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I understand that you had an analysis from Rabbi Friedman about the past eighty years of Jewish history, and I would like to pick up from that point and say a few things.

I think that in the past eighty years we had two very serious reverses in Jewish life and two very, very positive and hopeful advances.

The first reverse was the cutting off of Russian Jewry from the body of the Jewish people about forty years ago. That was a serious blow to the course of Jewish history and the course of Jewish development. I don't think that the final word has been said on that particular subject. I think that our history moves in very devious ways. But it has been a serious reversal.

And the second, of course, was what happened during the Nazi period.

The two great advances in Jewish life in this period have been, first, the creation of the State of Israel in 1948, preceded by about two or three generations of very tough pioneering work. And against that background I would like to say just a few things about the role of American Jewry in the shaping of Jewish life, particularly in the last forty years or so. Because I think it is vital to grasp this if we are to plan for the Jewish future.

United States Jewry emerged as an international Jewish factor during the First World War. It emerged in those days in two very important forms. It emerged the first time as a political factor shaping Jewish life.

Justice Brandeis, through his leadership in the American Zionist movement, together with his associates, Justice Frankfurter and others, played a very important, perhaps, decisive role in the events that led to the Balfour Declaration and to the Palestine Mandate and to the appearance of Jews at the Peace Conference after World War I.

At that time, too, the political significance of an American Jewry was reflecting itself in the deep concern which we Jews were showing at that time -- beginning from that time -- in the lot of the Jews whose status was being menaced in various parts of the world.

The second form in which you emerged at that time as a growing force on the world Jewish scene, was through the creation of the American Joint Distribution Committee.

Now, since those days, about forty years ago, the role of American Jewry on the international Jewish scene has been growing, and you played a decisive role during World War II and afterwards in bringing help to Jews in need of it and after World War II in pushing forward the reconstruction of the Jewish people after the Nazi period.

I think that any observer of world Jewish life today must come to the conclusion that the two dominant, constructive forces active on the Jewish scene today are the Jewish community of the United States of America and the Jewish community of

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ISRAELI SPEAKERS WHO HAVE VISITED HERE FOR UJA - 1948 - 1964

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u># of Meetings</u>
Justice Shimon Agranat	1953	8
Gershon Agron	1949	6
	1951	2
	1956	1
Yigal Allon	1956	29
	1959	14
Joshua Almog	1958	16
Gershon Avner	1958	22
	1959	13
	1961	2
Ehud Avriel	1955	13
Lt. Col. Mordecai Bar-On	1961	27
Israel Barzilai	1958	1
	1959	5 cities (community visits)
Itzhak Ben Aharon	1956	14
Mayor Oved Ben-Ami	1952	11
	1957	3
Amos Ben Gurion	1949	1
David Ben Gurion	1951	1
Mordechai Bentov	1959	3 cities (community visits)
Col. Mina Ben-Zvi	1957	15
Rabbi Morton M. Berman	1959	31
Ruth Berman	1948	6
	1956	25
Dr. Avraham Biran	1958	23
	1962	2 cities (community visits)
	1963	18
Raphael Blumenfeld	1958	18
	1960	23

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u># of Meetings</u>
Noah Brand	1950	29
	1951	18
Daniel Brisker	1958	53
Arthur Broza	1958	19
	1962	7
Dr. Joseph Burg	1959	4 cities (community visits)
Yosef Carmel	1961	14
David Carmon	1957	22
Dr. Bernard M. Casper	1958	19
Bernard Cherrick	1957	16
	1963	16
Isaac Chizik	1952	7
Joe Davis	1955	19
Reuven Dafni	1948	26
	1951	18
	1957	23
	1959	25 plus 5 cities (community visits)
	1962	5 cities (solicitation)
Moshe Dayan	1961	12
Ruth Dayan	1952	9
Yael Dayan	1961	33
	1962	34
Amb. Abba Eban	1961	6
	1964	11
Dr. Benjamin Eliav	1959	9 cities (community visits)
Col. Gideon Elrom	1958	22
Levi Eshkol	1948	8
	1953	1
	1954	1
	1959	1
	1962	1

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u># of Meetings</u>
Zvi Garcy	1962	46
Solomon Glover	1963	13
Mrs. Hannah Gordon	1959	26
Meir Grossman	1959	7 cities (community visits)
David Hacohen	1948	55
	1949	26
	1953	14
	1959	5 cities (community visits)
Ezra Haddad	1952	27
Judge Emanuel Halevi	1957	20
Ishar Harari	1953	7
Gideon Hausner	1958	20
Col. Chaim Herzog	1956	1
	1962	12
Avraham Harman	1959	1 (UJA Nat'l Conf.)
Rachel Hubner	1958	23
Dr. Dov. Joseph	1950	10
	1957	9
	1958	1
	1959	1
	1960	1
Dr. Giora Josephthal	1950	23
	1952	1
	1954	20
	1955	13
	1956	6
	1961	3
Benjamin Kaplan	1957	11 cities (community visits)
	1958	18

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u># of Meetings</u>
Katriel Katz	1959	6
Rolf Kneller	1957	14 cities (community visits)
	1958	34
Akiva Kohane	1963	5
Teddy Kollek	1954	8
	1955	9
	1961	7
Gen. Chaim Laskov	1957	23
	1961	23
Jack Lavie	1958	21
"Eva" Loew	1960	32
Uri Marinov	1956	7
Golda Meir	1948	48
	1948	13
	1950	4
	1951	2
	1952	1
	1953	1
	1954	1
	1955	8
	1956	7
	1958	1
	1959	10
Lt. Col. Aharon Nachshon	1957	7
Moshe Nacht	1957	12 cities (community visits)
	1958	16
Dita Natzor	1960	40
Arjeh Neshet	1958	34
	1959	20 plus 6 (community visits)
	1960	27
Yosef Nevo	1957	11 cities (community visits)
	1963	14

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Col. Mathew Pelled	1956	12
Shimon Peres	1958	2
A. Louis Pincus	1961	8
	1962	18
	1964	12
Col. Yehuda Prihar	1959	43
Moshe Rosetti	1953	20
Min. Yehezkel Sahar	1959	17
Katriel Salmon	1963	16 cities (community visits)
Joseph Saphir	1954	8
Ada Sereni	1955	13
Moshe Shamir	1948 1949 1952 1957 1958 1960 1961 1962 1963	13
		12
		6
		1
		11
		2
		1
		16
		3
Friedel Stern	1958	21 plus 5 cities (community visits)
Gen. Dan Tolkowsky	1958	24
Dr. Moses Cyrus Weiler	1960	29
Dr. Raanan Weitz	1955	22
	1956	27
Josef Yadin	1957	7 cities (community visits)
Gen. Yigael Yadin	1954	10
	1956	15
Gedalia Zakiff	1959	26