'd be interested to see  
the testimony we presented to the  
Republican Platform Committee on March  
30th. We applaud the Administration  
in a number of different places including  
U.S.-Israel relations, Central America,  
South Africa and education.

Best,

  
Chris

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STATEMENT

by the

NATIONAL JEWISH COALITION

before the

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM COMMITTEE

March 30, 1988

Chris Gersten  
Executive Director



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STATEMENT BY THE NATIONAL JEWISH COALITION  
BEFORE THE  
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MARCH 30, 1988

I. ADVOCACY FOR DEMOCRACY

AMERICA'S GLOBAL ROLE

As we move into the last decade of the 20th century, the United States continues to shoulder the responsibilities of leading the free world. First and foremost is our government's responsibility to defend America, and to preserve our own security. We also support resistance movements around the globe which are struggling against Soviet-backed communist regimes, such as those in Nicaragua, Afghanistan, Angola, and Cambodia. Finally, we must support and nurture the development of democracy throughout the world.

In order to promote and sustain democracy in the world, the United States must have a strong defense and the will to project our power to safeguard our interests. It is the responsibility of our leaders to educate the electorate about America's goals and interests, so that the people will support the vital role America has been called to fulfill.

We applaud the encouragement this administration has given to democratic movements around the globe, as well as the efforts which have been made to ensure America's defense through the development of new technologies such as the Strategic Defense Initiative.

In order to be secure, we must be prepared not only to defend our own borders, but also to defend our allies and friends abroad. U.S. national security demands that we be willing to project our power in order to defend our interests and our allies. By this we mean not only our NATO allies, but also Israel, the democracies of Central America, and any friend of the U.S. threatened from without by the expansionism of totalitarian neighbors or from within by left-wing insurgencies.

DEVELOPMENT OF DEMOCRACY

Since President Reagan took office in 1981, we have witnessed a tremendous movement toward democracy in many countries, with the clear support of the U.S. government. The Philippines, South Korea, Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Argentina are just a few of the countries where democratic governments, norms, and principles are being established. This blossoming of democracy must be encouraged in every possible way.

We call on the American government to tender any aid necessary to help these countries continue on the road to full, working democracy.

#### THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR DEMOCRACY

We applaud the efforts of the National Endowment for Democracy to encourage the development of democratic values and practices in countries around the globe. The National Endowment for Democracy is a private-sector initiative working to expand pluralism, support independent communications media, encourage election participation, and in other ways strengthen the commitment of people in many countries to the principles of democracy. The work of the National Endowment for Democracy is an expression of the American people's concern for our neighbors in the "global village". The desire for liberty and for government by the people are common human desires. Through the National Endowment for Democracy, the people of the United States, have taken laudable steps to bring the blessings of democracy to people struggling for freedom around the world.

#### U.S. FOREIGN AID

The Democrats view foreign aid merely as charity or welfare for poor nations. Republicans have come to realize that it is in our national security interests to provide foreign aid. Foreign military assistance strengthens American security by helping our friends provide for their own defense. We support bi-lateral foreign aid as an important part of American foreign policy.

For this reason the National Jewish Coalition urges that the overall level of foreign aid provided by the U.S. be increased. We oppose continued cuts in foreign aid under the Gramm-Rudman budget process. Nations such as the Philippines and Haiti, which are trying to establish democratic traditions, need our help. Likewise the peoples of Africa who are suffering drought and famine require assistance. This central component of our foreign policy should be expanded.

At the same time, we support retaining aid to Israel at its current level. Israel's security and economic well-being are central to America's strategic role in the Middle East, and Israel represents a defensive southern border for NATO as well. Israel's security and economic health depend on continued American aid at the current levels.

#### THE STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE

The President's Strategic Defense Initiative is of enormous value to our defense effort. We applaud his efforts to develop and deploy a space-based defense. By seeking a reliable and effective means to defend our country President Reagan has shown his commitment to peace through strength. The opposition to SDI

voiced by the Soviet Union is a clear indication of its potential effectiveness. We urge that deployment of SDI not be conceded in negotiation for any reason, as it offers the best chance for secure global peace.

In order to develop SDI to its fullest potential in the shortest possible time, we recommend that existing research and development on possible components of SDI, and existing technological developments fundamental to SDI, be exploited. The State of Israel is already developing some of the necessary technology, such as an anti-tactical ballistic missile (ATBM) system. Israel has the technological know-how and capability to develop more of the technology needed for SDI. We believe that the participation of Israeli firms and Israeli scientists would contribute significantly to the development of SDI.

#### CENTRAL AMERICA

The National Jewish Coalition has supported the Republican Party's goals in Central America. The democracies of Central America, Honduras, Guatemala, Costa Rica, and El Salvador, are under assault, both from Sandinista expansionism and from the Marxist insurgencies supported by the Cubans and Sandinistas. El Salvador is nearer to Texas than Texas is to New England; it is our own backyard which is threatened with totalitarianism.

We have supported U.S. aid to the contra rebels in Nicaragua, who have helped contain Sandinista expansionism. The totalitarian Sandinista regime has taken steps to suppress or destroy every dissident or minority voice in the country. Thus they have suppressed the free press and waged war against the Miskito Indians. The Sandinista regime is also in alliance with the sponsors and perpetrators of world terrorism, namely Cuba, Libya, and the PLO. The virulent anti-Semitism of the Sandinistas caused the entire Jewish community of Nicaragua to flee the country within a year of the Sandinistas coming to power.

We are skeptical that the Sandinistas will adhere to the letter and spirit of their negotiated accords with the contras. We urge the Republican Party to do everything in its power to pressure the Sandinista government to adhere to its pledges to democratize Nicaragua.

At the same time we must be prepared to resurrect the contras as a military force if necessary. If the Sandinistas do not honor these accords, the Democrats will have to answer to the American people for the collapse of the contras and the expansion of the Sandinista revolution.

The Jewish communities of Honduras, Guatemala, Costa Rica, and El Salvador consider themselves at risk from the expansion of

the Sandinista revolution and from the leftist guerrilla movements in their own countries. The U.S. should do everything possible to support the democracies of Central America.

Those who engineered the cut-off of contra aid are now turning their attack against U.S. support for the government of El Salvador. The people of El Salvador have a working democracy. They need our help to maintain their democratically elected government in the face of Sandinista- and Cuban-supported insurgents.

We urge the Republican Party to maintain its firm commitment to support the democratic government of El Salvador.

## II. THE MIDDLE EAST

### AMERICA'S REGIONAL ROLE

The Middle East is a global crossroads, and has been a vital geopolitical center since antiquity. Today it is a complex and war-torn region, both the chief source of essential fossil fuels, and a primary exporter of instability and international terrorism.

The United States has a unique role to play in this region of the world. America has good relations with both Israel and the moderate Arab states. Both sides regard us as the legitimate, indeed the only, state which can help build a lasting peace in the Middle East.

A strong U.S. military presence in the region is the guarantor of free trade between the oil-producing states and the West. It is U.S. power which guards NATO's southern flank from the encroachment of the Soviet Union. The U.S. also preserves the security of our chief ally in the region, Israel, and supports the moderate Arab states, such as Egypt and Jordan.

The National Jewish Coalition supports the active U.S. presence in the Persian Gulf, keeping the sea lanes open for international traffic. We believe we must maintain our presence there for as long as it is necessary. It is our concern that every effort be made to bring an end to the costly and brutal war being waged there, while at the same time guaranteeing the continuation of free passage in the Persian Gulf.

### U.S.-ISRAEL RELATIONS

The alliance between Israel and the U.S. is not based on political exigencies, but rather on shared values, goals, and beliefs. The only democracy in the Middle East, Israel is an important ally whose security is an element in our strategic defense. We applaud the actions of the administration and of Israel's friends in the Congress and Senate which have enhanced our relationship with Israel.

In order to build a strategic alliance, we must have the long-term strategic perspective which indicates that such an alliance is necessary. That strategic vision is what separates Republicans from Democrats. The Democrats believe in a strong Israel and a weak America. The Republicans believe in a strong Israel, a strong America and a strong friendship between the two nations. Republicans understand that a strong U.S.-Israel alliance benefits the interests of both countries and of the free world.

Israel also contributes significantly to the defense of

NATO, because of her location and friendship with the West, and because of her technological capability and military expertise.

Under this administration, the U.S.-Israel relationship has been dramatically strengthened. It has changed from a donor-recipient relationship to an alliance between two states with much to offer each other.

U.S. aid to Israel has been changed to all grants from a combination of grants and loans, and has been more than doubled to \$3 billion per year. A new debt-refinancing plan will save Israel \$2 billion over twenty years. The Free Trade Area agreement which will eliminate all tariff barriers between the U.S. and Israel by 1995 is already bringing advantages to both countries.

Strategic cooperation has become a key area in the new U.S.-Israel relationship. Joint defense programs are receiving significant U.S. funding, such as development of the Israeli Arrow ATBM and development of a night-targeting system for Cobra helicopter gun-ships. The Pentagon buys high-technology products such as remotely piloted vehicles (RPV's or drones) from Israel. Joint naval and air exercises are being held, and American naval vessels are allowed access to repair and supply facilities in Israel's harbors. Other components of this strategic cooperation are the prepositioning of American medical supplies in Israel for American use in the event of a Middle East war, and joint economic and defense meetings between experts from both countries. Israel's designation as a major non-NATO ally allows Israel to bid on a wider range of defense-related contracts from the Department of Defense.

The National Jewish Coalition applauds this enhanced relationship between the U.S. and Israel. We encourage the continued development of strategic cooperation and the expansion of joint defense projects, including Israeli involvement in the research and development for the Strategic Defense Initiative.

This cooperation would be further enhanced by the establishment in Israel of a Pentagon procurement office. Exempting Israel from the Pentagon's ban on "offshore procurement of munitions" would also contribute to strategic cooperation.

The pursuit of peace in the Middle East is one of the major components of U.S. foreign policy in the region. We applaud the administration's unwavering commitment to Israel's security, which must be the primary consideration in any peace process. The historic refusal of the Arab states to recognize Israel's sovereignty and legitimate right to exist has been the chief impediment to the establishment of a lasting peace in the region. Only when the Arab states follow the example set by President Sadat of Egypt, and come to the bargaining table in good faith, will peace be possible.

With this in mind, we support direct negotiations between Israel and her Arab neighbors. Direct negotiations, based on the Arab states' acceptance of UN Resolutions 242 and 338 and their recognition of Israel, are the only effective vehicle for peace.

The National Jewish Coalition supports the continued adherence to a policy of not meeting with, recognizing, or negotiating with the PLO. Until the PLO renounces terror, recognizes Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state, and accepts UN Resolutions 242 and 338, it will not be a suitable negotiating partner for peace talks.



### III. ANTI-SEMITISM

The National Jewish Coalition condemns anti-Semitism, as we condemn every form of racism and bigotry. We applaud the Republican Party for publicly stating its condemnation of anti-Semitism in its party platform of 1984.

We urge the Republican Party to state its opposition to anti-Semitism once again in its 1988 platform.

The National Jewish Coalition also commends the Administration's efforts to bring accused Nazi war criminals to justice. We further commend Attorney General Edwin Meese for prosecuting to the fullest extent of the law such hate groups as the white supremacists and neo-Nazi gangs.

The National Jewish Coalition welcomed the establishment of the U.S. Holocaust Council. The Council's work, the coordination of the annual civic commemoration of the Holocaust and the planning and construction of a national Holocaust museum, will perpetuate the memories of the six million Jews who died in the Holocaust. We support the continued funding of the Holocaust Council. The moral strength of our national leaders will help to ensure that such a tragedy will never happen again.

#### IV. HUMAN RIGHTS

The plight of the Soviet Jews, denied their religion and culture and denied their right to emigrate, has captured the imagination of the American people. The tenacity of the human spirit in the face of incredible odds is the every-day story of the refuseniks. The National Jewish Coalition has the highest praise for President Reagan's efforts to convince Soviet authorities to increase the rate of Soviet Jewish emigration. We applaud the Administration for bringing up the issue of Soviet Jewry at every meeting with Soviet officials, and for its persistent efforts on behalf of individual refuseniks and their families.

The National Jewish Coalition is concerned that those responsible for our foreign trade policy tend to see trade with the Soviet Union as an end in itself. We must not overlook the fact that trade policy can be an important political tool as well. It can be used to put pressure on the Soviet Union to improve its human rights policies. The Jackson-Vanik amendment, which denies most-favored-nation status to any country which restricts its citizens' right of free emigration, marked the first time the United States used its trade policy in the struggle for human rights. As long as the Soviet Union refuses to allow free emigration, we must continue to support the Jackson-Vanik amendment.

In order to continue to encourage the Soviets to comply with international guarantees of human rights, such as the Helsinki Accords, we call on the Republican Party to work for measures which would link all trade, technology transfer, and untied loans and credits to the Soviet Union to guaranteed free emigration for Soviet citizens.

Operation Moses was the daring 1985 airlift of Ethiopian Jews to Israel. It required persistent, high-level, secret diplomacy. The National Jewish Coalition applauds Vice President Bush for his pivotal involvement in Operation Moses. The Vice President's efforts to save the oppressed Jewish minority of Ethiopia, who have clung to the dream of returning to Zion for many centuries, are to be most highly commended. Unfortunately many thousands of Jews still remain in Ethiopia and the government has increased its persecution of the community.

We urge the Republican Party to remember the Ethiopian Jews, and to stand ready to play a similar role in their rescue.

V. THE UNITED NATIONS

The National Jewish Coalition believes that the United Nations has lost any effectiveness as a forum for the consideration of world problems and the solution of international disputes. It has become an arena for anti-Americanism. Israel's status as a pariah state in the UN and the continuing barrage of resolutions against her is another indication of the basic anti-Western tenor of the United Nations and its organs.

We agree with the position stated by the Vice President that if Israel were ever expelled from the United Nations, the United States would walk out with Israel.

We urge the Republican Party to include a statement to this effect in its 1988 platform.

## VI. TERRORISM

The National Jewish Coalition applauds the Administration for its tough stand against terrorism. Through bitter lessons we have learned that giving in to terror only increases terror; we must combat terrorism on every front if we wish to protect ourselves from its carnage. With this in mind we applaud the U.S. raid on Libya, which did effectively curtail terrorism coming out of that country for some time.

The President has also been successful in bringing our European allies into the fight against terror. Terror is not a one-country problem. It involves every nation in the free world, and a unified effort by the democratic states is necessary to defeat it. America's willingness to fight terrorism not with words but with deeds, has given our European allies the courage to join us in the fight. We urge continued cooperation with our allies to capture, extradite, bring to trial, and suitably punish those engaged in terrorism. While we have an obligation to do everything possible to secure the safety and release of hostages, to negotiate or bargain with terrorists only makes future terror more likely. The eradication of this international problem must be of primary concern.

## VII. DOMESTIC ISSUES

### QUOTAS

The National Jewish Coalition supports equal opportunity for all Americans, but we cannot support programs which attempt to dictate equality of results. Quotas and numerical goals are actually a reverse form of discrimination. Only when each individual is judged on the basis of merit, without consideration of sex, race, religion, or ethnic background, will members of minority groups be able to achieve their full potential in American society.

### SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

The separation of church and state is a pillar of American society. It is one reason that America is a haven for oppressed minorities from all over the world. A strong and vibrant Jewish community has flourished in America because of the pluralism and religious tolerance which are basic to American culture. Jews have been free to participate in the American dream.

The National Jewish Coalition respects the religious nature of American society, and the devotion to God which has played an important role in our American heritage. The decline of religion in recent decades has led to a yearning on the part of Americans of all faiths to return to religious traditions and increase the religious content of their daily lives. We appreciate the desire of many to bring religion into the lives of their children, as well.

Yet as our country moves back to its religious traditions, we must keep the wall of separation between church and state intact. Many Jews are concerned by what they see as a desire on the part of some to erode that wall. Respect for minority rights is predicated on pluralism and religious tolerance, which are guaranteed by the strict separation of church and state. For this reason we oppose the inclusion of organized prayer in schools.

We encourage the Republican Party to restate its commitment to the strict separation of church and state.

### THE ECONOMY

Eight years of a Republican administration have reversed the continual increase in the size, responsibilities, and intrusiveness of the federal government over the last half century. This administration has streamlined taxes through tax cuts and tax reforms which encourage private initiative.

As a result of President Reagan's economic program, there

has been an unprecedented jump in the creation of jobs. More Americans are finding work today than ever before. At the same time, we have held inflation down.

#### THE NEEDY

The Republican Party must recognize the responsibility of the government to take care of those in our society who cannot care for themselves. There are some who have been left out of the economic growth of the past eight years. For these people, the American dream remains out of reach. While private groups can do a great deal to alleviate the suffering of many of these people, we must also take a second look at what government can do for them.

We need to re-examine the programs which have been designed to help the neediest in our society. Many of these programs have served to break up the family and further impoverish those they were intended to help.

The current welfare system has hurt those it was intended to help by encouraging dependence. We need a welfare system which encourages individuals to learn the skills necessary to become independent. Welfare should respect the dignity of the individual and help each person achieve his or her potential in society. We must do everything possible to bring the American dream within the reach of every American.

#### EDUCATION

The National Jewish Coalition applauds the efforts to improve education initiated by Secretary of Education William Bennett. We support programs, such as merit pay, which encourage good teachers to stay in the system. We support the use of vouchers, to give parents more control over their children's education and to ensure the best education for each child. We applaud the efforts being made to rid our schools of drugs.

We urge the Republican Party to study the investments we are making in inner-city education, to determine if they are adequate for the needs of the youth in those areas. Our education system continues to fail many of those students who most desperately need a sound education as the road out of poverty.

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CENTRAL AMERICAN JEWISH LEADERS ITINERARY  
May 15 - 22, 1988

Miami-Saturday, May 14, 1988

Sunset  
(confirmed) Outdoor chavdalah service and salt-and-bread welcome with the Cuban-Jewish and Nicaraguan-Jewish communities of Miami (with Central American Jewish relatives and friends of the delegation) at Temple Beth Shmuel-Hebrew Congregation (Michael Karpel, president of the Cuban-Hebrew congregation and Yosi Teitlebaum, 305-534-7213) with a program designed to welcome the delegation to the United States and wish them well; alternately, a statement from the Jewish Federation of Central America (FEDECO) would be helpful. (Press should be there)

Following Ceremony  
(confirmed) Dinner at Temple Beth Shmuel with the Cuban and Nicaraguan Jewish community in Miami

Miami- Sunday, May 15, 1988

12:00 - 12:45 Press Conference with the Palm Beach Jewish World, Miami Jewish Tribune, Jewish Floridian, Miami Herald, Southern Jewish Weekly (at the home of Jay Kislak?)

1:00 - 2:00 pm Board of Rabbis Lunch and Jewish Federation leadership

3:00 - 3:30 Meeting with editorial board of Miami Herald

(Participants should leave New York in the evening and are recommended to stay at the Loew's Glenpoint in Glenpoint, New Jersey)

New Jersey- Monday, May 16, 1988

8:00 - 9:00 am "Jewish Music in the Morning" radio interview, WFMU, Orange County, Nachum Segal, director, 201-

10:00 - 11:30 Lecture before five Yeshiva and Hebrew High Schools in Glenpoint, Rabbi Menachem Meir, Frisch Yeshiva High School in Paramus 201-845-0455

12:00 - 1:30 Jewish Community Relations Council of Northern New Jersey-Jewish Federation of North Jersey, United Jewish Community of Bergen County and Jewish Federation of Clifton-Passaic-Bergen County Board of Rabbis



(Conservative and Reform) and Rabbinical Council of Bergen County (Orthodox) luncheon Marcia Rapp, Assistant Director, JCRC, 201-595-0555, in Glenpoint

2:00 - 4:00 Meetings with secular and Jewish press (including The Record, Northern New Jersey Jewish Voice and the Bergen Jewish Review)

7:00 - 8:30 pm Community event at the home of Susan  
(Confirmed) Rosenbluth

(Participants should leave New Jersey for New York; should stay at the St. Moritz on Central Park South)

New York - Tuesday, May 17, 1988

8:30 - 10:00 am Board of Rabbis breakfast, 212-879-8415, Rabbi Hirschburg, president, 212-362-8800 Rabbi Hait, executive director

10:30 - 11:30 am Press Conference at (at the Golda Meir Plaza?) in Mid-town Manhattan for local and national press, radio and television

Meeting with Rabbi Morton Rosenthal and the Latin American Affairs Department of the Anti-Defamation League (at hotel or ADL office at UN Plaza?) Two participants should attend this meeting to brief the ADL on the current situation for Jewish communities in Central America...possibly with a message from the Central American Jewish Federation (FEDECO)

12:00 - 1:30 pm Lunch with neo-conservative leaders (Midge Decter, Committee for the Free World; Norman Poedhoretz, Commentary; Irving Kristol, Public Interest; Elliott Abrams? Dr. Robert Jastrow?)

2:00 - 2:45 pm Editorial boards of the New York Times, the New York Post, the National Review, etc.

2:00 - 3:00 pm Lecture before Yeshiva and Hebrew High School students in the New York area at the Fifth Avenue Synagogue? (Two participants should attend this event)

3:00 - 4:00 pm Press Conference at George Klein's office with the Jewish Week, Long Island Jewish World, Jewish Press, Jewish Herald, JTA, Jerusalem Post International Edition, Bergen Jewish News, Northern New Jersey Jewish

Voice, American-Jewish Life, Jewish Community Voice (Cherry Hill), Jewish Record (Atlantic City), Jewish Standard (Teaneck), Synagogue Light, Midstream.

3:45 - 4:45  
(confirmed)

Jewish Federation - Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater New York  
Michael Miller, executive director, JCRC  
212-983-4800

4:30 - 6:00

Community Event at the home of Ambassador Ronald Lauder

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5:00 - 6:00  
(confirmed)

Meeting with the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations  
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7:30 - 9:00  
(confirmed)

Community Event at the home of Cheryl Halpern (201-740-2076) in New Jersey

(Participants should be available for radio, television and newspaper interviews all day)

Washington - Wednesday, May 18, 1988

8:30 - 10 am  
(confirmed)

Board of Rabbis breakfast (at the Grand Hyatt in downtown Washington?) (Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt, president, 249-2424, Potomac, 983-3277)

10:30 - 11:30 am

Press conference on Capitol Hill sponsored by Senator Rudy Boschwitz (R-NH) and Congressmen Tom Lantos (D-CA) with local press, radio and television coverage)

12 noon - 1:30 pm  
(Confirmed)

Jewish Federation-Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington lunch (Invite Joe Polakoff, James David Besser, JTA, Baltimore Jewish Times?) Buddy Sislin & Marlene Gorin, Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington, 347-4628  
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1:00 - 2:00 pm

Lecture at the Washington Hebrew Congregation for Yeshiva and Hebrew High School students and Chabad and Hillel students)

(Two participants should split off from the main group to attend the lecture)  
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2:00 - 4:30 pm

Meetings with Washington Times-Insight, Washington Post and Washington Jewish Week

2:00 -

Roundtable discussion at the Brookings Institution, Kathryn Ho 797-6012

American Enterprise Institute, Dr. Josh  
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Meetings being scheduled or requested:

1. Capitol Hill reception hosted by Jewish Senators and Jewish Congressman

2. Meetings with Elliott Abrams, Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, Ambassador Jose Sorzano of the National Security Council, National Security Advisor Colin Powell

3. Walk-In Meetings with President Reagan and Vice President Bush  
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5:00 - 6:00 pm C-SPAN Interview, Greg Barker at 737-3220  
(Call up week of May 9th)

7:00 - 8:30 pm Community Event at the home of Joseph & Alma Gildenhorn in Washington, D.C.

(Participants should split up at this point for individual tours of Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia, Boston, Phoenix and Denver)

St. Louis, Chicago, Philadelphia, San Diego and Phoenix-  
Thursday, May 19, 1988

(Separate schedules which should include meetings with rabbis, Jewish Federations and Community Relations Councils, Jewish and secular press, radio and tv coverage and community events)

Los Angeles- Friday, May 20, 1988

8:30 - 10 am Breakfast meeting (with prominent L.A. yuppies/potential Coalition members?)

10:30 - 11:30 am Press Conference with the Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles, Israel Today/National Jewish Daily, Northern California Jewish Bulletin, San Diego Jewish Press Heritage, Sacramento Jewish Tribune, B'nai B'rith Messenger, Orange County Jewish Heritage, Central California Jewish Heritage, Jewish Spectator, Israel Today San Diego, Jewish Star, Intermountain Jewish News

12 noon - 1:30 pm Greater Los Angeles Jewish Federation-Jewish Community Relations Council-Board of Rabbis luncheon

(Rabbi Moshe Rosenblum, president, and Rabbi Paul Dubin, executive director, Board of Rabbis, Dr. Steven Wynn Miller, executive director, and Rabbi Marvin Gross, Jewish Community Relations Council at 213-852-1234)

2:00 - 3:00 pm Press Conference at the Los Angeles Foreign

Relations Council building?

3:30 - 5:00 pm      Television and/or radio interviews

8:30 - 10:00 pm      Synagogue appearance (participants should split up in teams of two to attend three synagogues in the Los Angeles area...or one per six synagogues. Participants will probably be invited to speak to the congregation.

Los Angeles - Saturday, May 20, 1988

9:00 - 1:00      Synagogue appearance (National Council of Young Israel congregation?)

1:00 - 2:00      Luncheon at synagogue

8:00 - ?      Community Event

(All Jewish Federation, Community Relations Council, Anti-Defamation League, Americans for a Safe Israel, Jewish press, etc. in California should be invited to the Los Angeles events)