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## NEWS RELEASE

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### BILLY GRAHAM TO SPEAK AT JULY 4TH RELIGIOUS AND PATRIOTIC SERVICE AT THE CAPITOL

America will mark its 203rd birthday with an interfaith religious service on the West Steps of the Capitol on Wednesday, July 4. Evangelist

Dr. Billy Graham will deliver the principal message during the program which will feature songs, prayers, Scripture reading and music by the United States Army Band, Chorus and Herald Trumpets. Along with Dr. Graham, many of the leading religious figures of today will be participating in the service. Elder Ezra Taft Benson of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints; Reverend Gabriel Duffy of the Roman Catholic Church; Reverend Benjamin L. Hooks, Executive Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, Director of National Interreligious Affairs for the Jewish Committee; and Reverend John T. Tavlarides, Dean of Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral will also be

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This religious and patriotic service, HONOR AMERICA DAY, is sponsored by the American Historic and Cultural Society, Inc., of Washington, D.C. with the support of area religious leaders. It will be an opportunity to proclaim the message of God and to renew the spirit of patriotism and respect for individual rights. Tens of thousands of men, women and children of many faiths are being invited to participate in the HONOR AMERICA DAY activities. The celebration is open to the public and admission is free. Arrangements have been made for special seating for the handicapped and elderly and there will be signing for the deaf in a special section.

John Adams wrote in 1776 about Independence Day: "...this great anniversary festival ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty...."

In the spirit of these words, Dr. Graham stated: "We are praying that on July 4, this religious program will help rekindle in the American heart the spirit of patriotism that makes our nation so great. May this activity honor God and country and demonstrate to the world that Americans are proud of their country and its heritage."

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June 20, 1979



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# **HONOR AMERICA DAY**

**JULY 4th**  
**10:30 AM - NOON**

**THE CAPITOL**  
**(West Front)**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C.**

*Honor America Day*

July 11, 1979

Mr. David Hartman  
Good Morning America  
ASCAP Building  
1 Lincoln Plaza  
New York, New York 10023

My dear David, **AMERICAN JEWISH**

It was far more than a usual pleasure to meet you last Wednesday at the Honor America Day observances at the Capitol.

Both what you said and the gifted way that you said it set the tone for what became a distinctively American celebration of the Independence Day of what is still the greatest and freest nation on earth.

With Dr. Billy Graham's magnificent address, it was all just right - and I thank you for being so central in making it so.

One day soon I would like to chat with you about the moral dimensions of the Vietnamese boat people and Indochinese refugees. After two recent visits to Southeast Asia, it has become one of my major preoccupations.

Again, with appreciation and friendship, I am,

Cordially yours,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
National Director  
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*Honor America Day*

July 11, 1979

The Rev. Henry Holley  
Director, International Crusades  
The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association  
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My dear Henry,

It was a warm and wonderful experience sharing with you in the Honor America Day observance in the Capitol last Wednesday.

Dr. Graham's address was magnificent, a perfect climax to that memorable day of affirmation of hope.

In particular, I want to thank you for all the courtesies that you showed me that made my participation both comfortable and pleasurable.

Please convey my personal greetings to your lovely wife and impressive son, Hank.

With warmest good wishes, and my prayers for God's richest blessings over you, I am,

Cordially,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
National Director  
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July 11, 1979

Mr. J. Willard Marriott  
Marriott Corporation  
Marriott Drive  
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My dear Mr. Marriott:

It was a warm and wonderful experience to share with you again in Honor America Day.

I want both to thank you and congratulate you on that memorable achievement, as well as on the thoughtfulness of your address.

In particular, I wish to thank you for the courtesy that was shown me by your excellent staff at Marriott Capitol City who made my visit both comfortable and pleasurable.

I hope our paths cross again soon. In the meantime, I wish you continued good health and God's richest blessings!

Cordially,

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# HONOR AMERICA DAY

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DATE: Wednesday, July 4, 1979

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### PROGRAM:

10:30 AM

BAND CONCERT

The United States Army Band and Chorus  
under the command and direction of  
Col. Eugene W. Allen  
M.Sgt. Bill Fox, producer

NATIONAL SALUTE

David Hartman, Master of Ceremonies  
Host of ABC's "Good Morning America"

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The United States Army Band and Chorus

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"AMERICA THE  
BEAUTIFUL"

The United States Army Band and Chorus  
Soloist Specialist John Bennetch and  
narrator M. Sgt. Bill Fox

THE AMERICAN  
PROMISE

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"GOD BLESS AMERICA"

The United States Army Band and Chorus  
Soloists Specialist Elizabeth Ross and  
M. Sgt. Walt Skees

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Dr. Billy Graham  
Evangelist  
Co-founder, Honor America Day Committee

"BATTLE HYMN OF  
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The United States Army Band and Chorus

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"STARS AND STRIPES  
FOREVER"

The United States Army Band and Chorus

Bells, Horns, Whistles, Carillons, etc.

NOON

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# MEDIA FEATURES

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FLAG DAY June 14

INDEPENDENCE DAY  
July 4

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Please encourage your local merchants and shopping centers to make use of the various items in their regular advertising schedules. With the cooperative support of many, the real spirit of the program to Honor America will be demonstrated on the anniversary of America's independence.

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# A 21 DAY SALUTE TO HONOR AMERICA



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“... That Congress declares the twenty-one

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days from Flag Day through Independence

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Day as a period to honor America, that there

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be public gatherings and activities at which

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the people can celebrate and honor their

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country in an appropriate manner.”

PUBLIC LAW 94-33

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# 21 day salute to honor America

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and activities at which the people can  
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an appropriate manner."*

June 14-  
July 4  
1979



## The Significance Of This Symbol

Centuries ago, while North America was a vast wilderness, the eagle was esteemed in many parts of the world as a symbol of power, courage and freedom. Rulers displayed this bird as an emblem of authority and unity.

In tribute to the judgment of the Founding Fathers, a variation of this eagle figure was adopted by the American Historic and Cultural Society as the insignia of its continuing program to Honor America.

The characteristic emblem, containing the nation's colors, is an eagle in red and white profiled against a bell-shaped blue background dotted with 13 white stars representing the original American colonies, and all encircled in a ring of 50 gold stars.

# Honor America

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## THE AMERICAN HISTORIC AND CULTURAL SOCIETY

The American Historic and Cultural Society, Inc. was established in June 1970 under the laws of the District of Columbia as an educational and charitable organization.

The HONOR AMERICA program of the Society was designed to increase the knowledge of the American public about its cultural heritage, constitutional form of government, and history, and to commemorate the anniversary of the independence of the United States of America.

This is accomplished by the dissemination to the public of educational materials on historic sites and state or federal government public facilities and by the conduct, sponsorship or dissemination of information about musical and cultural events available to the public featuring examples of American art, music and culture.

The events included in the programs consist of historic commemorative ceremonies, parades, erection of monuments, band concerts, festivals of American folklife, viewing of historic documents in public buildings, contemporary musical entertainment and fireworks displays. The entire program is non-political and non-partisan. It is publicly supported, and contributions to the Society are deductible in accordance with Internal Revenue Service regulations.

—J. Williard Marriott, Chairman  
Honor America Committee

# 21 Days of AMERICA

American history  
expressed through  
its flags

The 21 DAYS OF AMERICA, is a series of 21 one minute television vignettes describing a portion of our nation's history as depicted in the flags that have flown over America. It commemorates our country's struggle from independent colonies to the most powerful nation in the world. The broadcasts begin on Flag Day and continue for 21 days until its conclusion on Independence Day. Each day unfolds the colorful history of our country's heritage. The series was produced by Carter-Grant Productions in cooperation with the American Historic and Cultural Society. It is distributed by Program Syndication Services.

*Ask your local TV station about the Honor America Achievement Awards Competition for students between 12 and 18 years of age.*



The things that the Flag stands for were created by the experiences of a great people. Everything that it stands for was written by their lives. The Flag is the embodiment, not of sentiment, but of history. It represents the experiences made by men and women, experiences of those who do and live under the Flag.

—Woodrow Wilson

## *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag*

I pledge  
allegiance to the  
flag of the  
United States  
of America  
and to the  
Republic for  
which it stands,  
one Nation  
*under God*,  
indivisible,  
with liberty  
and justice  
for all.

# *The FLAG represents US*

Flag Day, June 14, begins a significant 21-day period extending through the Fourth of July which presents an opportunity for every American to assess what he or she is doing to help this country maintain its position as leader of the free world.

This period, the basic purpose of which is to Honor America, was established by a joint resolution of the Congress and signed into law by the President in June 1975.

One of the objectives of the 1979 Honor America campaign is to combat the idea that most Americans don't want to "get involved" in public affairs. Perhaps, like many similar notions, there is a small grain of truth here, wrapped in a large bundle of misunderstanding.

The Founding Fathers, in their public endeavors, pledged "Our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor." Rarely is an American called upon today to display such fortitude.

But millions of responsible Americans are getting involved in volunteer projects which enrich their lives and the lives of others, and in so doing enhance the quality of national life. It is not difficult to find illustrations.

In Texas last summer, 65 aging and ailing persons enjoyed a refreshing vacation at a no-cost state camp near Dallas. Young probationers in Illinois won a chance for a fresh start through a non-profit work program functioning in Peoria. Virginia found an array of productive tasks for a Young Adult Conservation Corps which cleared public lands, trimmed foliage impeding parkway vistas and painted schools and fire houses.

On a larger scale, Baltimore rehabilitated portions of its slum areas and erected private homes to upgrade the neighborhoods. The St. Johns River, which winds through half the length of Florida, has been rescued from its status as a huge dumping ground. The cleanup, undertaken by the city of Jacksonville with the cooperation of private industry, has already cost millions and may cost billions, but it has made a splendid contribution to the Florida environment.

These developments underscore the point that there exists in the United States a massive reservoir of generosity, self-sacrifice and willing effort. Moreover, they reflect a sense of responsibility toward meeting the country's needs, as well as a disposition to roll up one's sleeves and tackle whatever task that seems urgent.

How about you, Ms. and Mr. Citizen? If you hear an appeal to help establish a neighborhood playground, support a scholarship fund, assist a needy family or some similar project, don't automatically turn a deaf ear. In the 21-day period extending to the Fourth of July (patterned after the 21-gun salute to a head of state) there will be ample opportunity to lend a hand. Here are a few suggestions:

Encourage regular daily display of the American Flag—flags symbolize achievements, traditions and ideals; suggest that shopping centers sponsor historic displays and appropriate ceremonial programs; organize folk festivals with traditional food, dances, costumes and music. This list barely skims the surface.

Through such positive actions you'll be demonstrating how life works in a democracy and that *the people* are the nation. Then celebrate America's birthday on July 4th with a feeling of accomplishment.



## THE AMERICAN'S CREED

by William Tyler Page

(From the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD)

The complete proceedings in regard to the official acceptance of The American's Creed may be found in the Congressional Record, No. 102, April 13, 1918, from which is taken the following explanation of the doctrinal origin of the creed:

"The United States of America."

—Preamble, Constitution of the United States.

"A government of the people, by the people, for the people."

—Preamble, Constitution of the United States; Daniel Webster's speech in the Senate, January 26, 1830; Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg speech.

"Whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed."

—Thomas Jefferson, in Declaration of Independence.

"A democracy in a republic."

—James Madison, in The Federalist, No. 10; Article X of the amendments to Constitution.

"A sovereign Nation of many sovereign States."

—"E pluribus unum," great seal of the United States; Article IV of the Constitution.

"A perfect Union."

—Preamble to the Constitution.

"One and inseparable."

—Webster's speech in the Senate, January 26, 1830.

"Established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes."

—Declaration of Independence.

"I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it."

—In substance from Edward Everett Hale's The Man Without a Country.

"To support its Constitution."

—Oath of allegiance, section 1757, Revised Statutes of the United States.

"To obey its laws."

—Washington's Farewell Address; Article VI, Constitution of the United States.

"To respect its flag."

—National anthem, The Star-Spangled Banner; Army and Navy Regulations; War Department circular on flag etiquette, April 14, 1917.

"And to defend it against all enemies."

—Oath of allegiance, section 1757, Revised Statutes of the United States.

"We must account before the bar of history for our performance as trustees of that American dream, because accountability is a two-way street—those to whom we give power are accountable to us, but our power of choice makes us accountable ultimately for who wields the powers of office."

—Warren E. Burger

"Be Americans. Let there be no sectionalism, no North, South, East or West: You are all dependent one on another and should be one in union. In one word, be a nation: be Americans, and be true to yourselves."

—George Washington

## THE AMERICAN'S CREED

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

—William Tyler Page

*"...this America is only you and me..."*

—Walt Whitman

"We are still young at heart, eager to face the future, still a growing nation, trying to correct our mistakes and raise our standards, holding to our historical values. We are tough and resilient, kind and compassionate, idealistic and practical—and we are still independent and free."

That is what America means to me."

—Jimmy Carter

"Being a black American means being perennially hopeful. Hopeful that one day we will be able to live any place we can afford. Hopeful that we may one day not have to worry whether race is a factor when applying for a job—or, worse, have to explain to our children why more black Americans are not found in our history books.

And lately, for me, being American implies a commitment, a commitment to excellence, to broad-mindedness, open-mindedness."

—Arthur Ashe

"Perhaps that is the meaning of America: the unending question of how to enlarge opportunity while yet maintaining an orderly, balanced government of free men. That was the question with which America began. And the enduring vitality of the question is as important to the spirit of America as the answer any new President can give."

—Theodore H. White

"Certain things have improved. The camaraderie of the young from all walks of life and their readiness to share what they have are beautiful to behold. It is also true that enterprise and character will take a young person farther now than in the past. Alertness and willingness are quickly noticed and appreciated.

And we have grown wiser. We know now that the adult's failure of nerve is more critical than the young's impulse toward anarchy; that righting wrongs is a perilous undertaking which needs a tightening of discipline; that a sense of usefulness is more vital to the quality of life than abundance."

—Eric Hoffer

"A great nation will look to the future, not just for its own citizens, but for all humanity. The understanding of the universe beyond our home planet is fundamental to that future. America has provided the opportunity for that understanding."

—Neil Armstrong

"I feel fortunate that I was born in America. I grew up in a small city in Mississippi and, with the help of my family and friends, was able to get through college and music school and to make my debut in opera.

All of that is still possible in America. It is the nation that attempts to make available the opportunity for everyone to better themselves. The opportunities are growing, thanks to the sacrifices of some martyrs."

—Leontyne Price



# I Believe



I believe in the supreme worth of the individual and in his right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

I believe that every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation; every possession, a duty.

I believe that the law was made for man and not man for the law; that government is the servant of the people and not their master.

I believe in the dignity of labor, whether with head or hand; that the world owes no man a living but that it owes every man an opportunity to make a living.

I believe that thrift is essential to well ordered living and that economy is a prime requisite of a sound financial structure, whether in government, business or personal affairs.

I believe that truth and justice are fundamental to an enduring social order.

I believe in the sacredness of a promise, that a man's word should be as good as his bond; that character—not wealth or power or position—is of supreme worth.

I believe that the rendering of useful service is the common duty of mankind and that only in the purifying fire of sacrifice is the drop of selfishness consumed and the greatness of the human soul set free.

I believe in an all-wise and all-loving God, named by whatever name, and that the individual's highest fulfillment, greatest happiness, and widest usefulness are to be found in living in harmony with His will.

I believe that love is the greatest thing in the world; that it alone can overcome hate; that right can and will triumph over might.

—John D. Rockefeller, Jr.  
Fisk University  
Nashville, Tennessee  
May 3, 1941

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO U.S.-AMERICANS

Traditionally, Americans have long been classified as "joiners", a label many citizens are proud of.

Voluntarism is a typical USA characteristic that has helped shape the image of U.S. citizens in many countries. Americans are frequently pictured as friendly, outgoing and self-reliant.

Such a flattering concept probably dates back to the Revolutionary War era when our fledgling nation was struggling to survive. Self-reliance was then an essential quality.

These facts take on renewed significance as the nation prepares to celebrate the 203rd birthday of the United States of America. The American Historic and Cultural Society, Inc., has vigorously promoted patriotic community programs through the preceding 21 days extending to Flag Day. The 21-day Honor America concept is a parallel to the 21-gun salute to honor a head of state.

This period was officially created by a joint resolution of the Congress and signed into law by the President in June 1975. Members of Congress, governors and mayors have actively joined in supporting this campaign and have called on their constituents to participate.

A Census Bureau survey in recent years produced the estimate that 37 million people in the United States above the age of 13 years are engaged in volunteer work in the spirit of helping others.

Such a figure reflects a wholesome, generous attitude that has helped this nation become the leader of the world's democracies.

This total denotes a substantial bloc of Americans that by its example invites others to enter the field of voluntarism. To a casual observer it might seem that so many willing hands could dispose of the bulk of the country's social problems. Unfortunately, emergencies of assorted types, adversities and personal hardships continue to multiply.

Other circumstances call for different approaches. In Oregon, a 100,000-acre site formerly used as a rocket test range was turned over to farming by an aerospace company. The land lies in an arid region and the belief prevailed that "Nothing will grow here." But new methods of cultivation have produced rewarding crops and helped to revive the area economically.

In another corner of the country, Robert Sanchez, 29, worked with two scientists of the University of New Mexico to develop a program to produce nuclear drugs. This breakthrough enables hospitals to use the drugs as tracing agents for locating tumors.

Such undertakings contribute to the health and wealth of the nation. But these events are large and complex and beyond the scope of the average American.

But much can be accomplished at the local level to Honor America. You and your neighbors can arrange for appropriate patriotic decorations, centering around the American flag. Remind your club, your union or other organization to lend impetus to such observances, possibly of a financial nature.

Remember John Adams' note to his wife Abigail: "... this great anniversary festival ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty ..."

Plan a parade, whip up a picnic, promote a sports contest, schedule a band concert, put on a pageant, touch off a fireworks display, honoring America in an appropriate manner.

One point, at any rate is clear: no manner of organizational gadgetry can make a great society. It takes *people* to make a society great—righteous, justice-loving, idealistic, freedom-loving people.

Join us in giving America a Happy Birthday this Fourth of July.



Camera-ready material  
for media use during  
the 21 days  
Flag Day, June 14  
through  
Independence Day



Honor America



June 14 - July 4

**HONOR AMERICA JULY 4**

**HONOR AMERICA**

June 14 through July 4  
Flag Day to Independence Day



#### WORDS OF FREEDOM

We hold these truths to be self-evident: That all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

—The Declaration of Independence



#### WORDS OF FREEDOM

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

—The Constitution



**Salute To America July 4**  
**SALUTE TO AMERICA JULY 4**  
**HONOR AMERICA DAY**  
**Honor America July 4**



HONOR AMERICA JUNE 14-JULY 4 "... *this America is only you and me...*"

—Walt Whitman

# HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

during 21 Day Salute to Honor America  
Flag Day—Independence Day

Honor America



June 14 - July 4

- June 14 Flag Day**  
1775: The U.S. Army is founded when Congress authorizes ten companies  
1777: Stars and Stripes become the national flag
- June 15** 1775: George Washington is chosen Commander-in-Chief  
1836: Arkansas becomes the 25th state
- June 16** 1777: Crown Point, New York is occupied by the British  
1779: British troops established fort at Castine, Maine  
1858: Abraham Lincoln delivered his "House Divided" speech in Springfield, Illinois
- June 17** 1775: British troops and colonials clash on Breed's Hill in Boston  
1777: Skirmish at Millstone, New Jersey  
1778: British peace offer is presented  
1779: British troops repulse attack on Prior's Mill, New Jersey
- June 18** 1776: Gates appointed commander of American troops in Canada  
1778: The British evacuated Philadelphia  
1779: Squadron under John Paul Jones went to sea  
1812: Congress declared war on Great Britain
- June 19** 1777: American squadron enters the English Channel to harass shipping  
1779: The French under d'Estaing captured Vincent, West Indies  
1862: Congress passed act prohibiting slavery in territories
- June 20** 1775: Thomas Jefferson replaced Peyton Randolph at the Continental Congress  
1778: Pierre de Laclede, founder of St. Louis died  
1779: Americans defeated at Stone Ferry, South Carolina  
1782: Congress adopted the Great Seal  
1863: West Virginia entered as 35th state
- June 21** 1776: Thomas Hickey's plot against Washington is discovered  
Birthday anniversary of Martha Washington  
1779: Spain declared war on Great Britain  
1788: New Hampshire, the 9th and decisive state ratified the Constitution
- June 22** 1777: Skirmish at New Brunswick, New Jersey  
1779: Washington moved his headquarters to New Windsor  
1791: L'Enfant sent President Washington plan of the Capital City
- June 23** 1775: Washington left Philadelphia to assume command in Boston
- June 24** 1776: Congress resolved to stop raising companies of "Mohickan and Stockbridge Indians"  
1779: Skirmish at Crompond, New York
- June 25** 1776: British fleet arrived off Sandy Hook, off New York from Nova Scotia  
1778: Virginia entered Union as 10th state  
1876: Battle of Little Big Horn
- June 26** 1777: Skirmish at Short Hills, New Jersey  
1779: Skirmish at Ogeechee, Georgia  
1830: Webster-Haynes debate  
1945: Charter of the United Nations signed in San Francisco
- June 27** 1775: Congress authorized invasion of Canada  
1778: Congress left York, Pennsylvania to return to Philadelphia  
1779: Skirmish at Midway, Georgia
- June 28** 1776: Thomas Hickey hanged for plot against Washington  
1778: "Molly Pitcher" began career as soldier at Battle of Monmouth  
1779: American troops victorious at Hickory Hill, Georgia  
1864: Congress repealed Fugitive Slave Law  
1902: U.S. purchased Panama Canal from France
- June 29** 1767: Parliament passed the Townsend Revenue Act which helped to precipitate the American Revolution  
1776: General Howe and Admiral Howe arrived in New York harbor  
1779: Loyalists and German dragoons raided 2 Connecticut outposts
- June 30** 1777: Burgoyne approached Fort Ticonderoga  
1778: American raid repulsed at Alligator Bridge, Florida  
1779: Clinton invited Negroes to take refuge with the British Army  
1834: Congress created the Department of Indian Affairs
- July 1** 1776: In Committee, Congress approved Lee resolution on independence  
1777: Burgoyne started invasion from Canada  
1863: The Battle of Gettysburg commenced
- July 2** 1777: Cherokee Indians ceded land to Virginia  
1778: Continental Congress commenced in Independence Hall, Philadelphia
- July 3** 1775: Washington assumed command of troops at Cambridge, Massachusetts  
1778: American forces massacred at Wyoming Valley, Pennsylvania
- July 4 Independence Day**  
1776: Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence. It is first signed by John Hancock—others followed later.

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**21 day  
salute**



**to honor  
America**

*"... that there be public gatherings  
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**June 14 -  
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# FLAG DAY through INDEPENDENCE DAY



JUNE 14 THROUGH JULY 4, 1979



"... That Congress declares the twenty-  
one days from Flag Day through Inde-  
pendence Day as a period to honor  
America, that there be public gatherings  
and activities at which the people can  
celebrate and honor their country in an  
appropriate manner."

PUBLIC LAW 94-33

*Every community, group, and individual is asked to help America  
by helping the handicapped, by expressing an appreciation for the  
aged, and by encouraging the young to understand the opportuni-  
ties, as well as the responsibilities, inherent in our constitutional  
system. Through such positive action, at least during these 21  
days, Americans may then celebrate the Fourth of July with a  
feeling of accomplishment.*

# "... this America is only you and me."

—Walt Whitman

*"I also call upon all Americans to observe the period from Flag Day through Independence Day as a period to honor America through public gatherings and other suitable activities that will demonstrate their pride in their Nation and its accomplishments."*

—President Jimmy Carter  
Flag Day Proclamation 1977



The Significance  
Of This Symbol

Centuries ago, while North America was a vast wilderness, the eagle was esteemed in many parts of the world as a symbol of power, courage and freedom. Rulers displayed this bird as an emblem of authority and unity.

In tribute to the judgment of the Founding Fathers, a variation of this eagle figure was adopted by the American Historic and Cultural Society as the insignia of its continuing program to Honor America.

The characteristic emblem, containing the nation's colors, is an eagle in red and white profiled against a bell-shaped blue background dotted with 13 white stars representing the original American colonies, and all encircled in a ring of 50 gold stars.

**MEMBERS OF CONGRESS** of the United States join in declaring the 21 days as a period to honor America so that freedom loving Americans might demonstrate to the world that while we face problems as individuals, and as a Nation, we are proud of our country and the accomplishments of our constitutional government.

**PROCLAMATIONS BY THE GOVERNORS** of the 50 States, and other jurisdictions, on the anniversary of independence make these 21 days a meaningful time to honor America with appropriate State House and state-wide celebrations.

**MAYORS OF OUR NATION'S CITIES** stimulate the spirit of patriotism and respect for individual liberties by calling upon community and political leaders to recognize these days with appropriate observances. Many Mayors initiate local programs by issuing proclamations on Flag Day and/or the Fourth of July, and simultaneous release to the media.

**LABOR AND BUSINESS LEADERS** participate in this annual program. These representatives of our freedom of enterprise society—the blue and white collar workers—remind us of those Founders who argued the structures of our constitutional government into existence. The cooperative spirit of business and labor is part of the success of the system.

**VETERANS, RELIGIOUS AND CIVIC** organizations having celebrations scheduled for Flag Day and through the Fourth of July are encouraged to continue and to expand these programs to promote America and unity among all Americans.

**NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES, TELEVISION AND RADIO** are primarily responsible for what you see and hear about the programs to HONOR AMERICA. The cooperation and support of the media is vital to the success of this national effort to point out the educational and historical significance of America's independence and constitutional government. Read the editorials as well as the news columns for ideas and plans; listen to your local radio, watch TV for the "21 DAYS OF AMERICA" a minute each day of American history as depicted in the flags that have flown on this country.

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**... AND YOU!** Communicate with your community leaders about programs scheduled during this 21 day period. Ask if a proclamation has been issued? What is your employer doing? Union officials? Special services at your place of worship? Town decorations? Games? Parades? Fireworks? Family time ... reunions ... picnics?

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The American Historic and Cultural Society, Inc., was established in June 1970 under the laws of the District of Columbia, and its program to HONOR AMERICA was designed to increase the knowledge of the American public about its cultural heritage, constitutional government, and history, and to commemorate the anniversary of the independence of the United States of America. It is non-political.

"We hold this annual celebration to remind ourselves of all the good done in the process of time, of how it was done and who did it and how we are historically connected with it. And we go from these meetings in better humor with ourselves—we feel more attached the one to the other and more firmly bound to the country we inhabit."  
—Abraham Lincoln, July 4, 1858

**YOU ARE INVITED** to join in this non-partisan program of the American Historic and Cultural Society to HONOR AMERICA. The seeds of good citizenship have been planted and are awaiting cultivation. You can assist by taking an active role in meeting your community's problems, bearing in mind the common good of the greatest number. Put into practice some of those innovative ideas you've been dreaming up to make life a little more rewarding in your area. Help knit the ties of responsibility and fellowship that strengthen the foundations of America, especially during the 21 days—FLAG DAY through INDEPENDENCE DAY.

- Here are a few suggestions
- ★ Adopt an HONOR AMERICA program in your community
  - ★ Encourage the display of the American Flag every day starting on June 14 and continuing through July 4
  - ★ Invite retail merchants to include in their advertising an encouragement to their customers to join in local program activities
  - ★ Suggest that shopping centers have special displays of historic events and appropriate ceremonial program involving schools, service clubs, patriotic organizations
  - ★ Sponsor arts and crafts workshops, study forgotten skills, involve senior citizens, grandchildren learning from grandparents
  - ★ Organize folk festivals with traditional food, dance, costumes and music
  - ★ Invite professional assistance from your local newspaper, radio and TV stations to help with publicizing and reporting feature events, recording highlights of activities



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July 3, 1979

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

I want to welcome you again to Washington on the tenth anniversary program to Honor America. I recall with pleasure our July 4, 1970, program and look forward to renewing our association in this very important effort.

The attached script and information will be of some help to you. If there is anything else you need, just have the hotel people get in touch with me.

I am sure we will have a wonderful morning.

Sincerely,

  
J. Willard Marriott

FACT SHEET

DATE: Wednesday, July 4, 1979

TIME: 10:30 AM until 12 Noon

PLACE: The Capitol - West Front

PROGRAM:

10:30 AM BAND CONCERT

The United States Army Band and Chorus  
Under the command and direction of  
Col. Eugene W. Allen  
M. Sgt. Bill Fox, producer

11:00 AM NATIONAL SALUTE

Bells, Horns, Whistles, Carillons, etc.  
David Hartman, Master of Ceremonies  
Host, ABC's "Good Morning America"

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Roberta Peters  
Metropolitan Opera star

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"GOD BLESS AMERICA" The United States Army Band and Chorus  
Soloists: Specialist Elizabeth Ross and  
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"BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC" The United States Army Band and Chorus

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"STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER" The United States Army Band and Chorus

READING FROM HEBREW SCRIPTURES DELIVERED BY RABBI MARC H. TANENBAUM,  
NATIONAL INTERRELIGIOUS AFFAIRS DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH  
COMMITTEE, BEFORE JULY 4, 1970, HONOR AMERICA DAY OBSERVANCE  
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ON THIS INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION IT IS FITTING TO READ FROM THE  
HEBREW SCRIPTURES WHICH HISTORIANS HAVE CALLED "THE INTELLECTUAL  
ARSENAL OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION" AND "THE MORTAR WHICH CEMENTED  
THE FOUNDATIONS OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY". OUR READING IS SELECTED  
FROM THE BOOK OF LEVITICUS, CHAPTERS 19 THROUGH 25, WHICH RABBINIC  
TRADITION CALLS "THE ETHICAL ESSENTIALS OF THE TORAH" AND FROM WHICH  
IS DERIVED THE INSCRIPTION ON THE LIBERTY BELL IN INDEPENDENCE HALL.

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LEVITICUS 19

1: AND THE LORD SPOKE TO MOSES, SAYING, SPEAK TO ALL THE CONGREGATION  
OF THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, AND SAY TO THEM: YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR ~~THE~~  
I THE LORD YOUR GOD AM HOLY.

4 DO NOT TURN TO IDOLS, ~~NE~~ OR MAKE FOR YOURSELVES MOLTEN GODS, I AM  
THE LORD YOUR GOD.

9 AND WHEN YOU REAP THE HARVEST OF YOUR LAND, YOU SHALL NOT REAP YOUR  
FIELD TO ITS VERY BORDER, NEITHER SHALL YOU GATHER THE GLEANINGS  
10 AFTER YOUR HARVEST. AND YOU SHALL NOT STRIP YOUR VINEYARD BARE,  
NEITHER SHALL YOU GATHER THE FALLEN GRAPES OF YOUR VINEYARD: YOU  
SHALL LEAVE THEM FOR THE POOR AND FOR THE STRANGER. I AM THE LORD  
YOUR GOD.

11 YOU SHALL NOT STEAL, NOR DEAL FALSELY, NOR LIE TO ONE ANOTHER. YOU  
SHALL NOT OPPRESS YOUR NEIGHBOR OR ROB HIM; THE WAGES OF A HIRED  
SERVANT SHALL NOT REMAIN WITH YOU ALL NIGHT UNTIL THE MORNING.

15 YOU SHALL DO NO INJUSTICE IN JUDGMENT: YOU SHALL NOT BE PARTIAL  
TO THE POOR, NOR FAVOR THE PERSON OF THE MIGHTY, BUT IN RIGHTEOUSNESS  
SHALL YOU JUDGE YOUR NEIGHBOR.

16 YOU SHALL NOT GO UP AND DOWN AS A SLANDERER AMONG YOUR PEOPLE;  
YOU SHALL NOT STAND IDLY BY THE BLOOD OF YOUR NEIGHBOR; I AM THE LORD.

17 YOU SHALL NOT HATE YOUR BROTHER IN YOUR HEART BUT YOU SHALL REASON  
WITH YOUR NEIGHBOR LEST YOU BEAR SIN BECAUSE OF HIM.

19 YOU SHALL NOT TAKE VENGEANCE, OR BEAR ANY GRUDGE AGAINST THE  
CHILDREN OF YOUR PEOPLE, BUT YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS  
YOURSELF, I AM THE LORD.

25:10: AND YOU SHALL HALLOW THE FIFTIETH YEAR, AND PROCLAIM LIBERTY THROUGHOUT THE LAND TO ALL ITS INHABITANTS: IT SHALL BE A JUBILEE FOR YOU, WHEN EACH OF YOU SHALL RETURN TO HIS PROPERTY AND EACH OF YOU SHALL RETURN TO HIS FAMILY.

33: AND WHEN A STRANGER SOJOURNS WITH YOU IN YOUR LAND, YOU SHALL NOT DO HIM WRONG.

34: THE STRANGER WHO SOJOURNS WITH YOU SHALL <sup>BE</sup> TO YOU AS THE NATIVE AMONG YOU, AND YOU SHALL LOVE HIM AS YOURSELF, FOR YOU WERE STRANGERS IN THE LAND OF EGYPT, I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD.

(26:3 - IF YOU FOLLOW MY LAWS AND FAITHFULLY OBSERVE MY COMMANDMENTS  
6: I WILL GRANT PEACE IN THE LAND, AND YOU SHALL LIE DOWN UNTRoubLED BY ANYONE: I WILL GIVE THE LAND RESPIRE FROM VICIOUS BEASTS, AND NO SWORD SHALL CROSS YOUR LAND.

9: I WILL LOOK WITH FAVOR UPON YOU, AND MAKE YOU FERTILE AND MULTIPLY YOU: AND I WILL MAINTAIN MY COVENANT WITH YOU.

11 I WILL ESTABLISH MY ABODE IN YOUR MIDST, AND I WILL NOT SPURN YOU. I WILL BE EVERY PRESENT IN YOUR MIDST: I WILL BE YOUR GOD AND YOU SHALL BE MY PEOPLE. I A T E LORD AM YOUR GOD WHO BROUGHT YOU OUT FROM THE LAND OF THE EGYPTIANS TO BE THEIR SLAVES NO MORE, WHO BROKE THE IRON BARS OF YOUR YOKE AND MADE YOU WALK ERECT.



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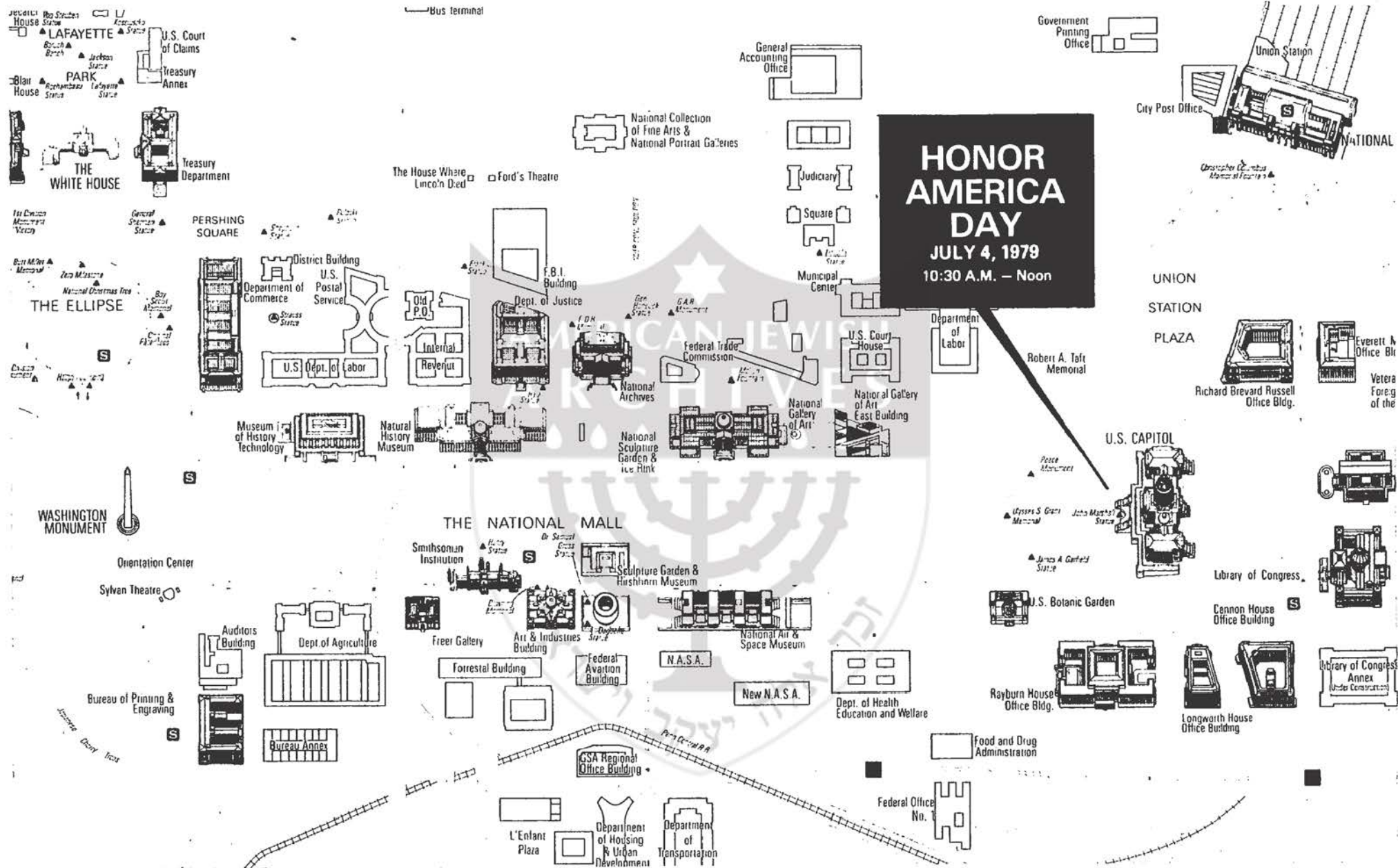
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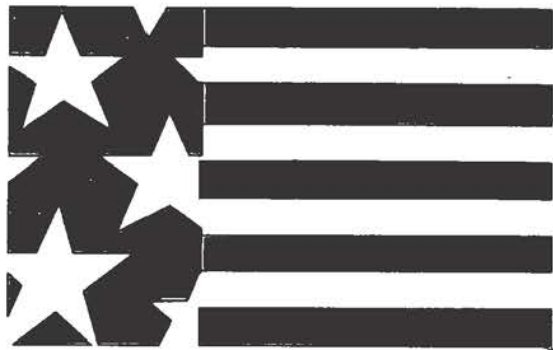
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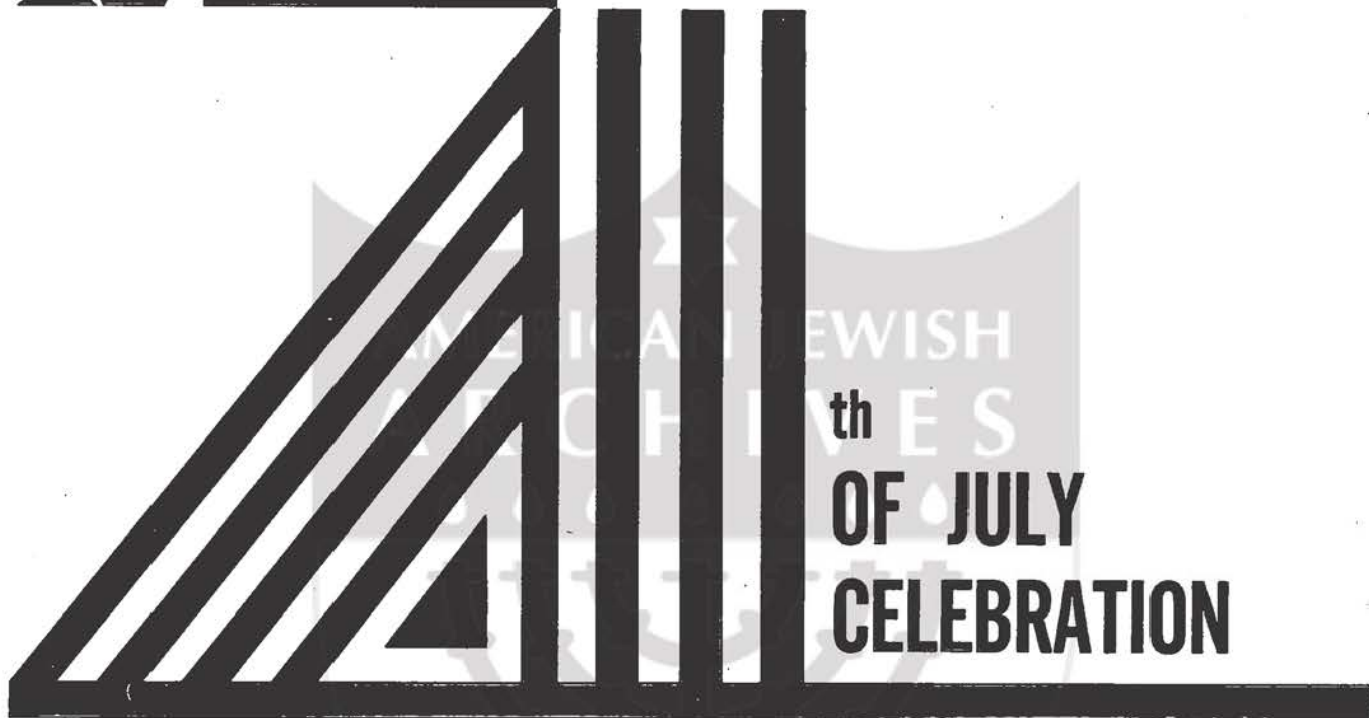


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