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ABBA EBAN MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS JERUSALEM (ISRAEL)

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THANKS YOUR REPLY. UNDERSTAND NECESSITY WEEKS DELAY. WILL CALL YOU MONDAY FOUR JANUARY. HOPE ANSWER WILL BE AFFIRMATIVE. THANKS REGARDS

FRIEDMAN

25 September, 1962

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Honorable Abba Eban Minister of Education Ministry of Education Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Aubrey:

I shall be arriving in Israel on October 22nd with the annual UJA Study Mission, and will be in the country until November 1st. During that time I would like to have the opportunity of sitting with you to discuss one or two items of mutual importance.

The reason I am writing now is to ascertain whether you will be in Israel during the above indicated period. I know that you will be in New York in mid-November, but have not heard exactly when you are planning to arrive. I would hope that you would still be in Israel and that we can get together some time during the last week in October.

Could you please drop me a line as soon as possible, or cable, indicating where and when we could meet.

As ever,

HAF:gb

Herbert A. Friedman Executive Vice-Chairman 13 December 1962

Honorable Abba Eban Minister of Education and Culture Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Abbrey:

I am sorry I missed you when you were in the United States but our schedules were so hectic and we were both on the move so much that I am certain we criss-crossed in the air even though we never met on the ground.

Pursuant to our conversation at your home in Rehovoth in October, involving the matter of scheduling long in advance, I would like to put in a bid now for the UJA for the late winter of 1964. I cannot be exact at this time but the period involved would be approximately the month of February. It might have to be the last week in January, and we could cut off the last week in February. Or it might be mid-February to mid-March, depending upon the dates of the Miami and the great New York City opening. At any rate, we are speaking about those few weeks which would represent the most meaningful meetings to open the 1964 campaign.

I have discussed this matter at a recent meeting of our Executive Committee and it was the unanimous feeling of our leadership that they wanted you very, very much. When I explained to them that it was necessary for you to make your commitments this far in advance, they understood and therefore we make this request now so that we can have the benefit of your presence.

with all good wishes, I am,

As ever,

HAFtgb

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סגן ראש הממשלה THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

Dr. Herbert A. Friedman, United Jewish Appeal, 165 West 46th Street. New York 36, U. S. A.

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AMERICAN I Dear Herb.

We missed you on the "Shalom's" homeway

I write to ask if you can help me in a matter which is both of public and personal interest to me.

A group of Foundation Directors (about 20) has agreed to meet me to discuss possibilities of supporting the Rehovoth Conference Movement - which brings Afro-Asian leaders together to discuss various development aims. As you know, this movement, starting from the 1960 Conference, has helped to give Israel an international name in the Afro-Asian world.

The small meeting to be held on October 15th has been cleared with the Jewish Agency Committee. The individuals approached will also be vetted to ensure that there is no U.J.A. objection.

My question is whether the U.J.A. office could undertake the small administrative chore, together with the Government's Economic Office, of organizing this small function. The crux is to have a man who is knowledgeable in such matters. Also, with the U.J.A. now in the educational-cultural field, the auspices would, I think, be dignified.

I am asking Gideon Paz, of our economic mission in New York, to come to see you to discuss this letter.

Shana Tova,

Cilba

Dec 2,67 Eban- upy Solfa Have read your cable very carefully regarding Ratin not coming to heroyork swop aboutitely shocked met after repeated reading cannot find one new fact to warrant this decision stop Everything was Known when this was discussed in Israel in August and again with you in September in newyork and again with ashth in Detober styp as far as we are concerned This is a firm agreement which is now being broken pribably in mout realization as to how much damage is being done stop 2500 people planning attend this banquet sty we have closed reservations already stop Waven cancelled his appearance at this same meeting and if now Rabin cancels we well feel obligated to inform everyone of these concellations and in all likelihood it will then be necessary to cancel meeting completely stop This will have very serious effect on proper launching I everyney fund stop trankly we must say met reponsibility for This would then nest squarely in Grael's shoulders stop In addition American Jewish community will consider this a personal affront after their performance last June stop We cannot understand mis whole thing because there was clearant agreement styp Time to have refused send Rahin was three months ago not few days before meeting styp Must insist Drael fulfill commitment in selfer megenette damage to Emergeny Rind Fisher, Enstey, Friedman



מדינת ישראל ISRAEL

At tomorrow's Cabinet Defence Minister Dayan will nominate new Chief

קונסוליה כללית CONSULATE GENERAL 11 EAST 70TH STREET NEW YORK, N. Y. 10021 TRAFALGAR 9-7600

Dec 2,67



of Staff Israel Defence Forces and I shall propose Rabin as Ambassador to United States. First item will be published immediately, second as soon as official agreement received. In these conditions which are inevitable it would be incongnous and unfair to ask Rabin to appear New York a few weeks before taking up his office. His first contacts with American Jews should be in his full title and authority as Ambassador after presenting credentials to President. I know how much you looked forward to receiving him as Chief of Staff but I am sure you and others will understand needs of national dignity and good order. It would also be strange for present Ambassador and his designated successor to be together at same event. I venture to suggest that in view Harman's imminent departure which will be official from tomorrow you invite him for valedictory address and express all that American Jewry owes him for his inspiring custodianship of American Israel relations during past eight years. This was done for his predecessor as I movingly recall. Rabin will be with you for fruitful years of colloberation and you might wish to make special offasion of welcoming him in February. Please be assured that in my opinion this is by far the best solution and I count heavily on your cooperation.

(-) Abba Eban

4 December 1967

His Excellency Abba Eban Foreign Minister Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Aubrey:

I know that you have been invited by Mr. Tom Vail of Cleveland to come to the annual dinner of the National Conference of Christians and Jews to be held 11 February 1968. Over 2000 attend this dinner. It is an extremely important event and provides an opportunity for a full exposition of the Israeli position before a very important audience.

I know also that Eddie Ginsberg has written you advising that you should accept this invitation. I would like to add that if you plan to be in the United States at any time during February, this engagement is one which I would urge you to accept. I do not do this lightly, but rather because I know the significance of the audience and the value of your appearing on this particular platform under these auspices.

Of course, I do not know your schedu'e, ; and I would not presume to suggest that you should make a special trip for this purpose. But, I repeat that if you have any intention of being here at that time, it would present a marvelous opportunity which I would most heartily endorse.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

HAF:gb

Herbert A. Friedman

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MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Jerusalem, 21 December 1967

Mr. Herbert A. Friedman United Jewish Appeal, 1290 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10019. U. S. A.

Dear Herb, AMERICAN JEWISH

Thank you for your letter of 4th December regarding the National Conference of Christian and Jews. My plans at the moment do not include a visit to the United States in February, and I can tell you cordially that I fervently hope that this will not change. Therefore I do not anticipate any possibility of accepting the invitation for February 11.

Yours sincerely,

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20 November 1968

H. E. Abba Eban Ministry for Foreign Affairs Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Aubrey:

In order to help the Emergency Fund, we need strong messages from a few of the top leaders of Israel. The best message is in videotape form, which we can reproduce and send to many communities.

A member of our staff, Mr. Paul Leventhal, will be in Israel December first, to make these tapes. He will call you for an appointment, and I would appreciate your cooperation.

The time needed to make the tapes will not exceed 10 or 15 minutes. Mr. Leventhal, an ex-newspaperman, will ask you a series of questions designed to elicit from you a description of the continuing emergency situation in Israel and to create a climate for successful fund raising in the United States.

Many thanks for your interest and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert Friedman

18 December 1968

H. E. Abba Eban Ministry for Foreign Affairs Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Aubrey:

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This note is to serve as a reminder plus a request.

The reminder has to do with the dates already confirmed for March 1969. You agreed to take the three largest cities and they are now arranged in the following order:

> Tuesday, March 18 Lo Wednesday, March 19 Ch Thursday, March 20 No

Los Angeles Chicago New York City

My request is to add one more, Newark, for Monday, the 17th. This should not be too difficult, because it involves no out-of-town travelling, and, therefore, no loss of time. Newark has been developing beautifully over the last few years. They are running a very strong campaign now and your appearance would add tremendously, not merely for the present, but for future growth.

If you can let me know just as quickly as possible that this is acceptable, they can exploit your presence to the maximum.

With many thanks, I am,

As ever,

HAF:gb

Herbert A. Friedman

cc: Mr. S. Leiwant (blind)

December 24, 1970

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL 1290 Ave. of Americas, NYC 10019

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EBAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS JERUSALEM (ISRAEL)

CAMPAIGN OPENINGS IN LARGEST CITIES CAN BE COMPRESSED INTO TEN DAY PERIOD IF WE CAN BUILD THEM AROUND YOU STOP AM MEAKE AWARE OF CABINET MEETINGS ON SUNDAY THEREFORE WISH SUGGEST YOU ARRIVE NEW YORK MONDAY MARCH EIGHT TAKE FIRST MEETING TUESDAY MARCH NINE AND FINISH THURSDAY MARCH EIGHTEEN AT NEW YORK CITY OPENING WITH GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER STOP MIGHT EVEN BE POSSIBLE DEPART NEW YORK SAME NIGHT BE BACK HOME NEXT DAY STOP YOU UNDERSTAND FULLY THE DIMENSIONS OF THIS YEARS EFFORT AND HAVE BEEN MARVELOUSLY COOPERATIVE BEGINNING LAST SEPTEMBER WITH DINNERS AT YOUR HOME STOP HESITATE TO IMPOSE AGAIN BUT NEED YOUR STELLAR EXEMENT PRESENCE STOP WILL TELEPHONE MONDAY FOR REPLY

FRIEDMAN

15 Ibn Gavirol Jerusalem 02/66921

#### 14 September 1971

Mr. Abba Eban Minister for Foreign Affairs Hakirya Jerusalem

Dear Aubrey:

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The closest friend of Gov. Rockefeller is Mr. Sam Hausman of New York City. Every time the Governor appears at a UJA meeting, it is the result of Sam's invitation and persuasive power.

I am writing this note to indicate that the Governor looks forward to seeing you on your forthcoming visit to New York and Sam Hausman will be calling you at the Plaza Hotel to arrange the appointment.

With all good wishes and hoping you have great great success on your annual pilgrimage, I am

be Michel be Hausmon - Helton, T.A. be HB

As ever,

HAP SS

Herbert A. Friedman

10 April 1972

Mr. Abba Eban Minister for Foreigh Affairs Hakirya Jerusalem

Dear Aubrey:

During your forthcoming trip to the United States, I understand you will speak to the Presidents' Conference. In this connection, I would appreciate one bit of assistance.

The UJA has asked the Presidents' Conference to use all of its channels to its constituent organizations and their memberships to stress the fact that support of Russian Jewish immigration, in the fullest sense, requires support of the UJA.

The Presidents' Conference has been cooperative. This is a first time for them to be urged to support the campaign; and, as a matter of fact, it is a first for the UJA also. We have never asked before for the kind of mass support which they might be capable of delivering.

When I spoke to Mr. Jacob Stein, their new president, he said it would be most helpful if you, in your remarks, when you come to the point of talking about Russian Jewery, were to stress the fact that support of the campaign is indispensable.

As always, we do appreciate your help.

As ever,

HAF:SS

Herbert A. Friedman

P. S.

I am asking Yigal Allon to do the same thing when he appears before the Presidents' Conference in May.

MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS JERUSALEM, ISRAEL



משרד החוץ ירושלים

Jerusalem, April 12, 1972.

Dear Mr. Friedman,

The Foreign Minister has asked me to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter of April 10, 1972.

Should Mr. Eban speak to the Presidents' Conference during his forthcoming visit to the United States he will act according to your request.

Yours sincerely,

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Eytan Bentsur Political Secretary to the Foreign Minister

Mr. Herbert A. Friedman Executive Vice-Chairman United Jewish Appeal 1290 Avenue of the Americas New York N.Y. 10019 U. S. A. 18 March 1966

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Mr. Sol Eisenberg Kenwal Products Corporation 9301 Central Street Detroit 4, Michigan

Dear Sol:

It was very good being with you in Detroit last week. I really enjoyed the drink at the Chop House, and the opportunity of spending a little while with you on a personal basis.

I am enclosing the listing of the contributions from public utilities in various cities, and hope it will be useful. It shows that a great deal more can be done in this area.

As ever,

HAF:gb

Herbert A. Friedman



838 Fifth Avenue New York, N.Y. 10021 (212) 249-0100

Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, President

October 10, 1968

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman United Jewish Appeal 1290 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10019

Dear Herb:

First of all, a belated New Year's greeting and all good wishes to you and yours.

It was good to see you -- although much too briefly -- in Israel this past summer. I regretted very much that you were not able to join us at what proved to be the quite fruitful deliberations of the World Union conference.

I am sorry, likewise, that you were unable to attend our most recent meeting of the ad hoc Committee on Religious Rights when we sought to evaluate the consequences, if any, of our efforts in Israel this summer. As you have noted, we did follow through on your idea of presenting the Israeli Government with a well documented request to action. As you might surmise, we have had absolutely no response to this whatsoever.

In the light of this complete silence on the part of the government, we must now consider additional steps to procure those rights to which our rabbis and congregations are entitled. One of the suggestions made at our meeting the other day was that we should meet with the ambassadors from Israel to the United States and to the other countries where the World Union has constituents. I would like to discuss this specific proposal with you at sometime in the near future, especially as to whether you would join in such a discussion and as to whom we might include in such a procedure. I will have left for California by the time you receive this letter, but I'll be back on October 21st and hope that we can have lunch soon after that.

Again with warmest Season's greetings, I am

Cordially,

Maurice N. Eisendrath



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Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, President

December 23, 1968

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman United Jewish Appeal 1290 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10019

Dear Herb:

I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness for inviting me to be at the dais as a guest of the UJA at its dinner a week ago last Saturday evening. I would have lingered to tell you personally and also to convey to you how much I enjoyed the stimulating evening, particularly the address of Moshe Dayan, had it not been for the fact that I was just about to come down with the flu and I returned home with a high fever. I am just beginning to recuperate slowly from the really debilitating effects of that affliction. I hope you will be spared as it really is miserable.

Now that your conference and dinner are behind you, could you let me have your reaction to my recent several letters, especially the one that inquires whether you wish to be involved in a meeting I would like to arrange with Ambassador Rabin prior to my departure on the world trip which my Board gave me in honor of my twenty-fifth anniversary. I am leaving on January 18 and would like very much to arrange for a group to meet with Rabin and would like to hear from you as soon as possible.

With repeated thanks and every good wish for the New Year, I am

Cordially.

Maurice N. Eisendrath

#### 6 January 1969

Rabbi Maurice N. Elsendrath Union of American Hebrew Congregations 838 Fifth Avenue New York, N.Y. 19021

#### Dear Maurice:

This is the first chance I have had to answer your letter of 23 December, which arrived on the 28th. I am sorry to hear that you were ill and hope that you have now really recovered. I do not understand why you are going on another trip around the world when you have just come back from Hong Kong.

I am leaving today for a series of community visits and will be away for most of this week and next week. I notive that you are leaving on 18 January and that you want to try to arrange for the group to meet with Ambassador Rabin before your departure. My schedule is so complicated that while I will be coming back to New York for one or two days during the next two weeks, I am not really dependable and therefore, I would not say that you should schedule any meeting based upon my availability. I would suggest that you go ahund and make a date, let me know when it is and if it is humanly possible for me to attend, I will. Chances are very slim.

If I do not see you before you leave, I hope you have a wonderful trip. Keep in good health and let's hear from you when you return.

As ever,

Herbert A. Friedman

RAM BEN EFRAIM 405 WESTMINSTER ROAD NEW YORK 11218

October 1, 1965

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, Executive Vice Chairman, United Jewish Appeal, 1290 Ave. of the Americans.

Dear Rabbi Friedman,

I am sending you a recorded tape (speed  $7\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the second side of the record "Chaim Weizmann, Israel and the Jewish People". The record is narrated by Mr. Abba Eban, and, as you will probably see, includes exciting personal recollections of the most distinguished leaders of our time. The first side of the record, a part of which is now re-edited includes among others the moving personal recollections of Sir Winston Churchill, Adlai Stevenson, David Ben Gurion, Robert Kennedy and others.

I do hope you would find the time, as Dewey Stone suggested to listen to this recording & I would appreciate should you le me know your reaction.

With best wishes to the New Year.

Sincerely,

Ram Ben Efraim.

I reflied to him orally - told him it was sull. at most we would a) buy 100 records for distributo to 4. L. Calmet b) give him names around the country to whom he could send from timel material.

Jean de verched at: PL 2-1300 (Wegenann Institute) of 282-0416 (Home)

#### 29 January 1971

#### Dear Mrs. Efrat:

I would like to add my voice personally, and that of the United Jewish Appeal officially, to the many other voices you have heard expressing sympathy upon the recent tragic death of Rafi.

It is no consolation to you and the children to hear words of praise, but as the years go by, I think it would be good for the children at least to know that their father was held in very high esteem by people all over the world.

Those of us in the United States with whom he worked liked him very much for his bright charm, his sense of humor, and his devotion to duty. He carried himself with great dignity and represented Israel very hobly.

Aside from all the official business, I will miss him personally as a good friend. Again, with very deep sympathy, I am,

Sincerely yours,

HERBERT A. FRIEDMAN 15 IBN GAVIROL STREET JERUSALEM, ISRAEL

January 12, 1975

Rabbi(and Mrs.) Joseph H. Ehrenkrantz Congregation Agudath Sholom 301 Strawberry Hill Avenue Stamford, Conn. 06902 USA

Dear Joe:

You are familiar enough with the marriage regulations in Israel to be able to anticipate the request I am about to make of you.

A young girl, whose family I know from the days I used to live in Westport, has been here in Israel for about a year now, working as a volunteer on a kibbutz, and wishes to marry a young man whom she met there.

They went to the Rabbinate in Tel Aviv to obtain a licence, and she has been asked to obtain a letter from an Orthodox rabbi in the United States, stating the two facts that she is indeed Jewish; and that she has never been married before.

There is no Orthodox rabbi in Westport from whom she could obtain such a letter. By coincidence, the only rabbi in Westport, E.T. Rubinstein whom you may know, is at present in Jerusalem, on a sabbatical, and the young couple went to see him. He told them that there was no point in obtaining a letter from him because it would not be accepted by the Rabbinate, and that the nearest Grthodox rabbi of repute was yourself.

The young girl then called me, because I knew her and her parents from the time I lived there, and I offered to write to you. I know that she has not been married before and I know that she is Jewish and stems from a Jewish family.

On the other hand that might be inadequate evidence for you, samply to accept my word. Therefore, I would appreciate it if you could check with the girl's grandfather, who is still living. He can testify to that fact that his daughter (namely, the girl's mother) is Jewish, and therefore his granddaughter is Jewish. I think if you were to call him and satisfy yourself by firsthand testimony from him, you could then legitimately write the necessary letter to the Rabbinate.

Here are the names of the people involved:

The girl - The boy -	Alison Fraunhar Mordecai Cohen, member of Kibbutz Hirim
The grandfather -	
	Lighthouse Point
and the second	Pompano Heach, Florida 83064
	Tel: 305-942-7788
The father -	Gilbert Fraunhar, still living in Westport, Connecticut who will probably have already called you for an appointment by the time you receive this letter.

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After you have checked with Mr. Fraunhar and Mr. Lewis and are satisfied enough in your mind to be able to write this letter, it need only be a simple declaration of the two facts that the gifl has never been married before, and is indeed Jewish. I suggest that you write the letter in Hebrew, which they requested, and address it to the Rabbinate, Sderot Shal Namelech, Tel Aviv, but don't send it there because it is likely to get lost. Instead, you should send it to:

> Mordecat Cohen Dam Hamaccabim 32 Tel Aviv

Once he has your letter in hand, he will take it to the Rabbinate himself.

I know that this might cause you a bit of work, but it is really a mitzvah, in order for them to be able to marry officially, according to Israel regulations.

With thanks in advance for all your help, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Herbert A. Friedman

CC: Mr. Gilbert Fraunhar, P.O.B. 104, Westport Conn. 06880 Mr. Nordecai Cohen Rabbi B.T. Rubinstein, 13 Keren Hayesod Street, Jerusalem File.

שראנ Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman 15 Abn Gvirof Street jeunalem Urael align naunhar Dam Hamaccabin 32 Namet issael

dear Rabbi hiedman, lin writing to thank you So much for all your help in getting us the letter you there n's most of the bubeacracy and have for the 26 of formary. We will tond you an invitation when they come out. Shank you again, Sincerely aligon Franken

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Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman 15 Ibn Gavirol Street Jerusalem, Israel AIR MAIL

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Rabbi Loseph M. Endath Shondranz Malon Agudath Sholom

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Stamford, Connecticut

Rabbi Joseph M. Ehrenkranz

Congregation Agudath Sholom

S01 Strawberry Hill Avenue, Stemford, Connecticut 06902

January 17, 1975

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To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that Alison Fraunhar, daughter of Gilbert & Dorothy Fraunhar, is Jewish by birth, that her mother was Jewish by birth, that her grandmother was born of Jewish parents too, and that Alison was never married before.

I am requesting of the Beth Din to please send a letter addressed to the Rabbinate, Sderot Shaul Hamelech, Tel Aviv, but mail it to Mordecai Cohen, Dam Humaccabim, 32 Tel Aviv and please send me a copy of the Sitar that you mail out.

Appreciatively,

alla. Joseph H. Ehrenkranz, Rabbi

מאשרים אבחבר בזה, שהרב יוסף ערבקרנץ הב"ל הנהר חבר של הסתדרות הרכבים ריכולים לסמוך על עדרתו בנובע לרווקות של הכחורה אליסאן פרוינהר הנזכרת כלי שום חשש.

באתי על החתרם י' שבט תשל"ה פה נוא יארק

NOU הרב ראש כית הדין

20 November 1968

A.O.M. 21/14

TEL MILLER

General David Eleazar Ministry of Defense Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Dado:

In order to help the Emergency Fund, we need strong messages from a few of the top leaders of Israel. The best message is in videotape form, which we can reproduce and send to many communities.

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Many thanks for your interest and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert Friedman



סנן שר לקליסת הקליה

Jerusalem, 30 March 1969

Dear Herb:

After you get through raising hell with American Jewry and raising millions and millions for Israel, you should sit down and write a book on your experiences with Aliya Bet. I have done so in a book, The Voyage of the Ulua.

"Ulua" is the name of an obsolete American naval vessel, registered in Honduras and re-outfitted in France, which carried Cuba-visaed Jewish refugees from Sweden to Palestine, and whose human cargo ultimately wound up in Cyprus, waiting for Israel to be born.

There are many facets to this experience and even close friends who read the book in its original (Hebrew) keep asking me whether the details I relate are true.

Sometimes I can hardly believe it myself, but that is the way it happened.

I want to share the experience with you and have asked the publisher to send you a copy. I hope you find the book pleasant reading.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Arie Eliav Deputy Minister of Immigrant Absorption

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman United Jewish Appeal 1290 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10019

#### 30 April 1969

Minister Arie Eliav Ministry of Immigrant Absorption Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Lova:

I have delayed answering your letter, because you said that you had asked the publisher to send a copy of the book and I had wanted to receive it and read it before replying.

Yesterday I received the copy and wish to thank you for the inscription on the front page. I started to read it last night. It is remarkable to me how you can recall those events of a quarter of a century ago with such clarity. Either you have an uncanny memory or you are a good journal-keeper. Since I possess neither of these skills, I admire them both.

I understand you will be arriving in New York around the middle of May and I look forward eagerly to spending time together. Thanks for thinking of me.

As ever,

Herbert A. Friedman

### January 12, 1961

Mr. Benjamin R. Epstein Anti-Defamation League 515 Madison Avenue, Suite 300 New York 22, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Epstein:

Before he left New York, Rabbi Friedman received the report "Rohm and Haas" which you kindly sent him, for which he is most grateful and sends thanks.

Very truly yours.

Secretary to Herbert A. Friedman



# United Jewish Appeal

ON BEHALF OF UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL, JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, NEW YORK ASSOCIATION FOR NEW AMERICANS. 1290 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10019 PLAZA 7-1500, CABLE ADDRESS: UJAPPEAL, NEW YORK

9 February 1971

Mr. Raymond Epstein 2011 West Pershing Road Chicago, Illinois

Dear Ray:

The meeting we had in Chicago last week pertaining to budgeting is still with me, and while it is fresh in my mind, I thought I would drop you this note. I am disappointed about all three items and I am sure you will understand the spirit in which I said that I would feel compelled to bring up the matter to the Executive Committee at its forthcoming meeting, Friday, 12 February.

First of all, I am disappointed about the matter of the expenses which have been charged to the Emergency Fund for the past few years. In essence, you have been charging the Emergency Fund, not with actual expenses, but with a pro-rata share of the total campaign expenses. There isn't another community in America which does this to the best of my knowledge, and I cannot for the life of me understand the justification for it. The fact that your group voted to do it makes it legal, from your point of view, but doesn't make it correct.

Secondly, I am terribly disturbed at the reneging on the 1970 formula. The fact that you have very carefully worked out rationaliza tions as to why it is necessary doesn't make it any the more palatable When Eddie Ginsberg and I made our presentation last spring, and you so painstakingly worked out a small upward adjustment, it gave us reason to hope that we were at last on the path toward arriving in Chicago at the national average for the country. When you found it necessary, a few months later, to reneg on that, we found ourselves frankly mystified.

Thirdly, your proposal for an agreement on the 1971 campaign leaves us even more mystified. When you talk about making an agreement based upon a regular campaign adjustment of \$12,750,000, you know as well as I do that there isn't the slightest chance in the world of raising that much money in the regular campaign. Morris Glasser himself said during the discussion that the regular campaign cannot be expected to increase more than 5 or 10%. I don't understand frankly what possible purpose there is in indulging in such speculation. What you are really saying, and you admitted this, is that we should meet when the campaign is over and attempt to negotiate some sort of an agreement. You know how unacceptable this post-campaign negotiating is to us, because it usually involves recriminations with the UJA being forced to accept some lower share.

To have been hit with all these three items in one meeting was really a bit much, Ray. It adds up to a situation of extreme gravity. After the Executive Committee meeting next Friday, you will hear from either Ed or myself, as to what transpired.

Let me simply say that in the negative and indeed dismal atmosphere of the meeting, the only redeeming feature was the fact that I felt you personally were almost as unhappy as I was. For that, I would like to express my appreciation.

As ever,

Herbert A. Friedman

CC James Rice

13 February, 1962

Ambassador Arich Eshel Israel Consulate 11 East 70th Street New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Arich:

May I suggest that when the Consulate has official functions, it would be appropriate to invite the following members of the United Jewish Appeal's executive staff. I am sure that they would enjoy attending and it could be meaningful. For your convenience, I am indicating their home addresses.

Irving Bernstein Gorham Hotel 136 W. 55th St. New York, N.Y. Abraham S. Hyman 52 Riverside Drive New York, M.Y.

22 Pinecrest Parkway

Hastings-On-Hudson, N.Y.

Harry D. Biele 353 W. 56th St. New York, N.Y.

Scarsdale, N.Y.

Arthur Fishsohn 65 Homestead Ave.

Edward R. Vajda 25 East 10th St. New York, N.Y.

Raphael Levy

It was good that you could be with us on Sunday. I hope to see you again soon.

Cordially yours,

Herbert A. Friedman Executive Vice-Chairman

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LEVI ESHKOL MINISTER OF FINANCE JERUSALEN (ISRAEL)

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W.U. CABLES

YOUR MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHRE GREETED ME ON MY ARRIVAL AT THE OFFICE AND MEANS A VERT GREAT DEAL TO ME STOP WHAT YOU SAY ESTABLISHES ON AN EVEN FIRMER BASIS MY BELIEF THAT I MAY DEPEND ON YOUR CONTINUED COOPERATION AND SUPPORT SO THAT THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL MAY CAMPAIGN VIGOROUSLY TO PROVIDE ISRAEL WITH WHAT IT REQUIRES TO RESETTLE OF A SOUND ECONOMIC BASIS THE IMMIGRARES WHO ARE ARRIVING IN THE COUNTRY STOP I SHALL CERTAINLY DO ALL I POSSIBLY CAN TOWARD THIS END AND YOUR WORDS ARE MECOURAGING AND HEARTWARKING KINDEST REGARDS

HERBERT FRIEDMAN

26 September 1962

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The Honorable Levi Eshkol Essex House 160 Central Park West New York, New York

Dear Eshkol:

I wish to bring to your attention the enclosed front page of the September 7th issue of the Enddon Jewish Chronicle.

Please note the photograph of a shipload of immigrants arriving in Israel and the immigration figures indicated on the front page for the entire year 1962, as well as the monthly rate.

As you know, we have been very strict about mentioning such figures, even to the point of harming our fund raising potential. It is, therefore, frustrating to see this information so openly publicated where such relatively little money is involved. In addition, it is very difficult for us to give any logical and rational answer to the Anglo-Jewish papers in the United States who have accepted voluntary consorship at our request when they see items like this published in a prominent newspaper such as the Jewish Chronicle.

Sincerely,

HAF:gb

Herbert A. Friedman Executive Vice-Chairman

30 November 1967

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The Honorable Levi Eshkol Prime Minister State of Israel Jerusalem, Israel

Dear friend Eshkol:

General Mati Peled has just finished his tour on behalf of the Israel Emergency Fund, and I want you to know that he has done one of the best jobs we have ever seen.

He was quiet, serious and very effective. He had a very hard itinerary and performed it beautifully. I cannot tell you how pleased we were with him.

As evez,

HAF:gb

Herbert A. Friedman

cc: Pinhas Sapir

#### 20 November 1968

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H. E. Levi Eshkol Prime Minister's Office Jerusalem, Israel

Dear friend Eshkol:

In order to help the Emergency Fund, we need strong messages from a few of the top leaders of Israel. The best message is in videotape form, which we can reproduce and send to many communities.

A member of our staff, Mr. Paul Leventhal, will be in Israel December first, to make these tapes. He will call you for an appointment, and I would appreciate your cooperation.

The time needed to make the tapes will not exceed 10 or 15 minutes. Mr. Leventhal, an ex-newspaperman, will ask you a series of questions designed to elicit from you a description of the continuing emergency situation in Israel and to create a climate for successful fund raising in the United States.

Many thanks for your interest and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert Friedman

cc: Aviad Yafeh (blind)

7 February 1969

H. E. Levi Eshkol Prime Minister Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I would like you to know that our friend, Minister Pinhas Sapir, has just completed a mission for the United Jewish Appeal which was another unbelievable tour de force. I have never in my life seen anybody who works as this man does. He travelled to eight cities, in 10 days, saw 57 people, and averaged four to five hours of sleep per night, because most of the time he was flying through the night from one city to another.

He is a remarkable power house of a man and gives himself with complete unthusiasm. He works in a most spectacular and successful way.

There is no measuring rod by which to evaluate his impact. All I can say is that her personally helps to raise millions of dollars for the campaign, as well as giving inspiration to all those around him. I want you to know that this is not only my feeling but that of the entire UJA leadership.

With best regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Herbert A. Friedman

cc: (blind) Pinhas Sapir

16th April, 1962

Ambassador Walter Eytan Embassy of Israel 153 Avenue de Wagram Paris XVILe, France

Dear Walter Eytan:

To my great regret, I have to tell you that the pressing setter. of campaign commitments that have arisen here make it necessary to cancel my trip to Europe.

Please accept my deepest apologies for any inconveniences that you may be caused. It is still my hope to be able to see you in the not too distant future.

With kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert A. Friedman Executive Vice-Chairman

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