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WHY BECOME INVOLVED IN THIS WORK

- Present 1. Building a nation - Israel
- Past 2. Repairing an image - Jew as victim of Holocaust
- Future 3. ~~Building~~ Shaping your own identity - to influence the future (i.e. your children)

TO WHAT EXTENT

- 1. Time - for self-study, learning more; then performing a. soliciting
b. getting new prospects
- 2. Money - a.) not Red Cross; b.) reasonable share of your own income; c.) carrying all these non-givers on your shoulders
- 3. Commitment - concern for Jewish destiny must become major item in your life, not peripheral

WHAT ARE THE REWARDS

- 1. Personal satisfaction
 - 2. Historical survival
- } both these things should be important + valuable to you.

PERORATION

~~No one gives for anything~~

- 1. The Jewish people must fight for what it wants
- 2. Money is a weapon in the struggle for survival
- 3. There is nothing to be embarrassed about.
- 4. Do your duty - and do it well.

A. I. 4 CONFRONTATIONS

A. Israelis vs. themselves

1. Settlements — because this really means future of west bank
2. Inflation — They are protected by indexing, but this lack of pain is illusory — because it hides the real problem: balance of payments gap. Production still low.
3. Religions fighting

B. ~~Israelis~~ Israelis vs. U.S.

1. veto in U.N. on settlements
2. such heavy sale of arms to E.T.S.A.
3. uncertainty about U.S. position on Jerusalem.

C. U.S. vs. Israel

1. stalling in autonomy
2. asking for too much money

D. Israel vs. her enemies &

1. local — Syria, Iraq, etc.
2. regional — Russia, to Gulf, or whatever

- II. Progress nevertheless great Amill, but
1. Peace Process - at sacrifice of Sinai
 2. Efforts to control economy
 3. Immigration continues
 4. Solution of social problems - Project Renewal

IV. Local Federation has greater needs

III. Great success - on balance - cause for pride
Needs greater support

V. Recreation

San Antonio Reg. Conference
" Jan 80

Pres. of France said in New Year ¹⁹⁸⁰ speech
" There is danger of war
Russia on march south, toward
Pakistan,
oil, warm water, Indian ocean,
China

American searching for bases in
Oman, Somalia, Kenya - all
on or near the Gulf and the
Arabian Sea

Mideast
Nato
Israel in the middle of the cockpit.
We must learn to think of her
in real geopolitical terms. It was
always a speech-making cliché to say that
she was the only democracy, the only
reliable ally of the U.S., etc. But
we never took it seriously. It ^{seems} comforted
us to say it. Now there will be
discomfort in executing the role

Therefore, Israel moves into a time of new dangers, unpredictable, it becomes all the more imperative to support her. This is an additional argument.

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II.

Many Things Wrong in Israel

right now

a.) leadership crisis - squabbling cabinet

b.) Economic crisis - 100% inflation

c.) morale crisis - people turned inward

d.) religious ^{political} crisis - abortion

e.) deterioration of democracy - crisis

1. Supreme Court election
2. Sharon's farm
3. Golan mayor
4. Prof. Janssen election

III.

But - we are living with not only problems:

A. Peace Process is moving - we believe Egypt is sincere

1. Sinai evacuation is ~~now~~ going on.

2. Discussion of autonomy is continuing

3. Exchange of ambassadors in Feb.

4. Settlements - stopped by Supreme Court.

5. Even Palestinians - Dayan optimistic
They want peace, not war.
Will come to table in few years.

B. Israel remaining strong

1. Trying to balance threat on Eastern Front

2. Syrians & Iraqis supplied by Russia -
better equipped than 73 -

T-72 Miq-25 - can fight
without Egypt

C. Immigrants Coming - almost 40,000
in 1989

D. Trying to solve social problems -
Project Renewal

IV. ISRAEL CAN'T DO IT ALONE

U.S. govt helps - but ^{limit now} ^{weight} ^{in it} ^{few} ^{sup}
American Jews have responsibility

All American citizens have an
obligation to support the only ^{true} democracy
between Rome & Tokyo - a big piece
of the world.

Israel's needs are greater
in peace than in war.

You want to help overseas -
and you want to help Federation in
N.Y. with all its services ~~to~~
in health, needy, education, centers & camps,
hospitals & youth work.

DISSATISFACTION WITH ISRAELI POLICIES
MUST NOT BECOME DISAFFECTION WITH
ISRAEL ITSELF. KEEP EYES ON THE IDEAL

V - in this lifetime
You are a generous group -
open-hearted, friendly,
convivial with each other.

You consider yourselves charitable - & you are.
You have always been generous
in the past. I remember
a meeting in 1967, in which
I spoke to this industry. Mr. Sam,
as I knew him, called people
all over the country to come in
and be counted. And they came.

You have been generous for 30 years.
You have felt responsibility for
human welfare.

Be more generous - give more -
save people abroad & at home.

You will be proud of your
humanitarianism and your support of democracy.

Do more than you thought you would -
make yourself feel good in a world ^{sometimes} ugly.

Ligun d'Ansim
NY UJA
Nov. 7, 77

I. THERE IS NO DEMOCRACY IN
MIDDLE EAST ASIDE FROM ISRAEL.

AND NOBODY HAS A STAKE IN DEMOCRACY

AND NOBODY CARES ABOUT AMERICA, EXCEPT
ISRAELI AMERICAN JEWISH

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AMERICA HAS SUPPLIED SO MUCH TO
SAUDI ARABIA, JORDAN & IRAN.

THEY DON'T CARE. SAUDIA & JORDAN
WON'T JOIN IN THE PEACE PROCESS, IN
SPITE OF HOW HARD AMERICA HAS TRIED
TO GET THEM IN.

AND IRAN TWEAKS AMERICA'S NOSE IN
THIS DISGUSTING BARBARISM.

AMERICA'S FRIENDSHIP WITH ISRAEL ISN'T
BASED ON ANY SLOOPY SENTIMENTALITY - BUT
ON HARD REALITY OF APPRECIATING ISRAEL'S
SUPPORT OF DEMOCRACY.

I WISH WE
COULD DO AN EXCHANGE

... and perhaps something more

FROM OUR ISRAEL CORRESPONDENT

The story of an American air base in Egypt started life as a leak from Israeli "military sources" on Sunday evening, the night before Israel's prime minister, Mr Menahem Begin, left for talks with President Anwar Sadat in Aswan. By Wednesday particulars had rained down so thick and fast that the Israelis, at any rate, believe the story authenticated.

A fortnight ago, say Israeli sources, Egypt let the United States have a part of its large air base at Qena, in upper Egypt, for the use of its air force. Since then, American ground crews and radar and electronic surveillance equipment have been moved in. Qena-based American reconnaissance flights, mostly of E-3As, are already operating, say the Israelis, over the Middle East and the Gulf. The United States hopes to be allowed the use



of more Egyptian air bases in the future, and of the Red Sea naval base of Hurghada, near the junction of the Gulfs of Suez and Aqaba.

Qena is the Egyptian base closest to the Saudi bases at Yanbu on the Red Sea, Jubayl on the Gulf and Dhahran in the oil belt, in all of which, the Israelis claim, the American air force has established a presence. Moreover, it dovetails neatly with the belief that there is an American as well as an Egyptian military presence in Oman, mainly on the island of Masirah, and with supposed American plans to join the Egyptian forces already stationed at Berbera in Somalia. A shared American-Egyptian use of the Qena air base would thus complete the triangle of bases upon which military collaboration between the two countries rests.

In spreading the stories about Qena, Israeli military leaders broke with the tradition of keeping military movements in the region carefully under wraps, and often applying military censorship to keep them there. Their reasons were, in part, angered pride. Radical changes have taken place in the strategic alignment of the United States, which are of great concern to Israel. Not long ago the Americans moved their reconnaissance aircraft out of the Israeli air base at Ophir, at the southern tip of Sinai, from which they had been operating, and, say the Israelis, installed them in Egypt instead. Both the Americans and the Egyptians were at pains to keep the move secret. However, somebody in Israel's military establishment plainly felt that the shift was bad news for Israel and decided to let the Americans know by means of the Qena leak that, having altered their strategic focus in the region, they could no longer take Israeli military co-operation for granted.

In addition, the Israeli military command is burning slowly at the assertion, made by the defence minister Mr Ezer Weizman during his visit to the United States last month, that the United States can have bases in Israel without even asking for them. The generals are uneasy at Mr Weizman's inclination to gloss over large American arms sales to Egypt and American use of Egyptian bases in order to vindicate his own pro-American and pro-Egyptian leanings.

Those same Israeli "military sources" also dropped a choice morsel about the Russians. A Soviet electronic surveillance spyship, *Luma*, had arrived in the eastern Mediterranean and was cruising opposite Israeli and Egyptian shores. Had it come to watch American flights from Qena?

Iran Squeezed

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN TEHRAN

Ayatollah Khomeini, who on Tuesday declared that he was going into seclusion for the next two weeks, has every reason, his 79 years apart, to feel tired. True, the last time he said he was going to take time off he never ceased his pronouncement-making. But the complex anxieties caused by Russia's invasion of Afghanistan have now to be added to the domestic pressure of continued bursts of ethnic and religious fighting.

The Iranian hostage-takers thought that time was on their side, not on America's. As the affair enters its third month, their assumption may be proving inaccurate. President Carter, by his

steadiness, could be beating the Iranian militants at their own game: some Iranians, over-confident about America's proclivity to blunder diplomatically, were counting on some kind of American military assault to galvanise domestic and third-world support for their cause.

There have also been signs that the "students" guarding the American embassy are not having everything quite their own way. Their demand last week that Iran's foreign minister, Mr Sadegh Ghotbzadeh, hand over to them the American chargé d'affaires, Mr Bruce Laingen, who is one of the three Americans held in the foreign ministry, was passed by Mr Ghotbzadeh to Ayatollah Khomeini, and nothing more has been heard of the matter. Likewise, the two students who on television denounced a former Iranian deputy prime minister, Mr Abbas Amir Entezam, for having contacts with the American Central Intelligence Agency were obliged to retract this charge by Mr Mehdi Bazargan (the prime minister who resigned a couple of months ago) and by their fellow-students. This reveals, at the least, that the student-militants are now not wholly unaccountable to governmental or revolutionary authority.

Ayatollah Beheshti, the secretary of the ruling revolutionary council, has stated that there is no question of the hostages in the embassy being punished after a trial or tribunal. He said that all the hostages would be released once a trial had been held to show to the world in what manner the United States had infringed Iran's sovereignty over the past 30 years. "There will be no situation", he told a group of Japanese reporters, "in which they [the hostages] will be punished". Even if some of the hostages are found guilty of espionage, they would, said Beheshti, be granted an amnesty. At the same time the students seem to have singled out one of the hostages, Lieutenant-Colonel David Roeder, as one of the first defendants if or when the trials begin. Colonel Roeder is charged with having flown more than a hundred missions for the American air force during the Vietnam war: if he is put on trial, however, it will be, the militants say, for crimes committed in Iran.

The followers of Ayatollah Khomeini and of Ayatollah Shariat-Madari continue to fight despite Shariat-Madari's efforts to urge his supporters to avoid action that is splitting Islamic unity. The most serious clashes have been in Tabriz, the capital of Azerbaijan, Shariat-Madari's home province; several people have been killed. A demonstration in support of Shariat-Madari in Qom (the holy city where both these ayatollahs live) on January 4th brought about

I. MIDDLE EAST (now called "SOUTHWEST ASIA") is a widening cockpit. President of France said in his 1980 New Year's speech "There is danger of war". Russia is on the move south - toward Baluchistan, Hormuz, oil, warm water, Indian Ocean, China. choke point. America is searching for bases in Oman, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Somalia. Israel is in middle of cockpit - moving into a time of new dangers, new demands which will be made on her to support U.S.; as well as old dangers, from Syria. All the more imperative to support her, ^{now} even in the face of widening disaffection.

II. MANY THINGS WRONG IN ISRAEL NOW, which cause doubt + confusion

- a.) Leadership crisis - squabbling cabinet
- b.) Economic crisis - runaway inflation + widening balance of payments gap
- c.) Settlements crisis - West Bank, Hebron
- d.) "Deterioration of democracy" crisis - East Jer. Electric Co.
Nablis mayn shaka
Sharon's farm
Supreme Court - Elm Kureh
- e.) Religious crisis - Ramot, stones + nails

III. MANY THINGS RIGHT

- a) Peace Process is moving - Exchange of ambassadors next week
- b) Discussion of autonomy continues
- c) Israel remains strong - worried about Syria
- d) Immigrants coming - 40,000 in 1979
- e) Trying to solve social problems - Project Renewal

IV. DISSATISFACTION WITH ISRAELI POLICIES MUST NOT COME TO MEAN
DISAFFECTION WITH ISRAEL ITSELF. KEEP EYES ON THE DREAM,
and look at ACHIEVEMENTS

- a.) universities, museums, orchestras
- b.) efforts - 48 m to 4 b
- c.) one of greatest scientific institutes in world
- d.) CAT scan machine + solar energy pond
- e.) genuine Parliamentary democracy
- f.) great agriculture
- g.) one of strongest armies

+ ^{particular} Jewish achievements

- a.) refuge for millions
- b.) reversal of Holocaust

V. WE MUST INCREASE OUR LEVEL OF SUPPORT. "SAME AS LAST YEAR"
IS A 13% CUT. FEDERATION AT HOME - SUPPORT OF PROJECT
Renewal in N.Y.

VI. PERORATION

- Honor
- Dignity
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Purpose of money is to enjoy
your misery in comfort

no - purpose of money is to give comfort
to those in misery.

Rabbi Michael Steinfeld

AMERICAN JEWRY and ISRAEL : ^{San Diego} Feb. 79
RESPONSIBILITY and REWARD

Responsibilities

1. To reverse the Holocaust - and repair the image of the Jew, both to himself and the world at large - to re-establish sense of pride, ^{autonomy, independence} and strength, by building Israel
2. To fashion an instrument for Jewish physical survival - immigration + Entebbe
3. To forge a "light unto the nations" - a model state, which can serve as an example of the Jewish spiritual and ethical sense of social justice - translated into the reality of a modern state.
4. These responsibilities require action, deeds:
 - a. money
 - b. political action - i.e. rallies for Russian Jewry
 - c. public relations support
 - d. explanations to our own children

(besides a rebuilt state)
REWARDS

- 1.) a stronger American Jewish community,
because in working for Israel, we build our
own local institutions and apparatus, which
offer direct benefits at home
- 2.) an assist in the struggle against assimilation,
through a heightening of our consciousness
- 3.) a sense of personal individual worth which
^{lifts} ~~takes~~ us out of the selfishness of ordinary
^{+ materialism}
daily life, and gives us a larger-than-life
cause, bigger than any one individual - which
yields the pleasure that comes from idealism.
- 4.) respect of our non-Jewish neighbors,
when they see us struggle for something which
excites their admiration.

ISRAEL + the DIASPORA

INTERACTION and RESPONSIBILITY

I. INTERACTION exists whether desired or not

- A. There is an extreme point-of-view among Diaspora Jewry which says that it is immune, unaffected by Israel - either because of anti-nationalism, or through indifference, ~ selfishness
- B. There is an extreme point-of-view in Israel which thinks Diaspora does not really affect it, because those outside are hyphenated Jews, while inside we are Israelis - and these are two different breeds.
- C. Both extremes are wrong. In the eyes of Jewish history there is an eternal connection between people and land. Israel is the center, and the periphery couldn't exist without it. Conversely, the center could never survive, cut off from the scattered people.
And in the eyes of the Goyim there is interaction - i.e. the fate of one affects the fate of the other.
- D. If this is so - then the only question is how we must act toward one another. What is the responsibility of each to the other - as parts of one united Jewish people?

II. RESPONSIBILITY must be carefully defined and executed

A. Diaspora is larger and richer at the moment, thus its responsibility toward Israel must be in material and physical terms:

1. Financial Support
2. Political support
3. Manpower support
4. Provide example of western standards

B. Responsibility of Israel toward Diaspora must be in moral and spiritual terms:

1. Serve as refuge in case of need, with less bureaucracy + more warmth
2. Build model social state, as source of pride, and light unto nations
3. Do not become oppressors of Arabs
4. Support religion by developing religious pluralism - combine faith and nationality.

C. Responsibility of both toward each other:

1. Build for first time since Dispersion a mutual Ashkenazi-Sephardic trust - for modern Israel is first model of living together.

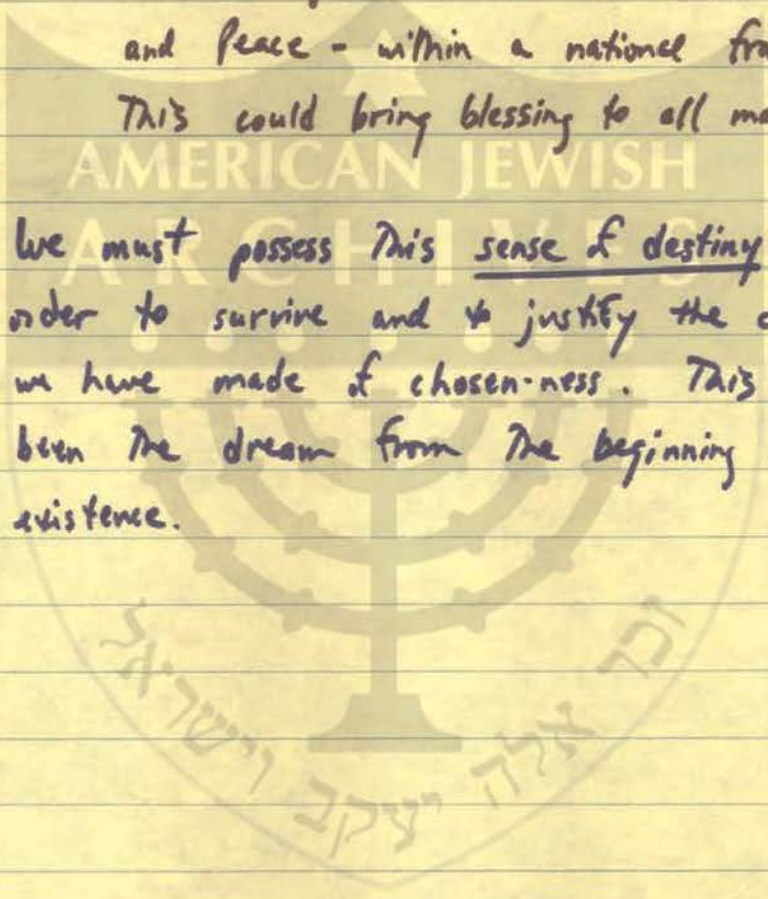
III. PERORATION

A. Think of what a nation of 6-7 million Jews could become:

- 1. Materially secure - a guarantee against future Holocausts
- 2. Morally advanced - carrying out the value-concepts of Judaism - Justice, Mercy and Peace - within a national framework.

This could bring blessing to all mankind.

B. We must possess this sense of destiny, in order to survive and to justify the claims we have made of chosen-ness. This has been the dream from the beginning of our existence.



Israel or Diaspora
Interaction + Responsibility
(otherwise there will be Pitug.)

1. Interaction exists whether desired or not.

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Jewry which thinks it is immune
and that Israel does not affect it

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thinks Diaspora does not affect it,
because those $\frac{1}{2}$ outside are Jews
while we are Israelis - two
different breeds.

c.) Both extreme groups are wrong. In
eyes of Goyim there is interaction -
i.e. fate of one affects fate of other;
and in eyes of Jewish history there is interaction.

d.) If there is no - then the only question
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we can't
survive without
them. They are
center. But
they could
survive
without us -
we are
part of
the people.

Relationship of American Jewry to Israel

on occasion of Aliyah of Av's Shulman - April '79

RESPONSIBILITIES + REWARDS

Responsibilities

1. To reverse the Holocaust - restore pride + strength
2. To fashion instrument for physical survival - immigration + Entebbe
3. To create a model state of social justice - "light unto nations"

REWARDS

1. A secure state and stronger U.S. Jewish community
2. An assist in struggle vs. assimilation - through heightening consciousness
3. A sense of personal individual worth - something bigger to work for; lifting us out of selfishness + pettiness; the pleasure which comes from idealism
4. Respect of non-Jewish world

ACTIONS REQUIRED

1. money
2. political action - rallies for Russian Jewry
3. public relations support
4. explanations to our own children - study Hebrew - month ~ study in Israel - year
5. aliyah

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Peroration

What a nation of 67
million could be:

~~Imagine a Switzerland~~

- a. materially secure - a guarantee
vs. future hitocrats
- b. morally advanced - carrying out the
value-concepts of Justice, Mercy & Peace

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in order to survive as we have
dreamed from the beginning.