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The supreme moment of mobilization occurred in the critical years of 1946-1948.

Recoiling at the honor of Hitler, the Jews of America poured out money which they intended for the soothing of pain ~~and~~ - which they gave to bring relief to the sheepest Hitlerite. And then almost ~~for~~ simultaneously, they understood that the moment of birth might be here and they turned the massive weight of money and support in the direction of Atzmaut.

It was clearly understood, ^{by some,} or certainly subconsciously felt, ^{by almost all.}

That Jewish destiny was now in Jewish hands. The utter despair of the Churban followed so quickly by the delicious joy of Stetchovel swept away the earlier trends of the 20th century in America, and rolled the population into a massive army determined to support Israel, and erase the memory of defeat, and reestablish the vigorous honor of Jewish self-assertion.

~~From 1948 until today,~~
we must be ever grateful that
~~the~~ At his crucial ~~point~~
turning-point of history, ~~we~~
There was already forged an
instrument through which the
collective will could assert itself.

That instrument, the UJA, had been fashioned with wisdom and far-sightedness in 1939. It was created on the principle that the fate of Jews was indivisible and that the solution of their problems was to be attempted in a unified fashion. During the years of the war, the UJA slowly grew in strength, providing that money it could for the limited work that could be done under the war conditions.

But when the great hour of liberation and opportunity struck, it was there and overnight flowered into a massive stream of support.

As our first years of ^{experience} ~~the~~
prepared ~~the~~ the American Jewish
community to accept it as the
great vehicle through which help
could be channeled.

~~the USA~~ During the past ten years
it became a mass movement,
embracing thousands of active and
hard workers, more than a million
contributors, tens of thousands of
volunteers, scores of key men who
gave it their entire waking lives.
~~During the past ten years with~~
~~the acceptance of a few die hards, every~~
~~few who wanted~~ It developed
into such an institution in the

communities that it was continuously able to call for support for Israel and distressed Jews on a scale never before achieved by any voluntary society. It became a fixed feature of American Jewish life, returning year after year to describe the current state of this or that group in world Jewry, and to restate the needs of ~~the~~ ^{an} Israel which was constantly receiving the masses of immigrants. It ~~receiv~~ obtained year after year the sympathetic ear and willing contribution of American Jews. The CJA became the pivotal fact in American Jewish life.

There may be those who say that the UJA never succeeded in raising enough money. There are others who say that the campaign is conducted with a shrill quality of vulgarity. There are still others who complain that the search for new programs and new emergencies is cheap and ~~unfair~~ unworthy. All of this may or may not be true.

The important indisputable wonderful fact is that the UJA has been able to mobilize more than a billion dollars, and has had a hand in aiding more than 2 million Jews, has helped bring almost

one million here to Israel, and has had a part in the building of this precious State. That short sentence sums up the first two decades of our work.

What of the future?

The tasks ahead are clear. ^{They are two.}

The people of Israel, ^{wherever dispersed & distressed} must continue to be ~~gathered in from~~ ~~gathered~~ rescued, and the land of Israel must be enabled to ^{develop} ~~consolidate~~ its economy and consolidate its defense. People and land are the two ingredients of the noble concept Israel - and these both must be made whole and strong. ~~that~~ The exact details of

unfolding history are, of course,
hidden from us. But the twin
broad outlines are known.

In regard to the people, we are
aware of the large reservoirs who want
to and must still come here. I have
just returned from Russia, where I saw
a picture of such misery and degradation
as I have never in my life witnessed.
There are 80,000 Jews in that land
who must be reclaimed for sheer
humanity's sake, if not for any purely
Jewish motive. There is the belt of
miserable in North Africa. There is
the whole band of countries in
Eastern Europe. There is Russia

itself, with its large numbers of
Jews clearly maintaining a sense
of Jewish identity and integrity even
after 40 years of Soviet attempts
to ~~eradicate~~ ^{suppress Jewish} nationalist sentiments.

The ~~last~~ details are not
clear and the exact numbers are
unknown, but it is obvious that
~~thousands~~ ^{scores} and hundreds of thousands,
perhaps more than a million, Jews
from ^{various} ~~lands~~ ^{lands} will push their way toward Israel
in the decade ahead. We must
help. Of that there is no doubt.
We have expressed too well and
too often our determination that ~~we~~
every Jew in need in the world

is our brother to place any time limit on our promise to help. So long as the transplantation of Jewish populations ~~take place~~ ^{continues}, just so long must we American Jews ~~remain~~ keep at our task of providing funds.

As for the second part of the program - the further building and consolidating of the land to receive the people - this also is very clear.

The economy of Israel has made enormous strides in the past decade. Hundreds of millions of American Jewish dollars gathered in the Bond Drive have been invested in a multitude of projects designed to increase the

industrial production. This has been a constant process of creating more jobs, building up exports, increasing industrial plant as a further attraction to more investment - in other words, the usual ~~economic~~ ~~process~~ of unfolding of ever greater economic opportunities to create more wealth. It is this process alone which will ultimately make this country self-sufficient.

But again this process cannot be accomplished in a year or a decade. Great and imaginative experiments are taking place. Modern science & technology are respected

Here and there are many people trained in research and discovery. Matters of importance to the entire world are under investigation here - desalting of water on a large-scale commercial basis; the use of the sun's heat as a form of energy; peaceful use for atomic power. Just think of what it will mean to Israel and to the human race if the answers to some of these questions can be found here. But answers cannot be forced - progress takes time.

In the meanwhile there is the need for ~~more conventional~~ ^{greater}

the more conventional fields of
progress in electric power, irrigation,
road building, greater productivity
per-man per-hour.

~~I~~ I speak of these economic
matters without reference to the
supporting political conditions of Arab
boycott and blockade, which make
normal trade development so difficult.
Nor do I make reference to the
military and security situation
which drains so much of the wealth
of this country, and yet which is so
obviously necessary. It is an
absolute miracle that so much
has been accomplished economically
and industrially in the face of these

years of hot and cold war.

Well. if we look carefully at the twin problems ~~of the future~~ of Israel - the rescuing of its people in all their scattered ^{great} ~~lands~~ of distress, and the building of its land - we can make one clear-cut formulation. No one can undertake such gigantic goals and hope to accomplish them in as short a time as we have so far been working. You simply do not rescue a people and build a land in a decade. It is the task of perhaps an entire generation. And what

is that in the span of time?
If we are able to do it in a
generation it will be a record
of such proportions as to write this
generation in the book of Jewish
history with honor.

I think American Jews
understand this. Everywhere I ^{in the} go U.S.
people tell me that they understand
the USA will be coming to them for
yet many years. No one believes
that the campaign of 1959 or 1960
will be the last.

If this be true, and if we
~~can~~ cast our destiny in terms of a
generation of support, then it is

obvious that the most careful consideration be given to the matter of relationships between Israeli and American Jews. Except for the few thousands who actually visit Israel each year and by so doing establish a personal connection, the vast majority of American Jews have their relationship with Israel through the fund-raising organizations whose meetings they attend or whose literature they read. For most American Jews their connection with Israel is the UJA, and thus I submit the proposition to this Conference that from now on the UJA must

~~subject~~ ^{essence} after a new role of
being an educational instrument
about Israel as well as a
fund-raising instrument for Israel.

If we want to keep strong
bonds of connection - of interest - of
love - of knowledge - then the greatest
need of all is for Israelis and
Americans to understand each other.

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HERBERT A. FRIEDMAN

UJA - 2 tasks - Generations

rescue people of Israel
build land of Israel

million from all countries

Progress with Peril
war - blockade

atomic reactor - Rishon le Zion

New Type of Jew

Control of our destiny
will stay with this
until done

HERBERT A. FRIEDMAN

Scorpion

Sword

Spade

~~Sword shield with ABC stage~~

A description

Building

Creation (spiritual)

1111

Progress

Agriculture

16" oil line

atomic reactor - Rishon

Elek - to Asia, Africa

Rogovin, Mayer - plants

Peril

war -

Letana upbrings Malik for
fair picture

blockade

Refugee Absorption

Americans are idealists

Rumanians

World Refugee Year - today - White House

as Americans
as Jews

} we can alleviate
suffering
help build a democracy
what more with money?



The Standard Club of Chicago

Film

So much Beauty in world.
everyone wants it.

Beauty includes:

we talk on global
scale - what
does it mean to one

1. Freedom (bring person to Israel)
our people crys for freedom
2. Little house (240 or 320 sq. ft.)
3. School for children
4. Hospital
5. Job for husband

Above all: Dignity

Jewish destiny in our hands.
SURVIVAL OF JEWISH PEOPLE

Increase - other women 30%

* Reclaiming a people - from death,
alien ideologies, assimilation, disappearance

HERBERT A. FRIEDMAN

TASK of GENERATION

10 June 59
Jeweller's Div.
Final NYC fund-
aspect of season

Decade of Chairmen - fabulous - This is best example of continuity

1) Rescue -

no Jews get kicked around any more
Remember the St. Louis?
Remember the Struma?

1. million finished

2) Build Israel

WAR - planes - Egyptian - Lebanese
NO DETROITS
BLOCKADE - Suez ships

3) we have Success Story on Our Hands -

This takes more money.

If we had failed it would have
lost nothing. Like 6 million dead Jews.

But now it costs more and more
as we ride down corridor of
history toward conclusion.

Honor + glory of our generation

Elan

From the effluence of these three elements - the Hebrew biblical tradition (Amos writing the prophecies of social justice, Isaiah proclaiming the vision of universal peace, Ezekiel contemplating the mysteries of regeneration and resurrected hope), the broader Jewish experience accumulated by the people in its years of wandering and dispersion, Western science and political organization - itself morally derived from the original Hebrew tradition - from these the culture of modern Israel will emerge.

There is no way of ensuring that the result will be of universal significance. We cannot promise a new period of revelation. It is not for us to command the inscrutable sources of inspiration. All we can do is create the opportunities whereby to express whatever potentialities lie within our soul. We have at least restored to our people the conditions of a creative culture - pride of soil; a sense of historic continuity; deep roots in a superbly aristocratic cultural tradition; and the special exaltation which attends a people in the great hours of its national revival. Who can really be certain that these conditions will not bring a message at least in the spirit and quality of our original inheritance?

Etan

- to restore the broken cycle of Israel's nationhood,
 - to recapture Israel's roots in its historic culture;
 - to gather the scattered debris of the most ancient of peoples and quicken it with energy & compassion into a new birth of life;
 - to rescue the most sacred of all lands from primal desolation;
 - to build a Hebrew society for the perfection of man in the Divine Kingdom;
 - to establish a strong economy as the shield of a vigorous culture;
 - to illustrate for a tormented Middle East the rewards of affirmative progress;
 - to console the wounded heart of our people
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RL to HAF
many thanks

I. I speak today not as the chief executive officer of an organization whose task it is to gather funds for Jewish national reconstruction; nor as a rabbi whose professional career is the teaching of the values of the Jewish religion; but as a single Israelite, a Hebrew, a man of an ancient people who believes that nothing is more important for me or for the world than the survival of the Jewish people.

II. The reason for this is that the ideas and beliefs of the Jewish people are the very basis of civilization.

Jewish people has lived on several beliefs

1. Belief in a covenant relationship with God
2. Belief in a moral law which must be followed or great suffering would result (Tochacha)
3. Belief that man is good as well as bad
4. Belief that a just social order on earth is the path toward the coming of the Messiah, which is a way of saying -- peace for all men.

Western Civilization -- from Greece and Rome down to the French and American Revolutions -- has been based on Hebraic traditions and ideas. Democracy as we know it, and hope it will develop even further, stems from these few ideas:

1. All men are brothers
2. All men are equal
3. Freedom is indivisible
4. Government is by consent of the governed; the King sits with the Torah
on his knee -- i.e., lives by the Law -- i.e., no autocracy
5. The poor must not be oppressed

These ideas are the ones I choose for my family, for society,
for all men -- I believe the world will come to peace and prosperity through their
successful application.

They are the MIOREH DERECH -- the way of life for mankind.

III. But these ideas cannot exist without the Jewish people. They do
not exist in a vacuum, a state of pure thought. These ideas are carried in the
flesh and blood of Jewish people, who have borne them down the long corridors of
time, as man has marched toward civilization, in his conquest of barbarism, and
conquest of the deepest instincts of evil.

If we understand this, we understand the meaning of anti-semitism.

For we must be judged by the passion of our enemies to destroy us. We are the
civilizing agent and the barbarism shrieks for our blood. He must, for there is
no room in the world for both of us.

(Read Hitler's introduction).

And we must fight to survive, for if we crumble, the world retreats to darkness.

We are the barometer.

IV. And in this struggle to survive, Israel is the core -- Canaan,

Judah, Promised Land, Palestine, by whatever name.

Recall the Shmoneh Esreh -- at the very heart of Jewish prayer --

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לְבָרְכֶךָ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְלִשְׁמֹחַת לִבְּךָ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ
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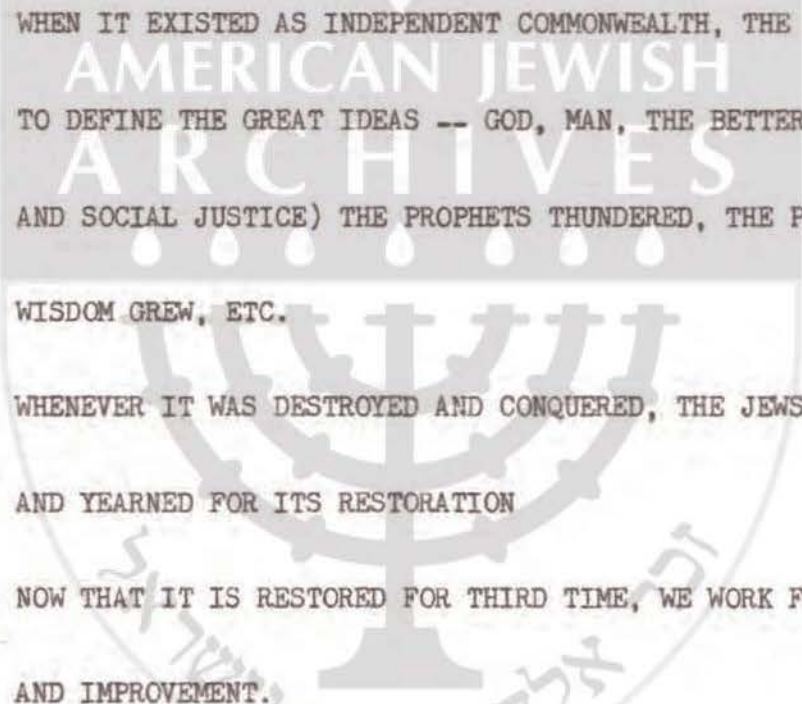
And to Jerusalem thy city, return in mercy, and dwell therein as thou hast spoken; rebuild it soon in our days as an everlasting building, and speedily set up therein the throne of David. Blessed art thou O Lord who rebuildest Jerusalem.

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Sound the great horn for our freedom; lift up the banner to gather our exiles, and gather us from the four corners of the earth. Blessed art thou, O Lord, who gatherest the banished ones of thy people Israel.

V. ISRAEL IS AT CORE OF JEWISH EXISTENCE, IS ATOM PILE THAT KEEPS PROVIDING ENERGY

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- A. WHEN IT EXISTED AS INDEPENDENT COMMONWEALTH, THE JEWS THERE SOUGHT TO DEFINE THE GREAT IDEAS -- GOD, MAN, THE BETTER SOCIETY (PROPHETS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE) THE PROPHETS THUNDERED, THE PSALMISTS SANG, WISDOM GREW, ETC.
- B. WHENEVER IT WAS DESTROYED AND CONQUERED, THE JEWS ALWAYS PRAYED FOR AND YEARNED FOR ITS RESTORATION
- C. NOW THAT IT IS RESTORED FOR THIRD TIME, WE WORK FOR ITS STRENGTHENING AND IMPROVEMENT.

VI. No need to enter here into question of whether Israel is the only atom pile that can guarantee the survival of the Jewish people. If there are other loci, all to the good. If America also develops into a place where Jewish genius ~~genius~~ can flower and create and develop its core ideas and spread them, that would be wonderful. Many feel that the environment, political circumstances,

deep Hebraic roots of America will enable this country to be another Jerusalem, as it were. I never argue with facts of history. If after a thousand years, this appears to be true, then it will be true. The beginning certainly looks promising.

But it is a fact that Israel has served in this capacity for the Jewish people since Abraham's time, 4,000 years ago, and hence the national rebirth on that same historic soil has a significance of the universal theme re-establishing itself after a break in time. Therefore we concentrate on its healthy and peaceful rebirth and without diminishing the daily building of Jewish life in America, which proceeds apace, nevertheless we throw massive support and strength into the renaissance on the ancient soil.

VII.

TASK OF THIS GENERATION

21 years of USA

- A. TO RESCUE ALL OPPRESSED, GATHER IN ALL WHO WANT TO AND NEED TO COME.
- B. TO BUILD THE LAND, TO RECEIVE THEM. - *Detroit and Buffalo must be created.*
- C. TO CREATE CONDITIONS OF MILITARY SECURITY, ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE, POLITICAL SUPPORT, SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL STRUCTURE SO THAT A FREE CITIZENRY CAN CARVE OUT ITS OWN DESTINY.

This is meaning - Jews in control of our destiny - no more going hat in hand.

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When speaking of dreams For Future, one of favorite things to

remember, especially in presence of Abba Khousy, whose city lives by the sea and is the chief port, is the story of Berl Katzenelson and Ben Gurion.

At 21st Zionist Congress, 1939, just before outbreak of World War II, lights going out all over world -- British slammed down White Paper -- Katzenelson gave last major public speech of his life -- pleaded for Aliyah Bet -- and spoke of conquering the sea, in order to do it. He spoke of the heroism of young Jews who would have to defy the sea blockade to smuggle through Europe's Jews who would otherwise die. He talked of the significance of the sea to Jews.

"Behold I believe that the time is not far off when songs will be sung in honor of our own seafaring people."

*This was a dream
expressed 20 years ago*

B.K. was the Teacher to B.G. and three years later, in 1942, at the Biltmore Conference, when B.G. made the ultimate bid to get the Zionist movement and American Jewry to support an "independent commonwealth" resolution (with Weizmann, Judah Magnes, Henriette Szold and many others opposed), he used in part the argument of the sea. He said:

"The youngest Jewish adventure in Palestine is the sea. Jews as seafaring people may seem fantastic to those who know only the Jews of Europe and America.

Forty years ago the idea of Jews becoming farmers seemed strange and unbelievable. But it happened.

Six years ago there was not a single Jewish sailor on the seas of Palestine/..... although the main sea trade was Jewish. Now ships manned by Jewish skippers and seamen traverse the seven seas.

It was a Hebrew-speaking tribe that gave the world maritime trade and navigation, the people of Tyre and Sidon, who founded the great empire of Carthage.

Jews have returned to the soil -- now they are going back to the sea.

Palestine is a small country. But the two seas of Israel, the Mediterranean and the Red Sea, are big, and Jewish sailors and fishermen will make it possible for us to take our place among the maritime nations of the world.¶

And he went on to outline the plan of a nation: (called the Biltmore Program)

1. Unlimited Jewish immigration under Jewish Agency control
2. Creation of a Jewish army
3. All Palestine to become a Jewish commonwealth

We know by now that dreams come true -- Herzl:- if ye will it, it is no dream. I stood at Elath. They told me -- I thought they were mad.

They will have the dreams.

We must support.

I compliment the Farband for its loyal support.

I compliment the Labor Council for the UJA -- example of a week's wage is the most concrete expression.

*The task of our generation is to hold firm --
so that the next generation can achieve the full promise --
A. L. S. 48*

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Hitler Program)

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Operation of a Jewish army

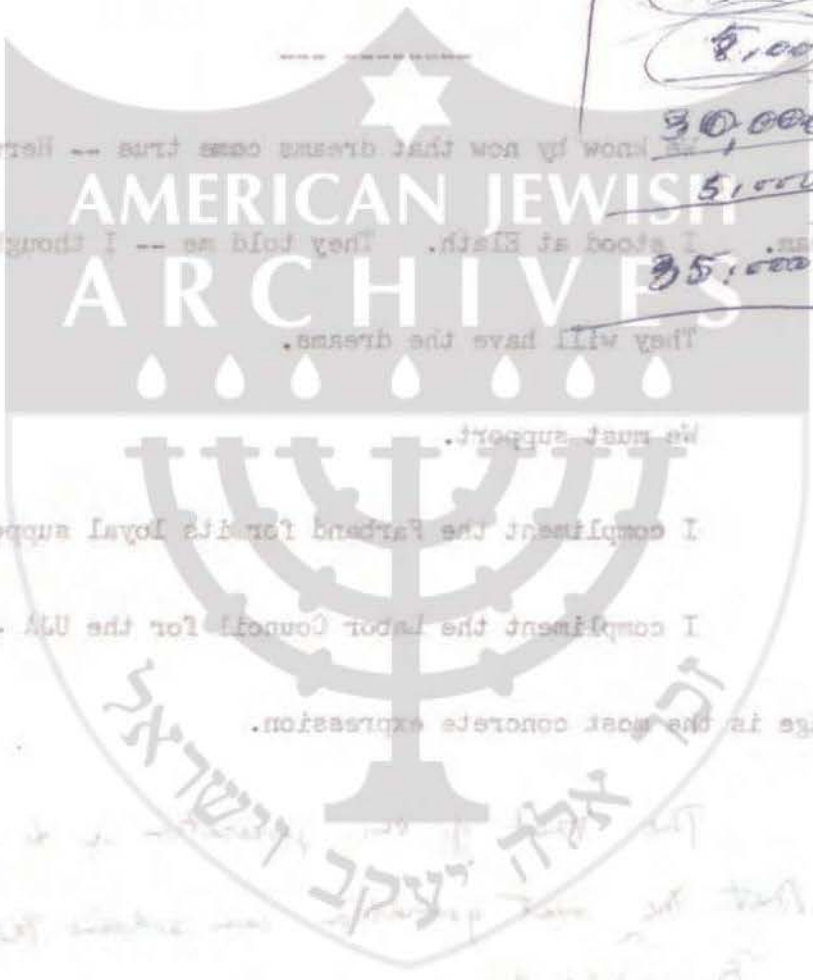
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\$1000 (Living overseas and Hollywood)
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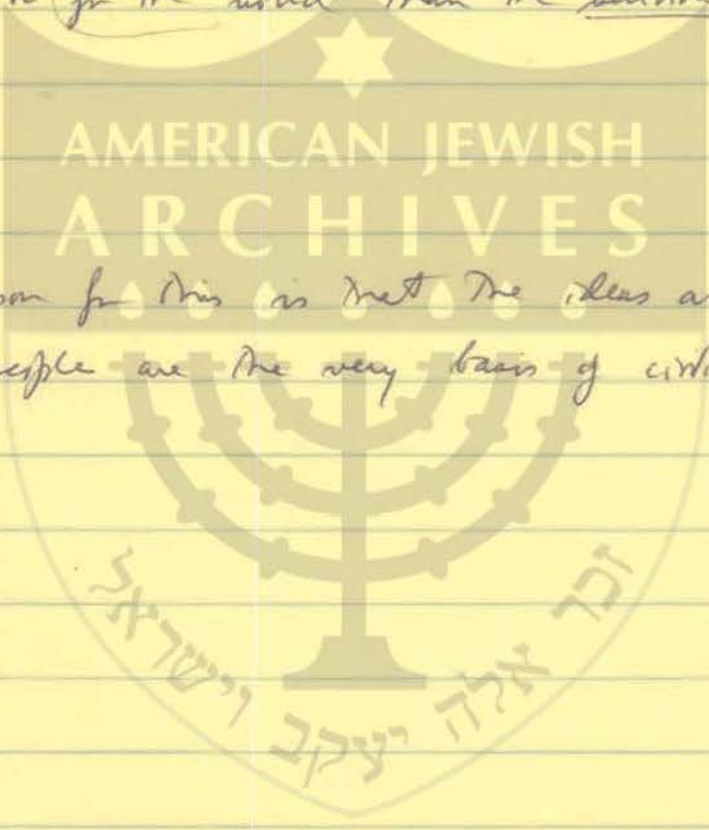
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and the poor
i.e. lives by the
law,
i.e. no authority

These ideas are the ones I choose for my
family, for society, for all men - I believe the world
will come to peace and prosperity through their
successful application.

They are the MOREH DERECH. - The way of life
for mankind.

✓ II. And in this struggle to survive, Israel is the core -
Canaan, Judah, Promised Land, Palestine, by whatever name.
Recall the ^{SHMONEH} ^{ESREH} - at the very heart
of Jewish prayer -

(over)

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I. SPEAK AS ZIONIST-SURVIVALIST

i.e. ONE WHO BELIEVES THAT ISRAEL IS CENTRAL TO SURVIVAL OF JEWISH PEOPLE -

AND SINCE SURVIVAL OF JEWISH PEOPLE IS CENTRAL TO THE IDEAS & IDEALS OF JUDAISM

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Homogenize Reality at Ashkenazim

~~VIII~~
~~IV~~

~~THIS IS RAISON D'ETRE~~

- ~~A. For the individual~~
- ~~B. For the group~~

Rivka Guber

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When speaking of dreams for future, one of favorite things to remember, especially in presence of Abba Khoushy, whose city lives by the sea and is the chief port, is the story of ^{Beal} Katzenbach + Ben Zion.

At 21st Zionist Congress, ¹⁹³⁹ just before outbreak of WW II, lights going out ~~on~~ ^{all over} world - British slammed down White Paper - Katzenbach gave last major public speech of his life - ~~he~~ pleaded for Aliyah Bet - and spoke of conquering the sea, in order to do it. He spoke of the heroism of young Jews who would have to defy the sea blockade to smuggle through Europe's Jews who would otherwise die. He talked of the significance of the sea to Jews.

"Behold, I believe that the time is not far off when songs will be sung in honor of our own seafaring people."

B.K. was the Teacher to B.G. and three years later, in 1942, at the Biltmore Conference, when B.G. made the ultimate bid to get ^{the Zionist movement +} American Jews to support an "independent commonwealth" resolution (with Weizmann, Judah Magnes, Henriette Szold + many others opposed), he used in part the argument of the sea. He said:

"The youngest Jewish adventure in Palestine is the sea. Jews as seafaring people may seem

fantastic to those who know only the Jews of Europe and America.

Forty years ago the idea of Jews becoming farmers seemed strange and unbelievable. But it happened.

Six years ago there was not a single Jewish sailor on the seas of Palestine, although the main sea trade was Jewish... Now ships manned by Jewish skippers and seamen traverse the seven seas.

It was a Hebrew-speaking tribe that gave the world maritime trade & navigation, the people of Tyre & Sidon, who founded the great empire of Carthage.

Jews have returned to the soil - now they are going back to the sea.

Palestine is a small country. But the two seas of Israel, the Mediterranean & the Red Sea, are big, and Jewish sailors & fishermen will make it possible for us to take our place among the maritime nations of the world.

And he went on to outline the plan of a nation: (called the Biltmore Program)

1. Unlimited Jewish immigration under J. Agency control.
2. Creation of a Jewish army.
3. All Palestine to become a Jewish commonwealth.

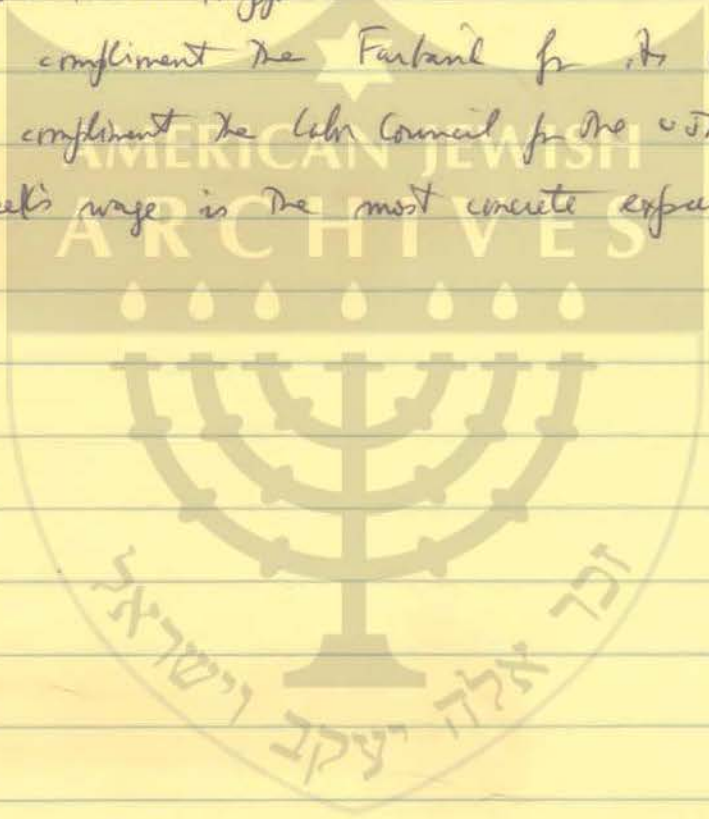
We know by now that dreams come true - Herzl; - if we will it, it is no dream. I stood at Elath. They told me - I thought they were mad.

They will have the dreams.

We must support.

I compliment the Fairbank for its loyal support.

I compliment the Labor Council for the USA - example of a week's wage is the most concrete expansion.



HERBERT A. FRIEDMAN

Rare (Amr) 1

15 Sept 57

1. EINSTEIN

20A - Washington
Charleston, W. Va.
Providence, R.I.

2. Accomplishments in Israel. Much
has been done.

3. Let us not be deluded by
These accomplishments. "Di Kale is zu
schoen." AMERICAN JEWISH
ARCHIVES

4. Look for what is undone

Ma'abarot - 85,000

Farm settlements - 482 - 130 self-sufficient

water

Livestock

5. Eleven years - roughly 1 million immigrants

+ Israel roughly 600 million

(another 270 elsewhere for Jews
through JDC)

600 per person
we told you 1000 and more now.

6. IF no new immigrants came for next eleven years - we would still have unfinished job.

Krugocher

7. Thrill and joy of the opportunity.

Hitler started war 20 year ago. Jews have risen from ashes.

P. ~~Zionists have helped - must continue.~~ TASK OF OUR GENERATION

BELIEF
ENDURANCE
PATIENCE
HISTORY

change what is
in your mind.

From a Speech by Albert Einstein over NBC, for the UJA, 27 November, 1949

There is no problem of such overwhelming importance to us Jews as consolidating that which has been accomplished in Israel with amazing energy and an unequalled willingness for sacrifice. May the joy and admiration that fill us when we think of all that this small group of energetic and thoughtful people has achieved give us the strength to accept the great responsibility which the present situation has placed upon us.

Let us not lose sight of the cause: rescue of our endangered brethren, dispersed in many lands, by uniting them in Israel; creation of a community which conforms as closely as possible to the ethical ideals of our people as they have been formed in the course of a long history.

The Jews of Palestine did not fight for political independence for its own sake, but they fought to achieve free immigration for the Jews of many countries where their very existence was in danger; free immigration also for all those who were longing for a life among their own. It is no exaggeration to say that they fought to make possible a sacrifice perhaps unique in history.

The economic means of the Jewish Community in Israel do not suffice to bring this tremendous enterprise to a successful end.

It must not happen that this magnificent work breaks down because the Jews of this country do not help sufficiently or quickly enough. Here, to my mind, is a precious gift with which all Jews have been presented : the opportunity to take an active part in this wonderful task.

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