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Community meeting on Israel, agenda, speech, and correspondence, 1975.

Communitywide Meeting

Monday, November 24, 1975, 8 p.m. Fairmount Temple

## Harold S. Stern & Rabbi Daniel J. Silver, Presiding

- I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION Harold S. Stern
  - A. Welcome
  - B. Introduction of Rabbi Daniel J. Silver, who will chair the remaining portion of the program.
- II. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKERS Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
  - A. Representative Charles A. Vanik District 22, Ohio
    Representative Vanik has been deeply involved in a number of crucial issues, including co-sponsorship of the Jackson-Vanik Agreement, relating to trade with the Soviet Union and others. Representative Vanik has just returned from a trip to the Soviet Union and Israel, at which time he studied important issues relating to the cause of Soviet Jewry.
  - B. The Most Reverend William M. Cosgrove Auxiliary Bishop-Vicar General
  - C. The Reverend Donald Jacobs, Executive Director of the Greater Cleveland Inter-Church Council

(Each speaker will be introduced and will then make an individual presentation)

- III. INTRODUCTION OF CANTOR MEISELS & HIS WIFE Rabbi Daniel J. Silver

  Cantor Saul Meisels of Temple on the Heights will present a musical section, with the accompaniment of his wife, Ida Ruth Meisels, on the piano.
  - A. "I'm Eshkachech" together with "Vitechezena"
  - B. "Lo Tayda Milchama"
  - IV. SLIDE-TAPE PRESENTATION "WE ARE ALL ZIONISTS" Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
    - A. Introduction of slide tape presentation
    - B. Available for programming throughout the community
  - V. SECOND MUSICAL SELECTION BY CANTOR MEISELS & HIS WIFE
    - A. "Yevarechecha"
    - B. "Oseh Shalom"

- VI. INTRODUCTION OF RABBI ARTHUR J. LELYVELD Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
  - A. Introduction of Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld
  - B. Presentation
- VII. CLOSING CEREMONY WITH CANTOR MEISELS LEADING HATIKVA
- NOTES: A. Mention of form letters to President Gerald R. Ford, which can be signed in the lobby at the end of the meeting.
  - B. Do we want to include the name of the Israel Bond Organization in the sponsorship of the meeting? They are not in the Delegate Assembly and asked that they be included in the list of sponsors.



PRESIDENT GERALD FORD
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

DEAR PRESIDENT FORD:

WE ARE WRITING TO COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR STANCE ON THE UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION EQUATING ZIONISM AND RACISM. WE TAKE PRIDE THAT OUR GOVERNMENT HAS JUSTLY LABELLED THIS RESOLUTION AS AN OBSCENITY.

WE ARE OUTRAGED THAT THE UNITED NATIONS, AN ORGANIZATION CREATED TO FOSTER PEACE AMONG NATIONS, HAS PROMOTED A VICIOUS SLANDER AGAINST A MEMBER NATION AND THE ENTIRE JEWISH PEOPLE, IN A CYNICAL ATTEMPT TO PLEASE ARAB AND COMMUNIST NATIONS, WITH THEIR NEW-FOUND SENSE OF POWER.

IN LIGHT OF THIS ACTION, WE URGE YOU TO REASSESS THE UNITED STATES'
FURTHER PARTICIPATION IN THE UNITED NATIONS.

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November 24, 1975

Rabbi Daniel Silver The Temple 26000 Shaker Blvd. Beachwood, Ohio 44124

Dear Dan:

I thought you might be interested to see a copy of the official response which the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church and I have issued from New York.

It went out from our national headquarters as a press release last week. Since Bishop Allin was busy getting ready for Nairobi, he asked me to write it and was happy to put his signature to it.

Ever sincerely yours,

John H. Burt

Enclosure

Dr. Donald Jacobs
Greater Cleveland Interchurch Council
2230 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Don:

I want to thank you again for your presence last night and for the warmth of your presentation. It is meetings such as this which bind close the ties of community.

I must often seem an impatient person, but I am sure you know that you have my complete respect and admiration.

Many thanks.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

November 25, 1975

The Rt. Rev. John H. Burt Church House 2230 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear John:

I have read and appreciated the statement of the presiding bishop and I want you to know how appreciative I am of the strength which you have displayed these last weeks. I hope that you will always find me as forthcoming as I have known you to be. I count the privilege of your friendship as one of the great plusses of my ministry here.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

Cantor Saul Meisels
Temple on the Heights
3130 Mayfield Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44118

Dear Saul:

What a beautiful evening. Your heart was in the music and the moment and it gave us all a lift. It is always a pleasure to share responsibility with you. Please give my love and thanks to Ida. Happy Chanukkah.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld Fairmount Temple 23737 Fairmount Blvd. Cleveland, Ohio 44121

Dear Arthur:

It was a stirring and moving address and a fitting climax to a good evening. I am deeply grateful to you, indeed, to the entire staff of Fairmount Temple who helped our staff in every way imaginable. Many many thanks. Happy Chanukkah.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

November 25, 1975

Bishop William M. Cosgrove
Diocese of Cleveland
Chancery Building
Cathedral Square
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Dear Bill:

I want simply to repeat my thanks of last night. Your willingness to come on such short order was deeply appreciated as was the warmth of your presence. You helped move the relationship of our communities on to a new plane.

I value your friendship and I hope that you will always find me as forthcoming as I have known you to be. Many thanks.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

The year was 1948. The month was November. It was a time of hope.

The Arab attack on Israel had been blunted. A cease-fire was in force. Jews were full of expectation.

There was a public meeting. A well-wisher hugged my father, "it's over, we won." My father smiled. As we drove home he spoke of a prophecy of Isaiah.

It's night. Someone is abroad in the dark walled city.

N / "Watchman of the night, watchman of the night." The watchman looks across the plain towards the Judean hills. He notes the first lightening of dawn.

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We count our blessings, but we are also a realistic people. We have come together in joy and we have come together in concern. We will again come together in joy. We are gathered in concern.

"There is no day without its night. There is no night without its day."

These last days have been shadowed. The denunciation of Zionism passed by a slight majority of the nations of the world - by a majority of the dictatorships and racist nations of the world - shocked all who believe in reason and in justice - we are never quite prepared for the excesses of national fanaticism.

The attack on Zionism was a cold-eyed display of power by those who prefer the way of vengeance to the way of negotiation.

The attack on Zionism was a calculated act of selfish interest by nations accustomed to measure justice by their self-interest.

The attack on Zionism was a miserable display of petulance by childish states who make up for their limitations by dumping their frustrations on the West.

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The attack on Zionism was an attack on Israel, on Jews everywhere, on Judaism, on basic decency.

The attack on Zionism brought us here. In the world of vengeance, greed and petulance simple folk who struggle to do the right - to be human - need the strengthening of community.

Our government labeled the attack on Zionism as outrageous. The vast majority of our neighbors were scandalized by the cruelty and the crudity of this act. Some have come here tonight to join their hands and their hearts with ours.

- l. Rev. Donald Jacobs Executive Director, Greater Cleveland Interchurch Council.
  - 2. William Cosgrove Auxiliary Bishop, The Diocese of Cleveland
  - 3. Charles Vanik Congressman from this district and a long time friend.
- 4. In exile our people found encouragement in psalm and song. They Asked

   Saul Meisel, Cantor of The Temple

  on the Heights and his beautiful accompanist in marriage and music Ida

5. Tape - Direction Roy Rosenbaum

Narration Norman Wayne

"What Is Zionism" available for community groups

6. Announce - sign letters to Pres. - thanking her and Ambassador Moynihan for clear statement on issue.

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