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Rafel  
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old friends  
Ben Max Kail  
Ben morens  
Bernie Santorum  
mel leest  
sam skur

Milwaukee  
Bond Dinner  
Jan 4  
81

# I. FREE WORLD IS IN DANGER

1. IRAQ-IRAN ~~with~~ fight will hurt oil production, and bring the Soviet Union into the area, ~~the~~ first at Syrian invitation; later at Iran invitation; later at own initiative (through Baluchistan).

3. AFGHANISTAN invasion is serious

② IRAQ will turn on SAUDIA ARABIA

4. AMERICA will ~~need~~ be compelled to strengthen its presence - is already doing so - regardless of who is president. And AMERICA will need allies & bases. ISRAEL is America's strongest friend in the area. Europe will not come along to help.



Milwaukee Bond  
Oct 15 80 Dinner  
Allie Adelman

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## II. ISRAEL IS IN DANGER

1. JORDAN backs Iraq.  
Akaba harbor, away from Eilat  
has 60 ships unloading supplies.
2. If Iraq decides to turn on  
Israel — no problem — overrun  
Syria and come to Golan Heights  
in 40 hours.
3. Libya would throw equipment into  
anti-Israel fight.
4. Syria <sup>would</sup> ~~might~~ patch up differences  
with Iraq + join the fight.
5. ~~Syria~~ is becoming a nuclear power.  
France is delivering two 70-megawatt <sup>reactors</sup> ~~plants~~ with  
72 Kg. enriched pure uranium and training 600  
technicians.

## III. AMERICAN-ISRAELI MUTUAL SECURITY PACT might well become the solution to both countries' needs.



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IV. ISRAEL MUST REMAIN STRONG FOR  
SAKE OF BOTH COUNTRIES.

THAT IS CONCLUSION # 1, <sup>concerning</sup> ~~for~~ <sup>the</sup>  
immediate short-range problems.

We ~~Jews~~ + Americans must do everything  
possible to keep Israel strong by  
maximum support. <sup>we Jews must stretch</sup>  
~~We are not~~ <sup>Jews</sup> straining ourselves. We could buy more  
bonds & give more money. we must do so.

Un. govt request for AID to Israel is 2.b. for FY 1987

Now <sup>#2</sup> as to long-range look, I  
want to speak about deeper, more  
spiritual matters - i.e. the dream of  
the Jewish people.

Israel has many external and  
internal problems - and we must  
help solve them:



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## External Problems

1. Physical dangers
2. Failing negotiations with Egypt :  
~~Sadat~~ must <sup>come to</sup> understand the sacrifices we made for peace ; our distrust of the PLO + therefore of any <sup>Palestinian</sup> state under its control ; and must start with our ~~admi~~ definition of autonomy and seek perhaps to broaden it gradually
3. ~~Sometimes~~ Channels with U.S. over issues: i.e. settlements

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## Internal Problems

1. economy
2. inflation
3. low morale
4. public scandals
5. low immigration - high emigration
6. apparent sense of loss of direction & goals

~~But~~

This last point brings us to  
most important issue of all -  
The external problem - not

external + internal but external.  
Confusion #2 - to solve our long range problems  
we must concentrate upon ~~the~~ our  
goals & objectives. What are we  
really trying to do? We must  
concentrate on the externals:

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Building the Land  
Uniting the People  
Preserving the Heritage of Past  
Protecting the Future

We are an eternal people - with an eternal challenge. We possess the secret of optimism because of our basic faith in a God who spoke to us of human growth, progress and belief in the triumph of justice and freedom, as we entered the Promised Land ~~from~~ of milk & honey from the dryness of the Sinai wilderness. We possess the secret of intelligence because of our basic civilized approach to and respect for knowledge & education as the keys to human advancement. We possess the secret of persistence as the weapon by which



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to fight back against oppression, and  
above all, we possess the secret of  
eternal life

ISRAEL & THE JEWISH  
PEOPLE ARE THE TWO FACTORS,  
inextricably linked, which both  
manifest the values of the Hebrew  
Faith, and transmit these to the  
world at large.

This is the key concept  
and must be the key to our  
conduct.

KEEP ISRAEL STRONG  
KEEP THE <sup>WORLDWIDE</sup> JEWISH PEOPLE ~~BOUND~~  
KEEP THE JEWISH FAITH ALIVE

We can do it - we shall do it -  
Israel will live forever - and so will  
the Jewish people!!!

I DON'T BEE - I ASK WITH (8)  
PRIDE + EXPECT YOU TO RESPOND  
with PRIDE

GREATEST DANGER

WE HAVE IS BEING

ECONOMICALLY LAZY,

thus not being able to  
handle the challenges of  
peace,

or keeping our people satisfied,  
with high morale.

PEACE COSTS MORE THAN  
WAR

RABBI, FARMER, SOLDIER  
Michael Sharanovsky brother of Anatol

Baltimore  
Dec 7, 1980

I. PEARL HARBOR - NEED NOT HAVE HAPPENED

- CODES BROKEN BUT MESSAGES NOT BELIEVED

II. ANNIHILATION OF JEWS - NEED NOT HAVE HAPPENED

WESTERN POWERS DIDN'T CARE - "WHILE SIX MILLION DIED"

CONDEMNS U.S. POLICIES; NOW A NEW BOOK

CONDEMNS BRITISH POLICIES

1. White Paper - 1939 - limited immigration
2. Refused to broadcast news of Holocaust in late 42
3. Refused to form Jewish army
4. Refused to form Palestinian paramilitary + organize resistance
5. Refused to bomb Auschwitz



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III. TRAGEDIES NEED NOT HAPPEN - OUR POSTURE MUST ALWAYS BE ALERT; WILLING TO TRY EVERYTHING TO PREVENT; NEVER TAKE ANYTHING FOR GRANTED.

IV. WE MUST NEVER ALLOW ISRAEL OR OUR ORGANIZED COMMUNITIES IN DIASPORA TO BECOME WEAK. IF WE ARE STRONG, WE CAN MANAGE ANY CRISIS.

Ari Rath - Dec 30, 80

1. Do you think there will be another <sup>Arab-Israeli</sup> war within one-two years? With whom? No
2. Do you think there will be a super-power confrontation over the Persian Gulf within one-two years?
3. Do you think Israel will <sup>attempt to</sup> solve the inflation, even by forced recession and unemployment, or simply continue to handle by indexation?
5. Will there be a Jewish State in 20 years?
- 4f. What programs should the new government try, in order to recapture a sense of <sup>trust</sup> purpose and idealism?

1. Because Iraq will be bogged down in Iran for months, if not years. Iraq has committed half of its forces, and cannot defeat Iran. This is not a dilettante war on Iraq's part.
2. There is a danger - depending on Russian intention. Russia will probably play it cool - and not push into Iran or Hormuz.
3. Govt will try to solve it by wage-price freeze practice, then diverting manpower to export industry. Govt may not be willing to take all harsh measures necessary.
- 4f. Tackle in earnest the Palestinian issue, which means leading to a Palestinian state, and this will make the peace real; plus economic measures + stop inflation.



5. Yes - There will be.

Dangers - economically weak

unable to handle challenges of peace

Yerida is serious - but not fatal, and could  
even be cut to bearable dimensions, if all  
above problems were turned around.

civil war





Army Spokesman

18.I.81

1. If the final peace <sup>may be</sup> breaks up (as people in Yamit, for instance, believe) will there be war?
2. Did ~~the~~ the Syrian mobilization vs. Jordan couple of months ago come close to war? If not, what was its purpose?
3. ~~Is~~ When Iraq finishes with Iran, is there chance she will turn west, make a deal with Syria to attack Israel?

4. Will Russia go down to  
The Gulf?

5. Any signs of America  
changing her mind and  
using Israeli bases, as part  
of a regional pact?

6. Is Zuhul being seriously  
weakened by budget cuts?

1. E. didn't burn bridges - could  
go back into fold - and this  
would mean war again, depending  
~~on Syria~~  
upon US reaction (but might  
even disregard that)

2. No intention on Syrian part to  
re-enter Jordan. Was a  
demonstration to Russians of  
Syrian power.



3. Yes - Iraq bought 1200 tank transporters from Germany. Iraq can move rapidly toward Israel. Iraq is key to war + peace in area.

4. Yes - ~~many~~ Echel believes this is Russian intention.

5. No change yet in American position.

6. Yes. We'll know the results only in war. But even in peace, there is a weakening - e.g. reservists not being called; equipment not improved.

7. Morale of people, in spite of being low, is good in regard to responding to any threat or crisis or attack. We know this from polls.

1. Sacrifices Israel made for peace.  
oil; strategic depth; expense  
of redeployment + replacement of civilians;  
lack of space in Neger, compared to  
Sinai.

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יחד אלה יעקב וישראל



Jan. 81

Pitchat Rafiah

Pitchat Shalom

Moshav

Talmi Yosef (28)

6 new <sup>moshav</sup> ~~place~~ being proposed  
2 " Kibbutzim  
Talmi Yosef B (15)

may join  
Saddot

Priel - breaking apart - everyone taking pitavim  
+ running

Ugda "

Hir Anshem "

Saddot (disintegrates + some members will start new  
moshav near Migdal with new name + new members)

Hetiv Asara " Erez (near Yotvata moshav)

Dikla dispersing

Hannut "

Hevot Simai "

\* 300 families 30 families

Settlement

Atzmona political problem - they are religious -  
and want to stay

Kibbutz

Sufa

(membership  
intact)

Sufa

Holit

"

Holit

Yamit

\* 90% scattering

## Eligible for Pitzuin

Those who resided before Camp David

14 mill. (+ 1 m. if stay to end)

(People are complaining that this amount will not buy a market in the north. Lachish costs 19 mill.)

of 6 new moshav locations being proposed in Pithul Shalom, only 1 (Telmer (conf B)) will be coming from Pithul Rafiah.

Of the other 5 - 4\* are gaining at present with no location and 1 is called Dekel, to be made up mainly with people from Yemot and a sprinkling of families from the disintegrating moshavim.

\* Prigam (<sup>caravan</sup> ~~hangers~~ in Sedot - fields in T.Y.)

Yivul (on natural site in Gaza Strip)

Yesodot ha-Darom (living in Zohar Center)

Tovim (also in Zhar)

Town of Yemot

while other situation

amount of Pitzim not yet decided

people drifting away with miklamot.





E2or Besor (not Pithet Shelom)

6 moshavim

2 Kibbutzim

1 - people from <sup>some</sup> ~~ambassadors~~ - Zikim

1 - people from Sadi - Mayan

Yamit - Dekel

350 - 75 - 20%

remaining in Besor

1 July - we will move everyone  
over, if we have decision

If we don't get decision -  
everything will be left in  
hands of Egypt.

No final arrangements  
have been made with settlers.



Jan. 81 - San Diego

HAVE TALKED TO <sup>MANY</sup> MOST OF YOU TODAY ABOUT ISRAEL  
+ WILL TALK LATER AT SYNAGOGUE WAR  
PEACE

WORLD-WIDE JEWISH PEOPLE FACING GREAT PROBLEMS  
in THREE MAJOR AREAS

1. Russia -

2. LATIN AMERICA -

3. FRANCE -

4. UNITED STATES - right here at home

END UP WITH ISRAEL + SILVER PLATTER





THERE ARE RUMBLINGS  
OF DISQUIETUDE ABOUT  
THE POSSIBLE GROWTH  
OF WORLD-WIDE ANTISEMITISM -  
I'm NOT SURE -

- 1) CONSTANT ATTACKS IN UN  
WHICH CAUSED BLUM TO  
REACT SHARPLY YESTERDAY
- 2) BOMBING IN PARIS
- 3) MACHINE-GUNNING IN ARGENTINA
- 4) DEFACING SYNAGOGUES IN U.S.

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FATE OF JEWS  
IS TIED TO THE  
FATE OF THE WEST  
~~THE~~

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SECRET of optimism



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Mood of depression - confusion - blow after blow -  
can't find any basis for hope or confidence or faith in future.

Everything seems at lowest ebb.

1. Do not lose faith

2. Think of all the things which must be done  
and set out to do them

- a. Peace will ease the economy
- b. Bring immigrants
- c. repair the social selfishness ~~unconcern~~
- d.

3. But never neglect doing the basic - which is to pay for existence.

Raise the money which you know how to do well - but do it better.

Happy to be here - many friends

~~Wroclaw~~ monument in  
Gdansk Poland memorializing  
witnesses shot by Communist police  
has an inscription from  
Czeslaw Milosz (Nobel Laureate  
in literature)

"You who harmed a single  
man, do not feel secure:  
for a poet remembers."

Do you remember?  
Are you a poet?

Feb. 81



## THE HILTON INN

MEMORY IS A POWERFUL WEAPON - IT MOTIVATES - IT  
LEADS TO ACTION - IT BUILDS STRENGTH AND LIFE

FORGETFULNESS LEADS TO WEAKNESS and DEATH.

WE MUST NEVER FORGET WHAT HAPPENED IN THIS CENTURY -  
HOLOCAUST and REBIRTH - AND BE SPURRED ON BY OUR  
MEMORY TO GREATER ACHIEVEMENT + STRENGTH

SAFETY LIES IN STRENGTH - moral, technological, economic  
WE MUST REMAIN ALERT - NEVER TAKE ANYTHING FOR GRANTED.  
IF WE ARE STRONG WE CAN MANAGE ANY CRISIS.

### I. FREE WORLD IS IN DANGER

Russia's "window of opportunity" is open  
Afghanistan to the Gulf, Iran; shakdoms; Hormuz - all open.

### II. ISRAEL IS IN DANGER

Iraq - Syria - Jordan - Libya

### III. AMERICAN + ISRAEL NEED EACH OTHER

America must strengthen herself  
Jews must strengthen Israel more  
mutual security pact, and/or bases  
Israel must be enabled to play a role for the West.  
Israel must be strong for sake of both countries

### IV. INTERNAL PROBLEMS IN ISRAEL

Everything seems at low ebb - but do not lose faith.

Project Renewal





## THE HILTON INN

INTERNAL - EXTERNAL PROBLEMS

WE MUST CONCENTRATE ON THE ETERNAL PROBLEMS

Building the Land  
Uniting the People  
Preserving the Heritage of the Past  
Protecting the Future

~~Keep~~

Quote B.G. (2)

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### PERORATION

Michael Sheransky, brother of Anstol

Israel needs three things - Rabbi, Farmer, Soldier - I am soldier

KEEP ISRAEL STRONG

KEEP THE WORLDWIDE JEWISH PEOPLE PROUD

KEEP THE JEWISH FAITH BURNING

We can do it - we shall do it - Israel will live forever -  
so will the Jewish people - and mankind will gain from our genius.

HENRY FACHS  
JDC

Howard Rathi - Mr. Gibbons  
Mr. Schneider  
Mr. Michelson  
Mr. Silverman Mrs. Miller

Feb 20, 81  
San Antonio

I. SAN ANTONIO - not some far away, unimportant place - 10<sup>th</sup> largest city in America - raised 1.5 - stretching toward 2 million - money is power - you are surging forward - everyone increasing - good

II. I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT AMERICA & ISRAEL -  
WHOSE FATE IS LINKED IN THE MOST SENSITIVE  
AREA IN THE WORLD TODAY.

III. FREE WORLD IS IN DANGER  
Russia's "window of opportunity" is open to the Persian Gulf.

IV. ISRAEL IS IN DANGER  
a.) Peace momentum is gone - Begin & Sadat met 9 times in 13 months - but haven't seen each other once in the past 13 - may meet in Washington end March - early April  
b.) Arab summit called for a jihad - protracted conflict  
c.) Sadat wants "add-ons" for F-15's "Redirection"  
d.) Iraq - <sup>(atomic power)</sup> Syria - Jordan - Libya

AWAYS  
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V. AMERICA & ISRAEL NEED EACH OTHER

Safety lies in strength

Mutual security pact; or regional pact; or bases

Israel must be strong for sake of both countries.

The Soviet Union despises Israel & hates America because the two are champions of the liberty which Moscow fears above all.



VI.

ISRAEL HAS INTERNAL PROBLEMS

- a) weak economy
- b) inflation
- c) social gap - (PROJECT RENEWAL)
- d) low morale
- e) <sup>early</sup> elections - sign of governmental crisis

VII.

ISRAEL NEEDS JEWS MORE THAN EVER THIS PLACES  
TERRIBLE BURDEN ON YOV. HOW FIND INNER STRENGTH TO BEAR THIS  
RETURN TO ESSENTIAL + ETERNAL VERITIES.

VIII.

WE MUST CONCENTRATE not only on External & Internal  
Problems - but ETERNAL PROBLEMS

Building the Land  
Uniting the People  
Preserving the Heritage of our Past  
Protecting the Future.

We will overcome all problems, if we think  
of our long range purposes, as above.

IX

PERORATION p. 14-17 of Cosmic Speech

NOTHING WON WITHOUT STRUGGLE -  
HANDS ON A SILVER PLATTER



Wachman  
Norton Wachman  
180 So. Woodland St.  
Englewood, NJ





10 June 81

1. ISRAEL DID WHAT SHE HAD TO DO:

- before pile went critical - and it would have been impossible without enormous civilian loss due to a scattering radioactive cloud.
- once before, a core was destroyed in Toulon, before delivery to Iraq
- this raid was planned meticulously - 2 minutes over target after flying cross Saudi + Iraq for many hours.
- timing unfortunate, but no choice.

overflying 7 Saudi airfields

2. THIS DILEMMA ILLUSTRATES <sup>ISRAEL'S</sup> ~~THE~~ CONSTANT "IMAGE" OR "PR" PROBLEM.

Her friends understand - DAMATO, MOYNIHAN, <sup>W.S. JOURNAL</sup> CRANSTON, KEMP

Her critics won't make allowances - <sup>NY. TIMES EDITORIAL THIS MORNING</sup> and preach at her. "Israel risks becoming its own worst enemy."

U.S. Security is aided by Israel

3. ISRAEL'S EXTERNAL PROBLEMS MUST BE DIVIDED INTO:

- those amenable to diplomatic or negotiated solutions

Egypt : West Bank : JORDAN : Russia

- Those which might require military solutions

Syria : Iraq : Libya : (Pakistan)

4. MEANWHILE ISRAEL MUST GO FORWARD

- being aware that America might need help in Persian Gulf Area
- adjusting to idea of self-determination for Palestinians
- expanding industry and exports
- balancing budget + <sup>fighting inflation</sup> ~~stabilizing currency~~ even at risk of hurting social services, exactly as America is doing now. Difference is Israel will also cut military budget. No choice.



5. JEW<sup>and non-Jewish friends</sup> OF WORLD <sup>A</sup> MUST RAISE LEVEL OF THEIR SUPPORT
- a. Taking immigrants, who continue to come
  - b. <sup>help with</sup> Education, old age care; children in need; housing

## PROJECT RENEWAL AMISHAW

6. IN FACE OF TREMENDOUS CONCERN FOR ISRAEL, YOU MUST NOT FORGET NEEDS IN NEW YORK — RAISE LEVEL FOR <sup>130</sup> FEDERATION AGENCIES

7. YOU NEED VISION, STRENGTH, CONVICTION, COMPASSION —  
ABOVE ALL A SENSE OF HISTORY ABOUT THIS BELEAGUERED,  
MAJESTIC, INCREDIBLE PEOPLE WHICH DEFIES ALL ODDS + SURVIVES.  
BE PROUD — BE GENEROUS — BE STRONG. WE WILL WIN.

Martie sent 25%

Real Estate Division must increase by 40% — your  
profession is phenomenally successful

you raised 7 mill — must do 10 this year.

DON'T CUT  
THAT 13% MORE FROM  
LAST YEAR  
GIVE AN INCREASE THAT  
MEANS 25%

last year  
raised 408  
+ 143 D.R.



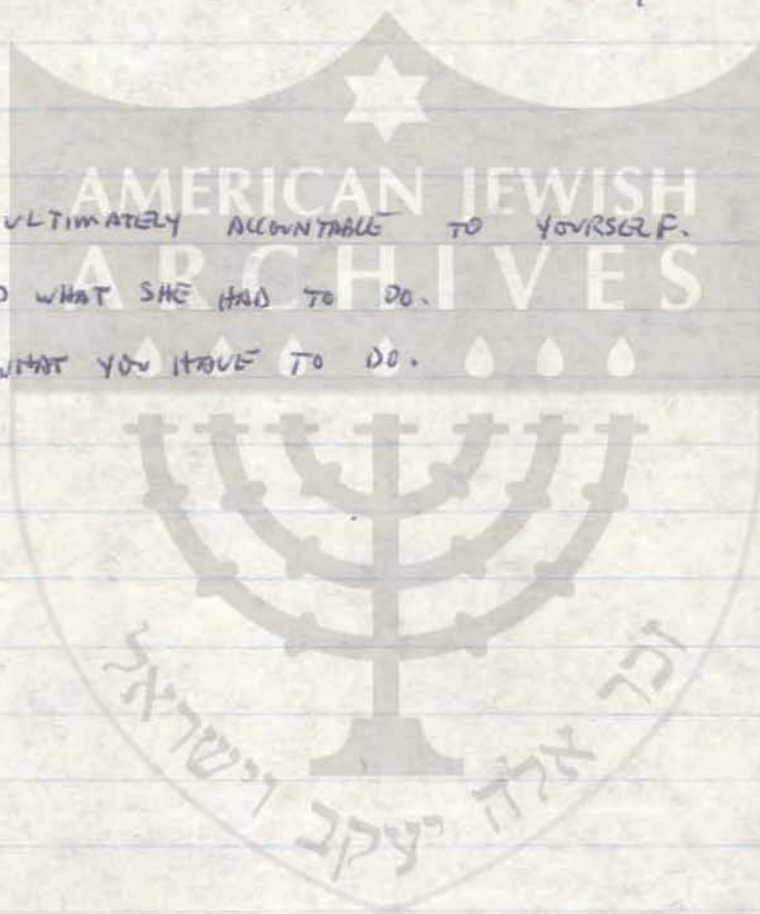
True redemption will come to the Jew only if he bears his name and every burden imposed upon him by destiny with gleaming courage and with radiant nobleness which, whether or not they evoke the love of the world without, shall justify the Jew in his own sight, and hallow him anew in the presence of the Eternal to whom alone he is ultimately accountable.

S.S.W.

YOU ARE ULTIMATELY ACCOUNTABLE TO YOURSELF.

ISRAEL DID WHAT SHE HAD TO DO.

YOU DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO.





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Women's League for  
Conservative Judaism  
World Zionist Organization  
American Section, Inc.  
Zionist Organization of America

*Dear Colleague: Since 1973, your Kippur has had an extra dimension for us. Please consider taking this matter up with your congregation and asking them to communicate with their Senators and Congressmen to vote disapproval! I hope you are doing the same now.*

July 2, 1981

*side life  
Joe Klawer*

Dear Rabbi:

This letter, signed by the presidents of all 34 constituent members of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, is sent to you because of our profound concern that America's interests are at risk as a result of the misguided proposal to sell the most sophisticated conventional weapons systems in the American arsenal.

If this plan goes through, our country will be, we are persuaded, in grave danger. Here is why:

### 1) American secrets could fall into Soviet hands.

The parallels with Iran -- where sophisticated U.S. weapons were compromised after Khomeini seized power -- are frightening. Saudi Arabia is unstable and unreliable. The danger of revolution is underscored by the takeover of the Grand Mosque in Mecca that nearly brought down the royal family in 1979.

All the advanced armaments our country poured into Iran could not save the Shah. Must we make the same mistake in Saudi Arabia?

### 2) America needs strong bases -- and allies committed to Middle East stability -- to halt Soviet expansionism in the Middle East. Saudi Arabia bitterly opposes our country's efforts to achieve peace in the region.

The Saudis have objected to the permanent stationing of U.S. forces on Saudi soil or anywhere in the Persian Gulf area. They have denounced the Camp David process and cut off economic assistance to Egypt while continuing to give hundreds of millions of dollars to the terrorist PLO. And they have called for a jihad -- a holy war -- against Israel.

What is the wisdom of selling American weapons to a nation that insists that the primary threat to its security is Israel, and not the Soviet Union? Why sell arms that are intended for attack against our friend and ally Israel?



3) America's friends -- and enemies -- must know we keep our commitments.

Three years ago Secretary of Defense Harold Brown promised the U.S. Senate, then debating the sale of F-15 jets to Saudi Arabia, that these planes would never be equipped with offensive capabilities that could be used to attack Israel. President Carter publicly repeated that pledge last October. Nothing has changed to warrant breaking that promise.

Is America's word no longer its bond?

In sum, it is our judgment that from every point of view, the proposed arms package for Saudi Arabia is wrong.

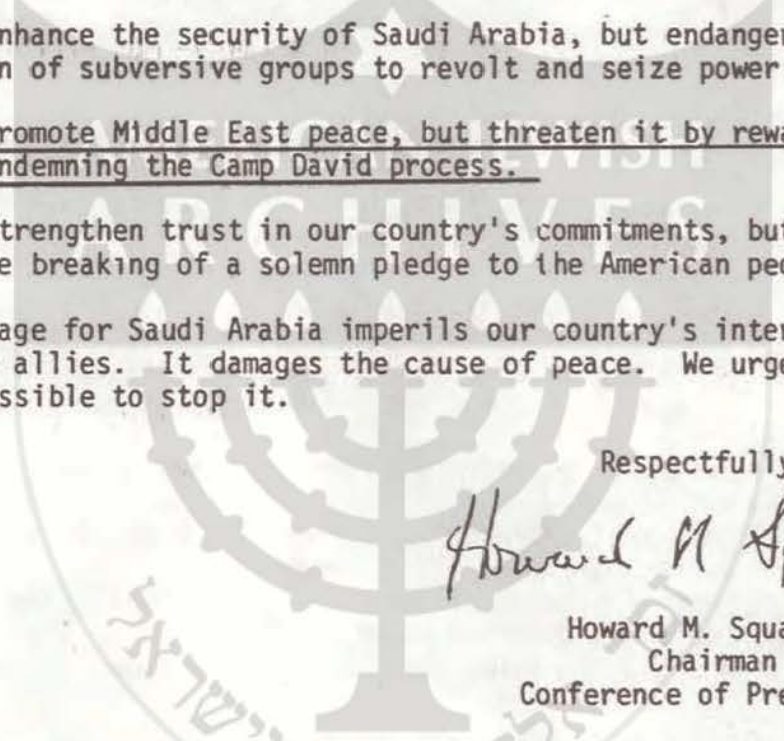
It will not enhance the security of Saudi Arabia, but endanger it by increasing the temptation of subversive groups to revolt and seize power.

It will not promote Middle East peace, but threaten it by rewarding Saudi Arabia for condemning the Camp David process.

It will not strengthen trust in our country's commitments, but weaken it by signifying the breaking of a solemn pledge to the American people.

The arms package for Saudi Arabia imperils our country's interests. It threatens our allies. It damages the cause of peace. We urge you to do everything possible to stop it.

Respectfully,



*Howard M. Squadron*

Howard M. Squadron  
Chairman  
Conference of Presidents

Enclosures

*Signatures of all 34 Presidents, including  
Herman Schaalman and Alex Schindler,  
were appended.*





# CJP AGENDA

Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston  
72 Franklin Street, Boston, Mass. 02110 542-8080

Thursday, September 10, 1981

5:30 P.M. - Bay Club

BRIEFING FOR 1981 PRESIDENT'S MISSION

5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Arrival  
Cocktails

6:00 - 6:05 p.m.

Allyn Levy - Introduces himself

1. Welcomes the group
2. Looking forward to the mission
3. Acknowledges - Bill Sapers - 1982 General Campaign Chmn.  
- Harold Morgan-Director of Campaign Development  
- Joel Sherman-1982 Chairman of Missions

4. Details:

- a. Departure from Boston via bus
- b. Jackets
- c. Passports
- d. Clothing

5. Introduce - Bill Sapers

6:05 - 6:15 p.m.

Bill Sapers - Importance of Mission for CJP

Introduce - Rabbi Herbert Friedman

6:15 - 7:00 p.m.

Rabbi Herbert Friedman

7:00 - 7:15 p.m.

Discussion

7:15

Adjourn

9/10/81

# The ISRAEL of TODAY

Booth  
Sept. '81

1. Possibility of War → { Iraq  
Syria  
Saudi
2. Contention with U.S. - over ARABS
3. Civil War - religious vs. secular  
Ashkenazi - Sephardi
4. Economy out of Control
  - a. inflation (possible hyper-inflation)
  - b. balance of payments
  - c. false sense of security

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Value of mission (national) as  
moral-builder for people of Israel; and  
for you as participant.



Palm Beach  
4 Oct 81

# I. GEO-POLITICAL MILITARY SITUATION

## 1. U.S.

AWACS ; strategic cooperation

## 2. WESTERN EUROPE

pro-PLO ; hanke-gf ; German sales to Saudia ; French sales to Libya, Iraq.

## 3. RUSSIA

Afghanistan ; move into Iran and / or Persian Gulf

## 4. IRAN

civil war ; danger to 40,000 Jews

## 5. SAUDIA

overthrow of monarchy ; joining in attack on Israel

## 6. SYRIA, IRAQ, JORDAN, LIBYA

attack

## 7. PAKISTAN

nuclear reactor on stream Oct. 1982 ; "Islamic bomb"

## 8. EGYPT

final turn-over April 26, 1982



Dear Eminent leaders

Baltimore  
Oct 15, '81

## Elegant Surroundings - 20 Important Things

1. I come to Baltimore at historic moments  
Nov. 77 - Sadat to Jerusalem  
Oct. 81 - Sadat assassinated

We share in making of history - not just a campaign for raising money - but what we do helps mold history.

I said in Nov. 77 - Israel would have to be generous and flexible. So must American Jews.

I say today - America and Israel are more closely tied than ever - and American Jews are again in the middle.

2. Russia is looking for a window of opportunity.  
Afghanistan - Libya - Syria - Iraq.

America is trying to counter - by depending on Egypt, Saudi, and Israel

Egypt + Saudi are weak - Israel must be kept strong.

America is trying to depend on Saudi - but if Congress won't go along - there will be only Israel.



Repression

## COCKPIT OF HISTORY

Russia + China with millions on the Yalu - Irkutsk

Russia & Nato - millions in Western Europe

Russia to south is greatest flesh joint

of world danger

all we want is to be left alone  
to plough our little piece - but

we are in middle of it

CHAD - SUDAN  
CURBANS IN ETHIOPIA

~~was~~ East Germans in So. Yemen



3. Arabs are getting stronger — PLO is turning into an army, not just a gang of terrorists  
 Iraq is supplied with tank transporters by W. Germany  
 Pakistan will have a nuclear reactor in 12 months, to make the Islamic bomb.

4. Israel's strength depends on her internal stability, not just arms.  
 Unless more money is raised — youth aliyah will be cut by 10 mill.; settlements will be cut by 5 mill.; immigration will be cut by 37 mill.

5. Local needs will suffer, from inflation, U.S. govt cuts, some unavoidable losses due to deaths — 14 contrib. at 6 figme level one died.

Minor increases ~~will~~ are not the answer right now. Over two mill more must be raised in 82 over 81 — 34 mill. of this must come from you — the major families, biggest givers, who gave 4.5 mill last year.

6. We have a duty to accept, based upon our pride in who we are.



How to GET IT?

NY Women's Div  
out. 5, 8

BEST WAY TO OBTAIN GIFTS IS BY ~~PERSONAL~~  
SOLICITATION - DON'T DEPEND ON LUNCH or DINNER  
FUNCTIONS.

RATING

PERSONAL PRESENTATION of REQUEST - not telephone or  
incidental meeting.

HARD TO DO - BUT NO OTHER WAY

LEADERSHIP MEANS "DOING THE HARD THING"  
"ACHAREI" - ARMY PRINCIPLE

LOOK AT THE DIPS  
PEOPLE SIMPLY NOT ASKED

TEN CARD EACH - THAT'S THE ANSWER

CAN WE FIND 150 COMMANDOS TO  
COVER THE 1500 CARDS?

2. WHY DO WE NEED THE MONEY?

- YOUTH ALIYAH
- oil + war
- universities

1. WE HAVE HEARD WHY MORE MONEY IS NEEDED -

- INFLATION
- U.S. GOVT CUTS
- BETTER PROGRAMMING

NOT JUST QUESTION OF MAKING A RECORD

REALLY NEED ANOTHER 30 MILL (90 to 120) - 33% INCREASE

## PERORATION

1. A CAMPAIGN IS NOT AN EXERCISE IN MATHEMATICS,  
BUT A CRUSADE TO HELP HUMAN BEINGS AND  
BUILD A NATION.

EVERY \$ IS CRUCIAL. EVERY \$ HELPS A MAN  
WOMAN OR YOUNG PERSON.

2. YOU HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY. YOU CARE.  
THEREFORE YOU MUST WORK HARD.

3. THINK OF

" "

" "

" "

ISRAEL'S NEEDS  
AMERICAN JEWISH  
ACHIEVEMENTS

IDEAS WHICH MOTIVATED ISRAEL'S BIRTH -

SEARCH FOR FREEDOM & SOVEREIGNTY

HOW ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE HAS IMPROVED THE  
STRENGTH & PRIDE OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE

4.

## WHY MORE MONEY IS NEEDED

### 1. Local programs -

- a.) how much will be lost as result of U.S. Government cuts
- b.) 1982 Inflation factor

### 2. Israel

a.) analyze reductions - go through J.A. budget (Kessler)

youth aliyah  
universities  
housing starts  
debt service

b.) on government side - increase in exports (Rotfary)

1. but increase in imports - so balance of trade in deficit

~~c. military~~

2. debt repayments

3. military

3. JDC - go over 1982 figures with Ralph

4. HIAS - NYANA -



## Main Points

1. Crucial Nature of 10K gifts - what a massive proportion they are, and major area for increase. They make a break a campaign. (Look at slides)
2. Best way to obtain these gifts is by personal solicitation. People give to people. Your persuasive powers have brought you to your personal success - and into this room. You care - so care enough to do the job right, instead of taking the easy way out, of telephoning. Go see - with a rating in mind - ask for it - get the order. It's not easy - it's hard & even unnatural - but it works. This 100 Club will help personalize what might otherwise seem to be a huge impersonal machine.
3. Why Do We Need More Money? It's not a matter of just making a record. We are really beginning to hurt.
  - a. On Local side - here in N.Y. - two points
    1. U.S. Gov't cutbacks in fields of health, old age care, youth work - one estimate is around <sup>20</sup>~~50~~ million annual. We can't hope to make up all of that, but we must produce more, to close some of the gap.
    2. Inflation factor for 1982 will be at least 10%.
  - b. On Israel side - three points
    1. cut-backs in budget, even military, as curb to inflation, affect human services:
      - fewer <sup>needy</sup> kids into youth aliyah farms & villages
      - fewer housing starts for immigrants
      - less aid to universities
      - less help to old people
    2. higher & higher debt service
    3. wider gap in \$ balance of payments - Israel exports more, but imports more & more - oil & weapons



#### 4. What Difference Does Our Giving Make?

The argument goes, that our contributions are such a tiny fraction of Israel's needs today (not as in early years, when our \$ were really determinative), that it really doesn't make much difference whether we raise 25 million more or less.

This is specious. It is statistical - not human.

Never forget - a campaign is not an exercise in mathematics - a campaign is a crusade to help human beings + to build a nation. Thus - every \$ is crucial and useful. Every \$ helps a man or woman or child.

#### 5. There are ~~the~~ Obstacles in the Way, which might make campaigning more difficult.

These obstacles might just be perceptions, or images; or they might represent real objections on the part of some people.

- Law of Return - <sup>proposed</sup> change in which offends Reform + Conservative
- Military necessities - like bombing of Iraqi reactor in June. (Pakistanis will be able to test "Islamic Bomb" by Oct. 82)
- Begin-Sadat difficulties over West Bank (April 82 turn-over)
- Dangerous US-Israeli relations; over AWACs, and West Bank

We must be aware of these - and answer them by one basic argument. Begin is not Israel - and if ~~we~~ <sup>someone</sup> ~~that~~ doesn't like his policies - that is no reason for punishing the people of Israel by withholding support.

- Peroration - work hard; lots at stake. Your duty + responsibility are monumental - to preserve the Jewish people + the Jewish State.



Aug 26, 81

## Cong. Solarz - on AWACS

1. other equipment for F-15 poses equal threat
  - a. Sidewinders - all-directional
  - b. Add-on fuel tanks - extend range -  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hrs. over Israel  
Thus can strike any target in Israel.
2. AWAC most sophisticated in world. There is no comparable system in world. If Saudis don't get it from us - they can't get it anywhere else.
3. If Saudis were to get this equipment - in a war with Israel - Saudi could heavily neutralize Israel air superiority.
4. AWACS could do relatively little to keep Russia out of Persian Gulf.
5. Prospects in Congress
  - a. Clock starts to run Sept 9.
  - b. Resolution of disapproval required in both houses.
  - c. Never one instance of congressional veto.
  - d. This will be tough fight - and odds are probably vs. us.
  - e. President will mobilize pressure.
  - f. Public opinion could be mobilized against this sale.
  - g. If we lose this (the second loss), our reputation for invincibility is discredited for the future.
  - h. We are in better shape in House than in Senate. Our strategy should be to get House disapproval first. This will strengthen us in Senate.
  - i. It will be very close - margin of 2 or 3 each way.

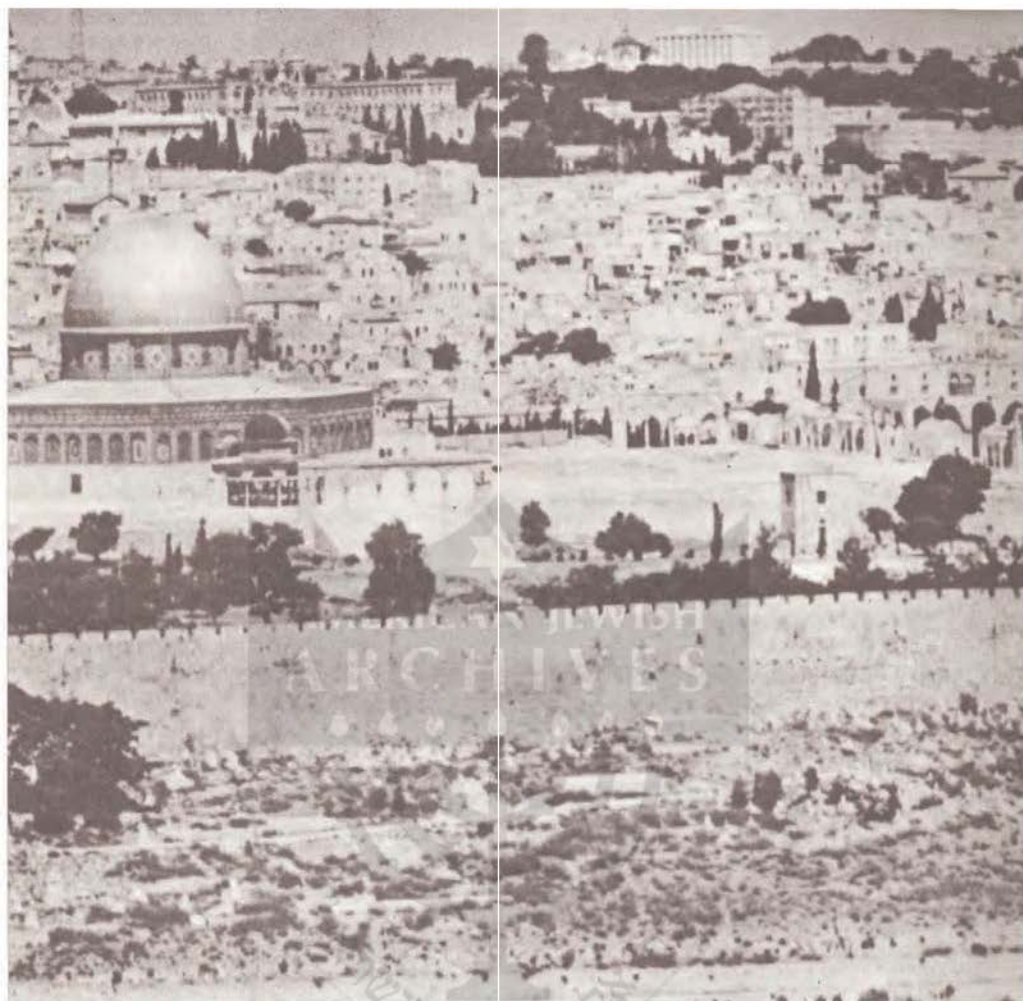
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CONGREGATION

PRAYERS, READINGS, AND SONGS  
FOR ISRAEL OBSERVANCES







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**PRAYERS, READINGS AND HYMNS**  
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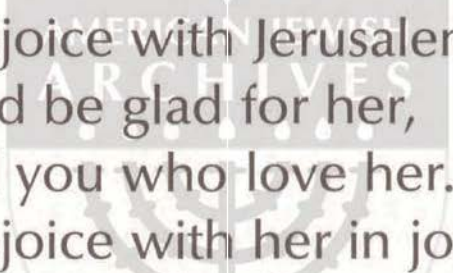
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"Rejoice with Jerusalem  
and be glad for her,  
All you who love her.  
Rejoice with her in joy."

*Isaiah 66:10*



## A ZION LOVER'S PRAYER

Lord of the universe, May Your great mercy and lovingkindness be stirred up; make me worthy, and help me to go forth and to come speedily to our holy land, which is the land You have chosen above all lands and given for an inheritance to Your people Israel, which is chosen from all peoples.

It is the land of true life wherein is the chief foundation and source of holiness, the root of the all-pervasive holiness of Israel.

It is the land which the Lord seeks continually, as is written in Your Torah: "A land for which the Lord cares; the eyes of the Lord Your God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year" (Deuteronomy xi, 12); a desirable good and spacious land, which You were pleased to give us, as a heritage to our fathers, a land wherein is the city of our God, His holy mountain, fair in situation, the joy of the whole earth.

Lord of the universe, in Your abundant mercy show compassion to us and stir up our hearts and the hearts of our children and the hearts of all Your people, the house of Israel, that we be inspired with longing, great yearning, and intense desire for Eretz Israel; that we may long, yearn and desire continually, in truth, to come to Eretz Israel, until You will grant us to come speedily to our holy land, that we may be worthy, on this account, to be moved sincerely to fear and serve You.

And there we will serve You with awe, as in the days of old, and as in ancient years.

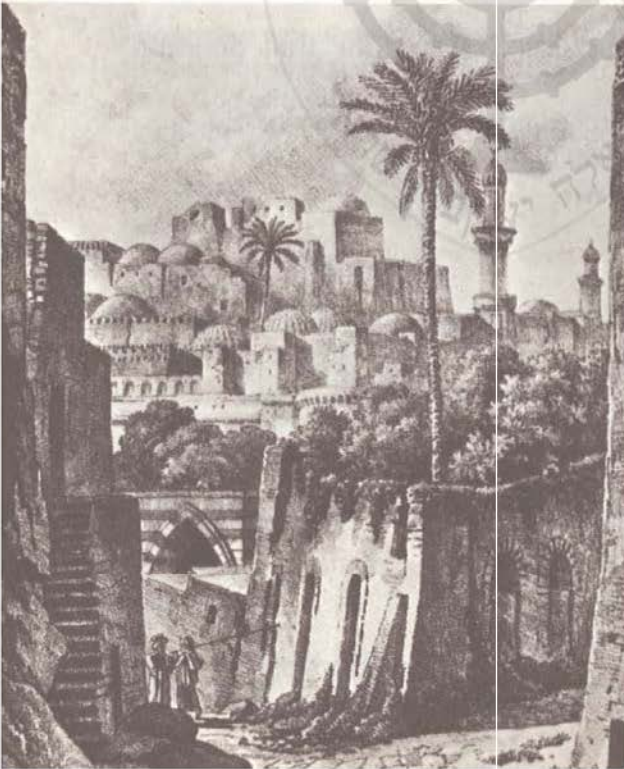
*Likkutei Maharar*

*14th Century*

## MY HEART IS IN THE EAST

My heart is in the east,  
but I am in the furthestmost west.  
How can I find pleasure in food?  
How can it be sweet for me?  
How can I render my vows and my bonds,  
while Zion lies enslaved to Edom,  
and I am in Arab chains?  
As easy matter it would seem to me,  
to leave all the comforts of Spain—  
Seeing how precious in my eyes it would be  
to glimpse the dust of the desolate sanctuary.

*Judah Ha-Levi*  
1085-1140



*A lithograph of  
the Jewish Quarter in  
the Old City, made by  
a French artist in 1802*



## WANDERERS IN THE DESERT

UP, wanderers in the desert! UP and leave behind your  
desolation.

Long is the journey; longer still the battle ahead.

Enough roving. Enough wandering in the wilderness.

Before us lies the great, wide road.

RISE, wanderers, and FORWARD! Claim the way.

Forsake your desolation, but keep your voices from  
weeping.

With step assured, forward go in silence.

Lest your matching steps anger the desert and those  
asleep within it,

Let the echo of each man's step be heard alone within his  
heart.

Let every man hear his own God say: A new land's  
border shall you cross this day.

No more gifts from heaven! No quail, no manna, no falling  
seed!

The bread of labor shall you eat, the fruit of hand-  
wrought toil.

No more desert tents pitched beneath midnight skies.

A new house shall you build.

A new home shall you raise!

*Chaim Nachman Bialik*

(1873-1934)

## GREETING SHABBAT, REMEMBERING JERUSALEM

O Jerusalem, holy place of the Lord our King;  
O Royal city, rise from your ruins!  
You have dwelt long enough in the valley of weeping;  
God will now have mercy upon you.

Shake off the dust and arise!  
O my people, put on your garments of beauty.  
Soon will redemption come  
to the Children of Israel through David's descendant.

Awake! Awake! Your light has come.  
Arise and be joyful!  
Awake and sing!  
For the glory of the Lord is revealed upon you.

Be not ashamed nor dejected.  
Why be downcast and sad?  
My oppressed people shall find shelter in your gates;  
Your city shall be rebuilt on its ancient place.

Those who would destroy you shall themselves be destroyed;  
all your enemies shall be banished.  
Your God will rejoice with you  
as a bridegroom rejoices with his bride

*Lekha Dodi*  
*Solomon Halevi Alkabez*  
*(1540)*



## THE RESTORATION OF ZION

The Lord will arise and have compassion upon Zion,  
For it is time to be gracious unto her.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem;  
He gathers together the dispersed of Israel.

For the Lord will comfort Zion;  
He will comfort all her waste places.

He will make her wilderness like Eden,  
And her desert like the garden of the Lord.

Joy and gladness shall be found therein,  
Thanksgiving and the voice of melody.

The ransomed of the Lord shall return,  
And come with singing unto Zion.

Everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
They shall obtain gladness and joy,  
And sorrow and sighing shall vanish.

They shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them;  
They shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof.

They shall also make gardens and eat the fruit of them,  
And God shall plant them upon their own land.

And they shall no more be plucked up  
Out of their land which God hath given them.

They shall abide in peaceful habitations,  
In safe dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

Zion shall be redeemed through justice,  
And they that dwell there through righteousness.

Then shall Zion be saved,  
And Jerusalem shall dwell in safety,

For out of Zion shall go forth the Law,  
And the word of God from Jerusalem.

## ISRAEL AND THE JEW

Spiritually the Jews have never left Eretz Israel.

In the Diaspora they live according to its calendar, celebrating the spring and the harvest when it is spring and harvest time in Eretz Israel.

They toast the Sabbath and the Holy Days with wine pressed from grapes of the Homeland, and forego necessities to be able to afford the Ethrog, whose sweet aroma is to them synonymous with the air of the Holy Land.

A little soil from Eretz Israel is among the most precious possessions of Jews who dread nothing more than being buried in foreign soil without the comfort of a bit of Eretz Israel earth under their heads. Even in the grave their faces are turned toward Zion.

The undying Jewish love and attachment to Eretz Israel is the most unique example of loyalty and devotion.

From the time of the first exile in Babylon, through the long night of the Middle Ages, down to our own day, every worthwhile Jewish effort, every spark of Jewish creativeness, every Jewish joy and every Jewish sorrow have stemmed from and been inspired by Eretz Israel.

This tiny land, which had been home to the Jewish people for less than one-third of their historical career thus far, is enshrined in the heart of every Jew deserving the name.

In all countries and under many skies, for 25 centuries, day by day, Jews have thrice daily prayed for the restoration of their ancient Homeland, shedding tears of woe while remembering the vanished glory of Zion.

*Trude Weiss-Rosmarin*



## IT SHALL COME TO PASS

It shall come to pass in the latter days  
that the mountain of the house of the Lord  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
and all the nations shall flow to it.

And many peoples shall come and say:  
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths".

For out of Zion shall go forth the Law,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall decide for many peoples.

And they shall beat their swords into plowshares  
and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall men learn war any more.

*Isaiah 2: 1-4*





## INFLUENCE OF ERETZ YISRAEL

A mystic voice resounds forever, the voice of our people crying out for its home; the yearning of our folk for its land has never been silenced.

The pure flame of this yearning is our one sign of life, of real being, the clearest evidence that our people has not waived its right to exist.

The charm of the Land, an influence for serenity and abiding peace, has never forsaken us; it has made two thousand years of wandering seem but a passing event.

Under many skies have we marched; in many lands have we pitched out tents; in some of them we took delight in the goodly shade they afforded, and we abode there for a long time.

But our people has not for one moment surrendered the source of its being, the quarry from which its spirit and soul were hewn.

There is a unique bond, a solemn covenant, a mystic tie, between the people of Israel and the Land of Israel.

Whenever some memory of the Land is kindled in the heart of the Jew, his blood flows more exultantly; all his being is aroused to new heroism, new fortitude, a new thirst for God.

Every contact with the Land works a complete revolution in his outlook on life, an uplift which is a return to God, a veritable redemption.

Every contact with the Land heals the soul of the people and brings to life all the good that is latent in the hidden recesses of its spirit.

The great joy of creation now throbs through the arteries of all Jewry, the creation of a people risen to full stature, vigorous, thriving, responsible.

The world's orphans, unloved and scorched by the roaring fires of human hate, escape with a shout of exultation to the bosom of their mother land.

And through their hearts, the prayer of our people cleaves a path to heaven, the prayer for a shelter, secure and enduring, for a land they can call home,

For a center of life for the whole of our people, a heart for its body, whence the life-blood would flow through all its arteries and veins,

A prayer for the coming of the Messianic days, when our people will be redeemed in the universal redemption of man under the sovereignty of God.



*From an Italian Haggadah, the towers of the city and the words, "Next year in Jerusalem!"*



## THE ETERNAL RIDDLE

Israel, my people,  
God's greatest riddle,  
Will your solution  
Ever be told?

Fought—never conquered,  
Bent—never broken,  
Mortal—immortal,  
Youthful, though old.

Egypt enslaved you,  
Babylon crushed you,  
Rome led you captive,  
Homesless your head.

Where are those nations,  
Mighty and fearsome?  
You have survived them,  
They are long dead.

Nations keep coming,  
Nations keep going,  
Passing like shadows,  
Wiped off the earth.

You are eternal,  
You remain a witness,  
Watching their burial,  
Watching their birth.

Pray, who revealed to you  
Heaven's great secret:  
Death and destruction  
Thus to defy?

Suffering torture,  
Stake, inquisition,  
Pray, who taught you  
Never to die?

Yes, and who gave you  
Faith, deep as ocean,  
Strong as the rock-hills,  
Fierce as the sun?

Hated and hunted,  
Ever you wander,  
Bearing a message:  
God is but One!

Israel, my people,  
God's greatest riddle,  
Will your solution  
Ever be told?

*Philip M. Raskin*

## **EXCERPTS FROM DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE OF ISRAEL, MAY 14, 1948**

In the land of Israel the Jewish people came into being.

In it was molded the people's spiritual, religious and national character.

In it the people lived in sovereign independence.

In it they created a national and universal cultural heritage and bequeathed to the entire world the eternal Book of Books.

Though exiled by forces or arms from its native soil the people kept its faith in all the lands of its dispersion and did not cease to pray and to hope for the restoration to its land, to renew there its national independence.

From the historic and traditional bond, Jews in each generation desired to return and grasp their ancient birthright, and in recent generations they returned to their land in multitudes. Valiant pioneers and defenders, made wilderness bloom, revived the Hebrew tongue, built towns and villages. They founded a great settlement, master of its economy and cultural life, seeking peaceful existence, and protecting itself, it brought the blessing of progress to all the inhabitants of the land, and the thirst for political independence.

The holocaust that overwhelmed the Jewish people in recent times in which millions of Jews were brought down to butchery in Europe proved again above all, the necessity for solution of the problem of the Jewish people who were homeless and without independence, through the recreation of a Jewish state in the land of Israel which would open to full width the gates of the homeland to all Jews and bestow upon the Jewish people a position of a nation with equal rights among the family of nations.

On the 29th of November 1947, the General Assembly of the United Nations accepted the decision that required the establishment of a Jewish state in the Land of Israel. . . . This is the natural right of the Jewish people to be as every other nation, standing by its own right in its own sovereign dominion.

Therefore we have assembled, we the members of the National Council, representatives of the Jewish settlement and the Zionist movement, on the day of the conclusion of the British mandate over the Land of Israel, and by strength of our natural and historic right and on the basis of the resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations, do hereby proclaim the establishment of the Jewish State in the land of Israel, that is the State of Israel.



## A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O Lord our God, when our souls thirst for a miracle, we remember Israel.

When we want to be reassured that You are with us, as You were with our fathers, we remember Israel, the land and the people, revived in our time.

When we need to know that the Jewish People lives, that we have survived the long night and are still a living, creative people, our eyes turn Eastward, toward the land of Zion.

There we see Jews living proudly. The rhythm of the land is the rhythm of the Jewish calendar, and the language of the land is Hebrew reborn.

Where there was desolation, our people have brought growth, and where there was emptiness, there is now new life.

When we think of Israel, we stand taller and walk more proudly; for we know that what was promised to our forefathers has come about in our days:

"And I shall bring them to their own land and settle them there, and never again shall they be uprooted from the land which I have given them."

We thank you, O Lord, for the miracle—and for those of Your children who helped it come to pass.

*Harold Kushner*



## TO TOUCH HANDS IN PEACE

We pray for Israel,  
Both the mystic ideal of our father's dreams,  
And the living miracle, here and now,  
Built of heart, muscle, and steel.

May she endure and guard her soul,  
Surviving the relentless, age-old hate,  
The cynical concealment of diplomatic deceit,  
And the rumblings that warn of war.

May Israel continue to be the temple that magnetizes  
The loving eyes of Jews in all corners:

The American Jew who, in affluence and relative peace,  
Forgets the glory and pain of his being,  
And the Jew of Russia whose bloodied fist  
Beats in anguish and pride against the cage of his enslavement.

May Israel yet embrace her homeless, her own,  
And bind the ingathered firmly into one people.

Let those who yearn for a society built on human concern  
Find the vision of the prophets realized in her.

May her readiness to defend  
Never diminish her search for peace,

May we always dare to hope  
That in our day the tragic isolation will end,  
That all the displaced, Arab and Jew, will be rooted again,  
That Israel and her neighbors will touch hands in peace.

*Nahum Waldman*



## STEADY THE FOOTSTEPS

Steady, O God, the footsteps of those who have slipped off  
the gallows

In strange lands, and have risen upon the walls of the fortress;  
Steady them that they may not stumble and fall, for weary  
they are, and still stagger. . . .

Soften the hard rocks of Masada under their heads when they  
do fatigue;

Do not let the cold hail of despair blast that which they have  
sown here, the seeds of souls and of dreams.

Bid, O God, many rains of solace to fall upon it, and may the  
dew fructify it at night,

Till it be rewarded with the promise of harvest! . . .

For if this time again you will not be merciful, O God,

Nor accept our dream, nor heed the offerings of those who  
strive to make the dream come true. . . .

O God, save Masada!

*Yitzhak Lamdan*



## ISRAEL

When I see the name of Israel high in print,  
The fences crumble in my flesh; I sink  
Deep in a Western chair and rest my soul.  
I look the stranger clear to the blue depths  
Of his unclouded eye, I say my name  
Aloud for the first time unconsciously.

*Karl Shapiro*



For the Jew, Israel is a state of mind.  
It is not only a piece of geography.  
It is history.  
It is theology.  
It is memory.  
It is Jewish tears and Jewish triumphs.  
It is Jewish anguish and Jewish ecstasy.  
It is childhood legends and Biblical verses.  
It is the direction that we pray and the subject of our prayers.  
It is exile and homecoming.  
It is a burning Temple and a new flag at the United Nations.  
It is Tisha B'Av and Yom Atzmaut,  
the 9th of Av and the 5th of Iyar.  
It is a people restored and hope reborn.

*Sidney Greenberg*



## PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM

I was glad when they said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."  
Our feet have been standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Jerusalem, built as a city  
which is bound firmly together,  
to which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD,  
as was decreed for Israel,  
to give thanks to the name of the  
LORD.

There thrones for judgment were set,  
the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

"May they prosper who love you!  
Peace be within your walls,  
and security within your towers!"  
For my brethren and companions' sake  
I will say, "Peace be within you!"  
For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,  
I will seek your good.

### *Psalms 122*

*A blast of the shofar,  
the traditional ram's horn,  
in front of David's Tower  
in Jerusalem*



## **“RIGHTEOUSNESS, JUSTICE AND EQUALITY . . .”**

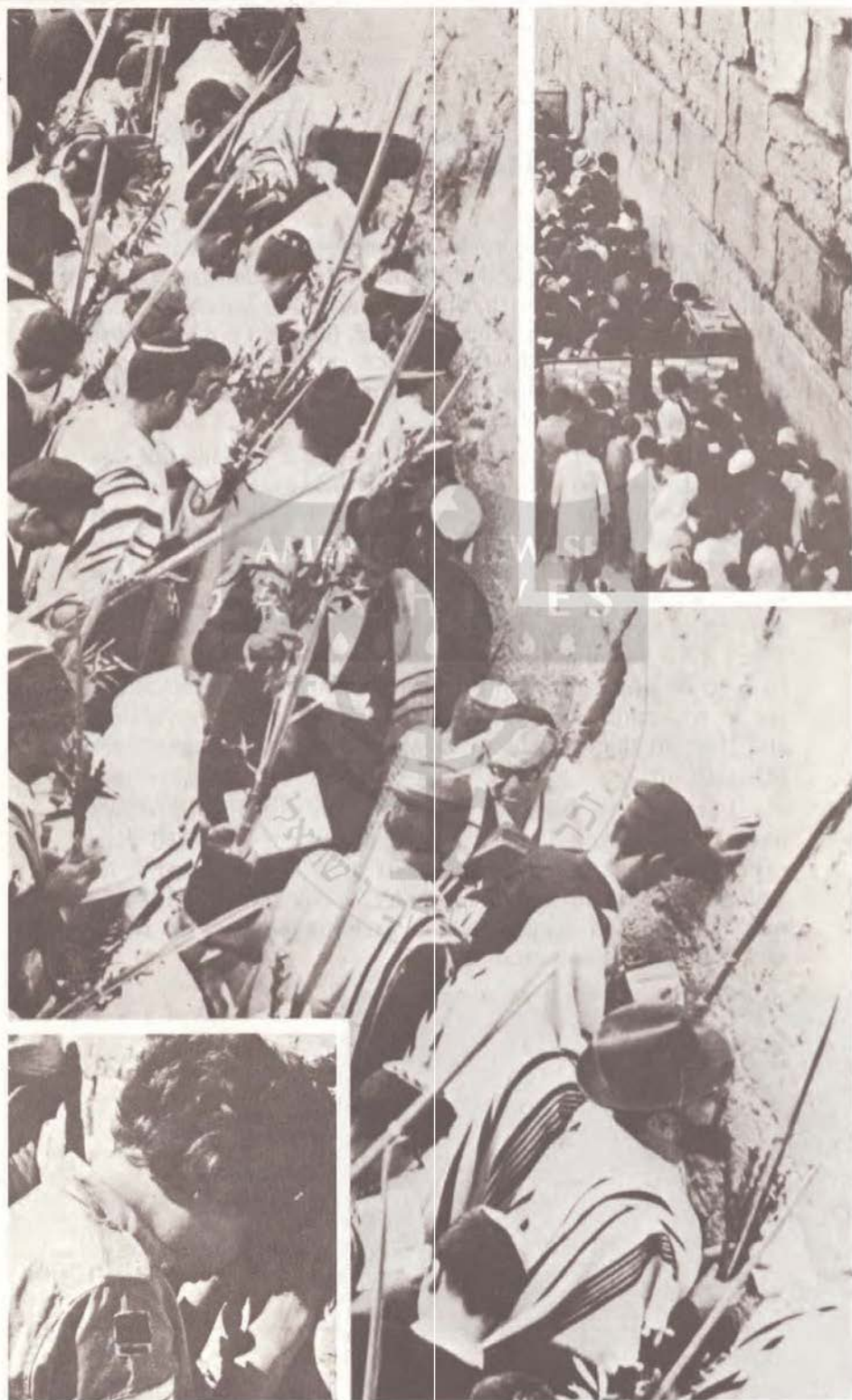
Our generation has received a special privilege (z'chut) and all of the burdens and responsibilities thrust upon it are nothing to compare with this blessing. Our generation has attained what previous generations of Jews did not. We must never forget when and why we received this special endowment to create our own state. It happened after 6,000,000 fellow Jews had been murdered. . .

Nor can I ever forget the fact that our independence was won by those who paid for it with their lives. Each year I am asked to visit the military cemeteries. I have visited them yearly. I see mothers there, and I know that their pain is no less because of the fact that their bereavement took place years ago. For the mother, the father, the widow, the orphan who stand by the grave, it is as though it happened yesterday. Every time people start protesting about the burdens which have to be imposed upon them in order to maintain a state, I see in my mind's eye the father standing by the graveside—and then all the burdens to be placed upon the people seem insignificant . . .

Let this state become what our fallen wished it to be. We have always nurtured the dream of being more exalted than other nations. Let this state, in its daily conduct and in its values and the ethics of the people, forever reflect righteousness, justice and equality. May each be enabled to reach whatever goal he can attain.

*Golda Meir*





## AS IF IN A DREAM

They tell me this is the Wall.

No. I don't believe it. I am not able—I am afraid to believe it.

Deep down, of course, I realize that they are right, that indeed it is the very Wall—which Jew cannot recognize it instantly! Yet I cannot believe that it is I—I—who now stands before it, gazing as if in a dream, breathlessly confronting it as though it were a living being, omnipotent, all knowing, master of the secrets of the universe. . . . a man of stone who has raised himself outside and above time, a being that bears me to a strange and distant world, where each stone has its own will, fate and memory . . . I cannot believe that it is I who has conceived such stormy fantasies, that it is I who now trembles like a wisp in the wind!

I feel a weird sensation . . . This is the first time that I am here, yet I feel that I was at this very spot before. I have already seen these Jews, have heard their prayers. Every shape seems familiar, every sound as though it has arisen from the depths of my own past. But there is a difference. Before there were no young men and women milling about in uniforms. . . . What are they doing here? And why are they crying? I do not know. They themselves neither know nor say. They see nothing—except the Wall before them. But it is theirs, for it is they who bore it on their shoulders year after year and generation after generation. And their tears—their tears are the Wall's. . . . ”

*Elie Weisel*



## STONES WITH HEARTS

A girl stood at the Western Wall,  
Pressing against it lips and chin.  
Said she to me: the shofar sound is strong indeed  
But stronger yet is the silence within.

She spoke to me of: Zion . . . the Temple Mount . . .  
Was silent on: kindness . . . and justice clearly seen . . .  
But what shone on her brow in the dimming light  
Was the purple of a queen.

(Refrain)

The Wall means—moss and sorrow,  
The Wall means—blood and lead.  
Men there are with hearts of stone,  
And stones with the hearts of men.

Deep in prayer, an aged rabbi  
Stood with us at the Western Wall  
Said he to me: how blest we all are,  
And then remembered: not all, not all.

There he stood with tears in his eyes,  
Amidst dozens of soldiers alone.  
He said to me: beneath the khaki, all of you  
Are Priests and Levites, every one.

The Wall means—moss and sorrow . . . (Refrain)

Then to the Wall came a parachutist;  
Of the platoon he alone survived.  
Said he to me: no shape has death but it has dimension,  
in millimeters exactly nine . . .

He said to me: the city rejoices,  
Free and triumphant, united, gold.  
But you mustn't look at me at this moment:  
I've become, in one week, an eternity old.

Refrain

She stood at the Wall, a mother in black,  
As one of the infantry did her son fall.  
Said she to me: the eyes of my boy are glowing there,  
Not candles placed on the stones in the Wall . . .

She said to me: writing a wish to slip in a crack,  
Is the custom here as I've heard.  
But I'm writing nothing; what I gave to this wall  
Is more priceless than letter or word.

Refrain

*Yosi Gamzu*



## FROM A PRISON ON ALIEN SOIL

*Prof. Mikhail Zand served 15 days in a Soviet jail for "hooliganism" following a demonstration for Jewish emigration rights, after which he lost his professorship at Russia's Institute for Eastern Studies.*

*While in prison, where he staged a two-week hunger strike, Zand wrote the following poem:*

Inside prison walls  
Sits a Jew waiting for a miracle.  
To the land of milk and honey  
How, by what means,  
To send her greetings?  
The walls are thick and heavy,  
The door is locked,  
The guards are many.  
Who will send help?  
Help me, Lord of the Universe, My God!  
A wonder, a wonder, a wonder  
Perform for me!  
Who is like unto Thee?  
Help me, my God!  
So that from the prison my voice may reach  
To my land, Your land,  
Greetings of peace to you  
From a prison on alien soil to the Land of the Dream.

## THROUGH GATEWAY AND HALL

Thus have they made their way, through gateway and hall  
The old and the young, bent on reaching the ancient Wall.

The world had not seen such a journey for nigh on to two  
thousand years:

In swarming masses, in sorrow and agonized tears.

Compassion appears to replace age-old hatred and strife,  
Stirring the ashes of long-dead brothers seemingly back to  
life.

I go with my people, go together with them to the sacred  
Western Wall.

Approaching together as one, with tears of grief-turned-to-joy  
we heed the eternal call.

We may weep! Never mind, shed your tears unashamed, for  
why

When paratroops weep need we be ashamed to cry?

For those who fell we are weeping in inconsolable sorrow,  
Yet remember we must that they fought—to ensure our  
people's tomorrow. . . .

*Binem Heller*





## **TWO JEWS MET THIS MORNING.**

*FROM A LETTER TO MY CHILDREN*

"Two Jews met this morning at Lod Airport, outside of Tel Aviv, shortly after the sun came up.

One arrived on a luxury jet from Austria.

One arrived on an air conditioned bus from a luxury hotel, just days after he too arrived on a luxury jet . . . from California.

Two Jews met in Israel, and for each it was the first time his feet had touched the land of his ancestors.

Two Jews met in Israel, and embraced, and shed tears without shame, and exchanged only one word: 'Shalom'

These two Jews embraced for several minutes, and wept together.

One was sixty and dressed in black and wore a hat and cried.

The other was fifty and dressed in double knit and cried.

The man dressed in black carried a small package . . . personal to him.

The man in double knit carried a small package . . . an expensive camera.

Both cried, and exchanged only the one word.

The man in black, three days before, left his home in Russia.

The man in double knit, three days before, left his home in California. . . . these two Jews met this morning.

For the man in black, freedom became his, the dignity to live and worship (if he so desires) and work . . . and be free for the rest of his days.

For the other man, that which was his freedom—his personal, selfish freedom—was circumscribed, for the rest of his days, and his great treasure and his activities and his heart were no longer his alone.

I do not know the name of the man in black, nor did I see him again after the embrace and the tears, nor do I know from what city he came nor to what home he went.

I am the other man, and I say to you that when two Jews met this morning shortly after the sun came up, they met as brothers and as kinsmen and they exchanged freedom.

I now have less.

I wrote this to you, my children, because I want you to know what happened to your father this day, January 12, 1972."

*Leonard Shane*

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## THE SOLDIER WEeping AT THE WESTERN WALL

Asa, my uncle, died at the wall—

In a village called Lublin, he died at the wall,  
With twenty-six others

The SS shot them all.

For him, and for them, I weep at the Wall.

Sarah, my cousin, died at the wall—

In a chamber of Auschwitz, she died at the wall.  
With a child at her breast.

So hungry—so small.

For her and the child, I weep at the Wall.

Shalom, my brother, died at the wall,

On the Syrian border, he died at the wall  
Of the house he had built:

He was rugged and tall.

For my brother Shalom, I weep at the Wall.

O God of my fathers, I fought for this Wall—

For my uncle and those who fell with him—for all;  
For my cousin, her baby, so hungry, so small

For my brother Shalom—rugged and tall  
Now let my tears win the right—just to fall.

*Sister Felicia*

*Community of St. Mary's*





## “WITH WHAT SHALL I BLESS”

With what shall I bless him  
With what shall this Boy be blessed . . . asked the angel.  
And he blessed him with a radiant smile  
And he blessed him with big observing eyes  
To capture all the sights of flowers and birds  
And he blessed him with a heart that is sensitive to all sights.  
With what shall I bless him  
With what shall this Youth be blessed . . . asked the angel.  
And he blessed him with feet to dance to no end  
And a soul to absorb all melody  
And a hand to gather shells upon shore  
And an ear that is tuned to young and old.  
With what shall I bless him  
With what shall this Young Man be blessed . . . asked the  
angel.  
And he blessed him with hands that are tender to flowers,  
Which will also master the power of armor  
And he blessed him with feet to cover all mountains  
And with lips to sing the rhythm of command.  
Now the angel says, “I gave him all that one can  
I gave him a song, and a smile, and feet to dance,  
And a sensitive hand, and a tender heart.  
With what, oh, with what shall I bless him still?”  
And the lover replies,  
“God, O God, if you only blessed him with life . . .”

*Rahel*

## AS THE MOUNTAINS ARE ABOUT JERUSALEM

"As the mountains are about Jerusalem  
So shall God's love be around His people-Israel."

I stand in the midst of these mountains  
and I tremble,

For someone—some Psalmist, or troubadour  
or wise man, or warrior  
stood thus thousands of years ago, and said:

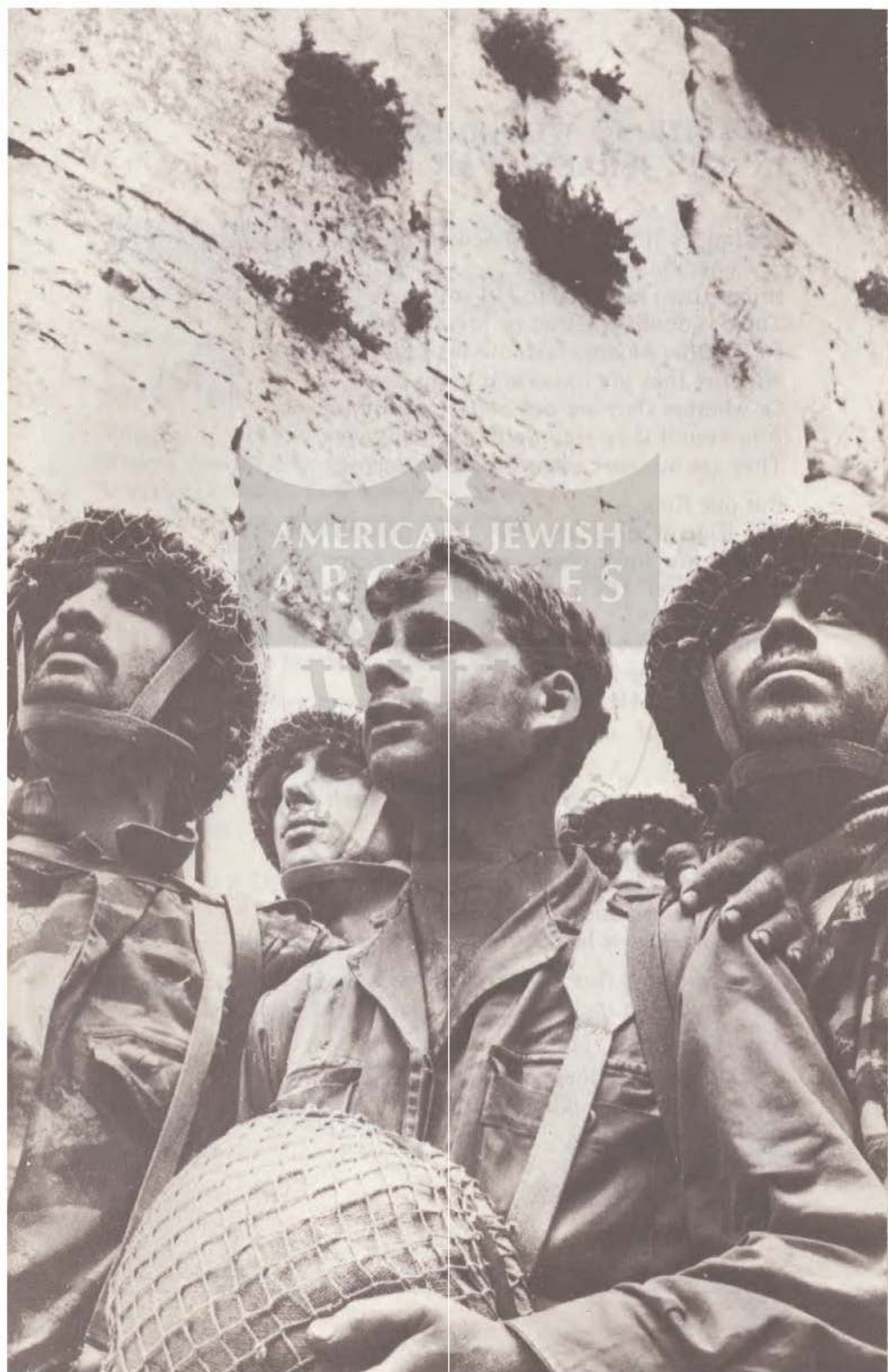
"God, as the mountains are around Jerusalem  
Please let Your love be around Your people—Israel."

But the mountains envelope Jerusalem  
They are warm and loving  
and passionate and beautiful  
and barren and green  
and rocky and smooth.

They are decorated with houses and museums,  
memorials and memories  
libraries and universities  
and hospitals and people.

God! Let Your love be around your people  
As the mountains are about Jerusalem.

*Bea Stadler*





## FOR THOSE WHO DIED IN THE ISRAELI WAR

A king of flesh and blood who goes out to war against his  
enemies

Brings forth his force to kill and to be killed.

There is doubt whether he loves his soldiers

Or whether he does not love his soldiers,

Whether they are important in his eyes

Or whether they are not important in his eyes.

And even if they are important in his eyes,

They are no more important than corpses.

But our King,

The King of kings, the Holy One, Blessed be He,

Desires life, loves peace and pursues peace,

Loves Israel His people and has chosen us from all the  
nations,

Not because we are greater in number,

For we are the least in number.

And because He loves us and we are few in number,

Each one of us is as important in His eyes as a whole  
regiment.

Therefore we pray after the death of each Jew

Yitgadal, v'yitkadash, sh'may raba

May the power of the Name be magnified,

And may no lessening of power come to Him

Who is blessed and sanctified

In the worlds He has created according to His will.

And if we pray thus for each one who dies;

How much the more so for our dear brothers and sisters,

The children of Zion,

The slaughtered ones of the land of Israel,

Whose blood was spilled for the glory of His name

And for His people

And for His land

And for His inheritance.

Therefore, oh our brethren, the whole house of Israel,  
Who mourn in this mourning.

We turn our hearts to our Father in Heaven,  
The King of Israel and its Redeemer.

And we pray  
For ourselves  
And for Him:

Yitgadal v' yitkadesh sh'may raba

B'olma deev'ra hirutay, v'yamleeh malhutay

V'yatzmah Veekarev M'sheehay . . .

That we may be worthy to live and see  
With our very eyes,

O'seh Shalom bimromav Hu b'rahamav Yaseh Shalom aleynu  
v'al kol Yisrael,

That He who, is in His mercies, makes peace in the heavens  
Will make peace for us

And for all Israel  
And let us say,  
Amen.

*S. Y. Agnon*



## **THEREFORE, WE THANK THEE GOD.**

*(At the end of a week of mourning for our son Noam.)*

Incline Thine ear, O God,  
Consider a brief space  
In this night hour of sombre rage  
The word of parents bewildered by bereavement.  
We approach Thee not with regret, nor complaint,  
Nor do we come to litigate with Thee,  
Only thanks pouring from the wound of our heart we  
offer Thee.

Accept it, O God.

For these three things thanksgiving be to Thee:

For pleasant years,  
For one and twenty years  
Wherein Thou didst honor us with him and lent him us,  
For his steps walking humbly by our side on the little isle  
of life:

Years sown with the peace of his being,  
When like a gliding swan he made his way erect with grace;  
Years shining with smiles  
Which like sunrays he spread around him,  
With good-hearted whispers, pardons by concession and  
understanding,  
Years shining with the light of his two eyes,  
Where dreams yearned, mingled with the sorrow of fate,  
Having a pure look and upright before God and man,  
For this little gift  
Of twenty-one years of life thou gavest him and us,  
We thank Thee. . . . .

And for a hero's death  
Thou didst appoint him,  
For all the limbs of his body were taut in strength  
And welded in pride  
And on all his sinews was spread the essence of power,  
The wine kept for the saints of Thy people who hallow  
its land.



Thou didst lead him among the evening-hills in the nights  
of Judah,  
No voice being heard but the bidding of the Maccabees  
of old.  
The echoes of their blood set his exultant heart tramping  
to victory,  
No other lodestar but the light of his own soul,  
A tongue of fire  
Born of the flame of Bar Kochba which he kindled,  
Marching serene, stepping with confidence  
In the height of dread and solitude,  
Girt with the armour of hope, encircled with the girdle  
of power,  
To meet the beginning of freedom or the end of glory. . . . .  
For the death which was like a kiss  
At the lips of Mattathias the Hasmonean  
With which Thou didst favour him  
When he ascended the holy ladder,  
We thank Thee. . . . .  
And for the flowing tear  
When Thou didst make Thy host of clouds  
and Thy bands of cherubs weep  
When the news of the bereavement reached us  
And when Thou didst roll the sighs of the thunder of Thy  
heart  
Among the terrible heights, And us here on the gloomy earth,  
When our soul was clothed with grief for our son!  
For Thy tears shed and Thy sigh breathed  
Together with those of a father and a mother  
We thank Thee. . . . .

*Reuben Grossman (Avinoam)*

## 679 AMBASSADORS

*"679 soldiers have fallen so far in the Six Day War"—from an announcement by the Israel Defense Force, on the day after the war.*

679 ambassadors,  
Lord of the universe,  
We have sent You.  
To the government of the King of kings,  
We sent them from Your holy land.

We were abandoned by all, cut off  
To face the enemy that rose up against us,  
Therefore we sent these 679  
As messengers to heaven.

We were disillusioned with all diplomatic talk,  
And it became completely clear to us  
That for the people of Israel only the two weapons remained:  
The best of our sons—and the mercy of heaven.

They will come to You, wounded, torn,  
To plead for us before Your throne.  
In our names they will present their credentials,  
Inscribed on their bodies in lead.

679 Ambassadors,  
Lord of the universe,  
We have sent You.

*Rina Barzilay*

## IN MEMORIAM

LET US STAND SILENT in memory of our dearly beloved sons and daughters who gave their lives for the liberation of our homeland and the security of our people.

They gave all they had. They poured out their very lifeblood for the freedom of Israel, even as the living waters quench the thirst of the arid soil.

Not in monuments of stones or trees shall be preserved their memory, but in the reverence and pride which will, until the end of time, fill the hearts of our people when their memory is recalled.

Our hearts are filled to overflowing with praise and thanksgiving to the Rock of Israel. But let us not delude ourselves that our work is finished. We are still at the beginning.

The road stretching ahead is long and hard, and there are still many obstacles in our way . . . The sword is still girded round our loins; let us not boast as men who have taken it off.

On our festive day, let us review in joy and thanksgiving the mighty deeds of the past and let us resolve to apply ourselves with all our might and all our heart to the new efforts of the future.

*David Ben Gurion*





## MEMORIAL PRAYER

אל מלא רחמים

שוכן במרומים המצא מנוחה נכונה על פנפי השכינה  
במעלות קדושים וטהורים כזהר הרקיע מזהירים, לנשמות  
חילי צבא הגנה לישראל

אשר מסרו נפשם על קדשת השם ועל כבוש הארץ. בעל  
הרחמים יסתירם בסתר כנפיו לעולמים, ויצרר בצרור החיים  
את נשמתם, יי הוא נחלתם, בגן עדן תהא מנוחתם ויגווחו  
בשלוש על משכבם, ונאמר אמן.

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*Mourners' Kaddish*

יתגדל ויתקדש שמה רבא. בעלמא די ברא  
כרעיתה. וימליך מלכותה בחייכון וביומיון ובחיי  
דכל בית ישראל בעלמא ובזמן קריב. ואמרו אמן:

*Congregation and Mourners*

יהא שמה רבא מברך לעלם ולעלמי עולמיא:

*Mourners*

יתברך וישתבח ויתפאר ויתרם ויתנשא ויתגדל  
ויתעלה ויתהלל שמה דקדשא. בריך הוא. לעלמא  
(ולעלמא) מן כל ברכתא ושירתא ושבחתא ונחמתא  
דאמירן. בעלמא. ואמרו אמן:

יהא שלמא רבא מן שמיא וחיים עלינו ועל כל-  
ישראל. ואמרו אמן:

עשה שלום במרומו הוא יעשה שלום עלינו ועל  
כל ישראל. ואמרו אמן:

## IF I FORGET THEE, O JERUSALEM

אם אשכחך ירושלים  
על־נהרות בָּבֶל  
שֶׁם יִשְׁבְּנוּ גַם־בָּכִינוּ  
בְּזָכְרֵנוּ אֶת־צִיּוֹן:  
על־עֲרָבִים בְּתוֹכָהּ  
כִּי שֶׁם שְׁאֲלוּנוּ  
שׁוּבֵינוּ דְּבַר־יִשִּׁיר  
וְתוֹלְלֵינוּ שְׁמִיחָה  
שִׁירוּ לָנוּ מִשִּׁיר צִיּוֹן  
אֵיךְ נִשִּׁיר אֶת־שִׁירֶיהָ:  
אִם־אֶשְׁכַּחְךָ יְרוּשָׁלַיִם  
על־אֲדָמַת נֶכֶד:  
תִּשְׁכַּח מִיָּנִי  
תִּדְבֹק לְשׁוֹנֵי לַחֲכִי  
אִם־לֹא אֶעֱלֶה אֶת־יְרוּשָׁלַיִם  
על־רֹאשׁ שְׁמִיחָתִי:

PSALM 137:1-6

By the rivers of Babylon,  
There we sat down, yea, we wept,  
When we remembered Zion.  
There, upon the willows we hung up our harps.  
Our captors demanded a song,  
And our tormentors bade us be merry:  
'Sing us a song of Zion.'  
But how could we sing a song of the Lord,  
Here in a foreign land?

*Congregation rises*

If I forget thee, O Jerusalem,  
Let my right hand forget its cunning;  
Let my tongue cleave to my mouth,  
If I remember thee not,  
If I set not Jerusalem above my chiefest joy.

## PSALM 126

### שיר המעלות

בשוב יי את־שיבת ציון      היינו כחֲלָמִים:  
 אז ימלא שֹׁחַק פִּינוּ      ולשׁוֹנֵנוּ רִנָּה  
 אז יאמרו בגוֹיִם      הַגִּדִיל יי לַעֲשׂוֹת עִם־אַלֹּהִים:  
 הַגִּדִיל יי לַעֲשׂוֹת עִמָּנוּ      היינו שְׂמֵחִים:  
 שׁוֹבָה יי אֶת־שְׁבִיתָנוּ      כַּאֲפִיקִים בְּנוֹב:  
 הַזֶּרְעִים בְּדִמְעָה      בְּרִנָּה יִקְצְרוּ:  
 הַלֹּדֶף יִלְדֹּךְ וּבָכָה נִשְׂאֵה מִשֶּׁן־הַיַּרְדֵּי  
 בִּאֲיָבָא בְּרִנָּה נִשְׂאֵה אֶל־מִתְיוֹ:

'Twas like a dream, when by the Lord  
 From bondage Zion was restored;  
 Our mouths were filled with mirth and songs  
 To God, to whom all praise belongs.

The nations owned that God had wrought  
 Great works, which joy to us had brought;  
 As southern streams when filled with rain,  
 He turned our captive state again.

Who sow in tears, with joy shall reap;  
 Though bearing precious seed they weep  
 While going forth, yet shall they sing  
 When, coming back, their sheaves they bring.

Sheer ha-ma-a-lot, b'shuv A-clo-nay et shee-vat tsi-yon, ha-yee-nu  
 k'hol-meem,

Az yi-ma-lay s'hok pee-nu, u-l'sho-nay-nu ri-na,  
 Az yo-m'-ru va-go-yim, hig-deel A-do-nay, la-a-sot im-ay-leh,  
 Hig-deel A-do-nay la-a-sot i-ma-nu, ha-yee-nu s'may-heem.  
 Shu-vah A-do-nay, et sh'vee-tay-nu, ka-a-fee-keem ba-ne-gev,  
 Ha-zo-r'-eem b'dim-a, b'ri-na yik-tso-ru.  
 Ha-loh yay-leh u-va-ho no-say meh-sheh ha-zo-ra,  
 Bo-ya-vo v'ri-na no-say a-lu-mo-tav.



## O JERUSALEM!

### ירושלים

מעל פסגת הר הצופים שלום לך ירושלים.  
מעל פסגת הר הצופים אשתתף לך אפים.  
מאה דורות חלמתי עליך. לזכות לראות באור פניך.  
ירושלים. ירושלים! האירי פניך לבגד!  
ירושלים. ירושלים! מחרבותיך אבגד!  
מעל פסגת הר הצופים שלום לך ירושלים.  
אלפי גולים מקצות כל תבל נושאים אליך עינים.  
באלפי ברכות היי ברוכה. מקדש מלך עיר מלוכה.  
ירושלים. ירושלים! אני לא און מפה!  
ירושלים. ירושלים! יבא המשיח. יבא!

From the heights of Mount Scopus I greet thee,  
Peace unto thee, O Jerusalem!  
From the peak of Mount Scopus I gaze,  
And bow low in rapt adoration.  
Through all the ages I've dreamt to behold thee,  
I yearned and yearned for the light of thy splendor.  
Jerusalem, O Jerusalem, shine forth for thy exile returns  
Jerusalem, O Jerusalem, thy ruins I soon shall rebuild.

May-al pis-gat har ha-tso-firn, sha-lom laḥ ye-ru-sha-la-yim.  
May-al pis-gat har ha-tso-firn, esh-ta-ḥa-veh laḥ a-pa-yim  
May-a do-rot ḥa-lam-tee a-la-yih, liz-kot lir-ot b'or pa-na-yih,  
Ye-ru-sha-la-yim, ye-ru-sha-la-yim ha-ee-ree fa-na-yih liv-nayḥ  
Ye-ru-sha-la-yim, ye-ru-sha-la-yim may-ḥor-vo-tye-yih ev-nayḥ

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## A PRAYER FOR ISRAEL

Heavenly Father, our Protector and our Redeemer, we invoke Thy blessing upon the State of Israel, which by Thy providence has been reborn in the land of our fathers.

Shield her with Thy mercy and spread over her Thy protecting peace.

Bestow the light of Thy truth upon her leaders and direct them by Thy good counsel.

Sustain the hands of those who build and defend the Holy Land. Grant peace within her borders and security to all her inhabitants.

O Lord, remember our brethren of the whole House of Israel. May all the homeless of our people to return in dignity to Zion, Thy city. And to Jerusalem, where Thou hast revealed Thy glory.

As was promised in Thy Torah: If your dispersed should be in the ends of the earth, from there will the Lord your God gather them and from there will He bring them. And the Lord your God will restore you to the land which your fathers inherited, and you shall possess it.

Unite our hearts to love and revere Thy name  
And to fulfill all the precepts of Thy Torah.

May the majesty and grandeur of Thy might be manifest over all the inhabitants of the earth.

So that all in whom there is breath shall proclaim:

The Lord God of Israel is King, and all life is under His sovereignty. Amen.

## התקוה

כָּל עוֹד בִּלְבָב פְּנִימָה. נֶפֶשׁ יְהוּדֵי הוֹמְיָה.  
 וּלְפָאֲתֵי מִזְרַח קְדִימָה. עֵינַי לְצִיּוֹן צוֹפִיָּה:  
 עוֹד לֹא אֶבְדָּה תְּקוּמָתָנוּ. הַתְּקוּמָה שְׁנוֹת אֲלֵפִים.  
 לִהְיוֹת עִם חֶפְשִׁי בְּאַרְצָנוּ. בְּאַרְץ צִיּוֹן וִירוּשָׁלַיִם:

Kol od ba-lay-vav, pneema, ne-fesh y'hu-dee ho-mi-ya  
 U-l'fa-a tay miz-rah ka-dee-ma, a-yin l'tsi-yon tso-fi-ya.  
 Od lo av-da tik-va-tay-nu, ha-tik-va sh'not al-pa-yim,  
 Li-yot am haf-shee b'ar-tzay-nu, eretz tzi-yon  
 vi-ru-sha-la-yim.





## THERE ARE TWO SEAS

There are two seas in the Land of Israel. One is fresh, and fish are in it. Splashes of green adorn its banks. Trees spread their branches over it, and stretch out their thirsty roots to sip of its healing waters. Along its shore children play.

The River Jordan makes this sea with sparkling water from the hills. So it laughs in the sunshine. And men build their homes near to it, and birds their nests; and every kind of life is happier because it is there.

The River Jordan flows on south into another sea. Here there is no splash of fish, no fluttering leaf, no song of birds, no children's laughter. Travelers choose another route unless on urgent business. The air hangs heavy above its waters and neither men nor beast nor fowl will drink.

What makes this mighty difference in these seas? Not the River Jordan. It empties the same good water into both. Not the soil in which they lie; not the country 'round about.

This is the difference.

The Sea of Galilee receives but does not keep the Jordan. For every drop that flows into it another drop flows out. The giving and receiving go on in equal measure.

The other sea is shrewder, hoarding its income jealously. It will not be tempted into any generous impulse. Every drop it gets, it keeps.

The Sea of Galilee gives and lives.

This other sea gives nothing. It is named the Dead Sea.

There are two kinds of people in the world.

There are two seas in the land of Israel.

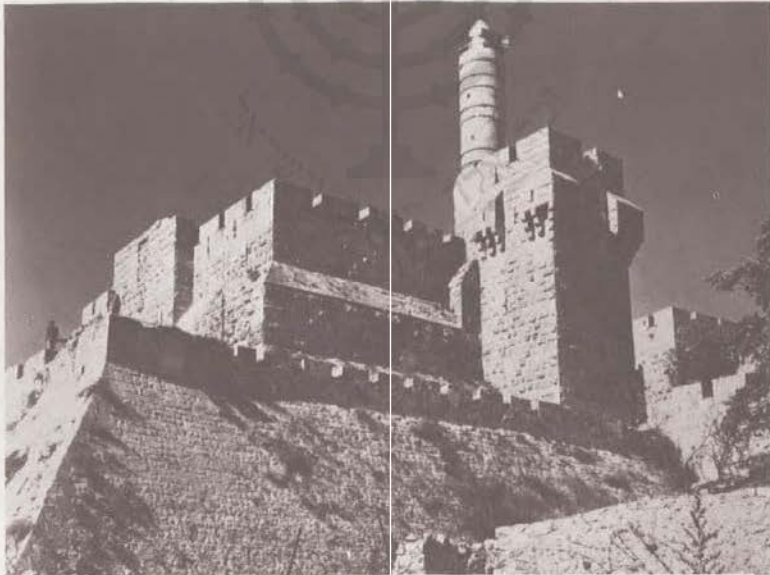
*Bruce Barton*

## THE REDEMPTION OF ISRAEL

Merciful Father, in a great act of love, our people has been redeemed from the lands of exile. Even at the time when a tyrant sought to destroy us, in the rays of hope, we seemed to catch the light of deliverance. With your help, we were able to break the gates of our imprisonment and rescue those who dwelt in darkness, in the shadow of death.

Merciful Father, send forth Your saving redemption also to those remnants of our people still languishing in the lands of oppression. Enable them to unite with their families, to return to Zion and Israel, to behold the Eternal City, our Jerusalem, the site of our ancient Sanctuary with gladness of heart.

*Joel T. Klein*



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