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May 22, 1967

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(Confirmation of)
(telephone message)

The Temple At University Circle at Silver Park will hold
a Special Service of Concern For Peace In the Middle East, at
8 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, 1967. Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver will
address this hour of concern. The public is invited.

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The Temple

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The Temple will hold a
Special Service of Concern
for "PEACE IN THE MIDDLE
EAST". The service will
be held in the Sanctuary
at 8 P. M. on Tuesday May
23rd. Rabbi Daniel Jeremy
Silver will speak.

Statement by President

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, May 23—Following is the text of a statement on the Mideast made by President Johnson at the White House today:

In recent days, tension has again arisen along the armistice lines between Israel and the Arab states. The situation there is a matter of grave concern to the whole international community.

We earnestly support all efforts, in and outside the United Nations and through its appropriate organs, including the Secretary General, to reduce tensions and to restore stability. The Secretary General has gone to the Near East on his mission of peace with the hopes and prayers of men of good will everywhere.

The Near East links three continents. The birthplace of civilization and of three of the world's great religions, it is the home of some 60 million people; and the crossroads between East and West.

The world community has a vital interest in peace and stability in the Near East, one that has been expressed primarily through continuing United Nations action and assistance over the past 20 years.

The United States, as a member of the United Nations, and as a nation dedicated to a world order based on law and mutual respect, has actively supported efforts to maintain peace in the Near East.

The danger, and it is a grave danger, lies in some miscalculation arising from a misunderstanding of the intentions and actions of others.

brought a new and grave dimension to the crisis. The United States considers the gulf to be an international waterway and feels that a blockade of Israeli shipping is illegal and potentially disastrous to the cause of peace. The right of free, innocent passage of the international waterway is a vital interest of the international community.

3 Elements of Danger

The Government of the United States is deeply concerned, in particular, with three potentially explosive aspects of the present confrontation.

First, we regret that the general armistice agreements have failed to prevent warlike acts from the territory of one against another government, or against civilians, or territory, under control of another government.

Second, we are dismayed at the hurried withdrawal of the United Nations Emergency Force from Gaza and Sinai after more than 10 years of steadfast and effective service in keeping the peace, without action by either the General Assembly or the Security Council. We continue to regard the presence of the United Nations in the area as a matter of fundamental importance and shall support its continuance with all possible vigor.

Third, we deplore the recent build-up of military forces and believe it a matter of urgent importance to reduce troop concentrations. The status of sensitive areas, as the Secretary General emphasized in his report to the Security Council, such as the Gaza Strip and Gulf of Aqaba, is a particularly important aspect of the situation.

In this connection, I want to add that the purported closing of the Gulf of Aqaba to Israeli shipping has

U. S. Seeking Clarification

The Government of the United States is seeking clarification on this point. We have urged Secretary General Thant to recognize the sensitivity of the Aqaba question and to give it the highest priority in his discussions in Cairo.

To the leaders of all the nations of the Near East, I wish to say what three Presidents have said before—that the United States is firmly committed to the support of the political independence and territorial integrity of all the nations of the area.

The United States strongly opposes aggression by anyone in the area, in any form, overt or clandestine. This has been the policy of the United States led by four Presidents—President Truman, President Eisenhower, President Kennedy, and myself—as well as the policy of both of our political parties. The record of the actions of the United States over the past 20 years, within and outside the United Nations, is very clear on this point.

Wants Friendship With All

The United States has consistently sought to have good relations with all the states of the Near East. Regrettably, this has not always been possible, but we are convinced that our differences with individual states of the area and their differences with each other must be worked out peacefully and in accordance with accepted international practice.

We have always opposed—and we oppose in other parts of the world at this moment—the efforts of other nations to resolve their problems with their neighbors by aggression. We shall continue to do so. And we appeal to all other peace-loving nations to do likewise.

We call upon all concerned to observe in a spirit of restraint their solemn responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations and the general armistice agreements. These provide an honorable means of preventing hostilities until, through the efforts of the international community, a peace with justice and honor can be achieved.

I have been in close contact and will in the days ahead with Ambassador Goldberg at the United Nations, where we are pursuing the matter with great vigor, and hope the Security Council can act effectively.

Text of Soviet's Statement

Following is the text of the Soviet Government's statement yesterday on the situation in the Middle East, as distributed in English by Tass, the Soviet press agency:

A situation giving rise to anxiety from the viewpoint of the interests of peace and international security has been taking shape in the Near East in recent weeks.

After the armed attack by Israeli forces on the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic on April 7 of this year, Israel's ruling circles continued aggravating the atmosphere of military psychosis in this country.

Leading statesmen, including Foreign Minister Eban, openly called for large-scale Israeli "punitive" operations against Syria and the striking of "a decisive blow" upon her.

The defense and foreign policy committees of the Knesset (Parliament) on May 9 granted the Government powers for military operations against Syria. Israeli troops moved to the frontiers of Syria were alerted. Mobilization was proclaimed in the country.

Encouragement Seen

It is quite clear that Israel could not act in this way if not for the direct and indirect encouragement it had for its position from certain imperialist circles which seek to bring back colonial oppression to Arab lands.

These circles regard Israel in the present conditions as the main force against Arab countries, which pursue an independent national policy and resist pressure from imperialism.

Israeli extremists apparently hoped to take Syria by surprise and deal a blow at it single-handed. But they miscalculated. Showing solidarity with the courageous struggle of the Syrian people who are upholding their independence and sovereign rights, the Arab states—the United Arab Republic, Iraq, Algeria, Yemen, Lebanon, Kuwait, Sudan and Jordan—declared their determination to help Syria in the event of an attack by Israel.

U.N. Forces Recalled

The United Arab Republic, honoring its allied commitments for joint defense with Syria, took steps to contain the aggression.

Considering that the presence of United Nations troops in the Gaza area and the Sinai Peninsula would give Israel in this situation advantages for staging a military provocation against Arab countries, the U.A.R. Government asked the United Nations to pull out its troops from this area.

A number of Arab states voiced their readiness to place their armed forces at the disposal of the Joint Arab

Command to repel Israeli aggression.

As is known, the Soviet Government warned the Government of Israel in connection with the April 7 armed provocation, that it will bear the responsibility for the consequences of its aggressive policy. It appears that a reasonable approach has not yet triumphed in Tel Aviv. As a result, Israel is again to blame for a dangerous aggravation of tension in the Near East.

Colonial Aim Charged

The question arises: What interests does the State of Israel serve by pursuing such a policy? If they calculate in Tel Aviv that it will play the role of a colonial overseer of the imperialist powers over the peoples of the Arab East there is no need to prove the groundlessness of such calculations in this age when the peoples of whole continents have shaken off the fetters of colonial oppression and are now building an independent life.

For decades the Soviet Union has been giving all-round assistance to the peoples of Arab countries in their just struggle for national liberation against colonialism and for the advancement of their economy.

But let no one have any doubts about the fact that should anyone try to unleash aggression in the Near East, he would be met not only with the united strength of Arab countries but also with strong opposition to aggression from the Soviet Union and all peace-loving states.

Oil Monopolies Accused

It is the firm belief of the Soviet Government that the peoples have no interest in kindling a military conflict in the Middle East. It is only a handful of colonial oil monopolies and their hangers-on who can be interested in such a conflict. It is only the forces of imperialism, with Israel following in the wake of their policy, that can be interested in it.

The Soviet Government keeps a close watch on the developments in the Near East. It proceeds from the fact that the maintenance of peace and security in the area directly adjacent to the Soviet borders meets the vital interests of the Soviet peoples.

With due account taken of the situation, the Soviet Union is doing and will continue to do everything in its power to prevent a violation of peace and security in the Near East and safeguard the legitimate rights of the peoples.

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BRITH EMETH

1414 S. Green Road • Cleveland, Ohio 44121

Phone 291-1530

May 24, 1967

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Dan:

I offer you two-fold congratulations:

First, for publishing Charlie Auerbach's "Reflections on Martin Buber". It was a lucid and excellent exposition. The fact that it is unusual (to the best of my knowledge, "a first") to publish a layman's article in the CCAR Journal, I count all the more meritorious. You followed the Talmudic custom of including the dicta of the not-ordained together with those who had "s'micha".*

Second, the Plain Dealer report on your "Service of Concern" of Tuesday night reflected a courageous and honorable address. This was especially welcome after the rather disappointing Monday night Fairmount meeting and its aftermath.

I am twice thankful.

Sincerely yours,


Rabbi Philip Horowitz

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May 25, 1967

Rabbi Philip Horowitz
Brith Emeth
1414 S. Green Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44121

Dear Philip:

Thank you for your kind note. I would like to break the sound barrier and begin publishing our more thoughtful laymen.

I have been head over heels in Zionist work these past few days. It is going to be a long pull this time.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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MAY 25/1967

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE

Peace is the basic requirement of civilization. Over 19 years the unremitting determination of certain Arab states to destroy the sovereignty of Israel has delayed the establishment of peace in the Middle East. Israel is the creation of the nations of the world. Born out of the carnage of the Second World War, Israel provides not only new hope for the Jewish people in their ancient homeland but a happy freedom for citizens of all faiths. The world has watched with pride the growth of Israel -- its freedom and democracy.

True to its founding tradition, the United States was the first nation in the world to recognize Israel and close ties of friendship and common purpose have bound our beloved democracy and Israel, a sister democracy. Conscious of the need of world peace, the United States has committed itself to the inviolability of all borders in the Middle East. Determined to abide the rule of international law, the United States has properly undertaken to defend the right of free passage through international waters.

Recent acts of terrorism and of military build-up again have raised the spectre of war in the Middle East. As Americans committed to the principles of peace, freedom and respect of national sovereignty, we deplore aggression and we commend the President of the United States for restating our commitments and for re-emphasizing the principles of justice on which they are based. We recognize the burden of these commitments. It is our firm belief that aggression must be stopped and that the basic principle of world order must be sustained.



DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR ISRAEL

State of Israel Bonds

MAX M. AXELROD
General Chairman

STANLEY KURMAN
Manager

May 25, 1967

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
The Temple
Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Just a note to express my deep appreciation to you for concluding your brilliant sermon Tuesday night with a message on Israel Bonds. I want you to know that a number of temple members called or visited our office on Wednesday in order to express their concrete desire to help by the purchase of Israel Bonds.

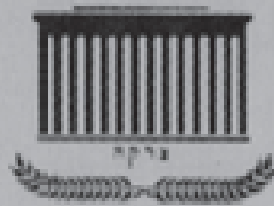
Your keen understanding of the situation and your ability to get to the heart of the matter are proven in the results. Again my deep gratitude.

Sincerely,

STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS

Max M. Axelrod

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The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland

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May 25, 1967

A MESSAGE

To Principals of Jewish Organizations
From David N. Myers, President
Jewish Community Federation

Federation and community leaders have been at work virtually around the clock in reaction to fast moving developments in the Middle East. It is my purpose to keep the community informed from time to time with special reference to local action.

All elements in the community have been quick to respond to the need of the hour and to share their activities with the entire community. On Tuesday night, a large crowd filled The Temple for a prayer meeting, and on Thursday night, a similar throng assembled at Taylor Road Synagogue under the auspices of the Orthodox Rabbinical Council and Religious Zionists of America.

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver and Gilbert Savransky have combined to activate some of the local Zionist organizations which have constituted themselves as the Cleveland Zionist Emergency Council, and have held two meetings.

The officers of the Federation have addressed themselves to the total crisis, including financial problems related to the situation. Our Community Relations Committee held a special meeting aimed at giving greater responsibility to constituent organizations. Today, under the auspices of the CRC, we organized a Cleveland counterpart of the National Presidents' Conference, which brings together leaders of the major Jewish organizations in Cleveland concerned with this crisis.

Today, as your Federation President, I dispatched the following telegram to President Johnson:

"The President has spoken in clear and unmistakable terms in reasserting our country's firm commitment to the political independence and territorial integrity of all Middle Eastern nations.

"We welcome President Johnson's reaffirmation that the Gulf of Aqaba is an international waterway and that a blockage of Israeli shipping is illegal and potentially disastrous to the cause of peace.

[May 25, 1967]

"Any such blockage is tantamount to a declaration of war against Israel. Any attempt to carry out these threats would constitute an act of war which could enflame the entire Middle East and jeopardize the peace of the world.

"We are heartened by the President's declaration that the right of free innocent passage of international waterways is of vital interest to the U.S. as well as to the international community.

"We hope that these firm commitments, by our government, buttressed by whatever acts on its part may be necessary to carry them out, may yet avert Arab aggression in the Middle East. We express our support of any steps by our government that may be necessary to resist acts of war against Israel, to protect Israel's national sovereignty and to preserve peace in the Middle East."

Many organizations and individuals have asked how to direct wires, messages, letters, and calls. Here is a brief directory:

The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

The Hon. Charles A. Vanik
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

The Hon. Dean Rusk,
Secretary of State
State Department
Washington, D.C.

The Hon. Frances P. Bolton
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

The Hon. Frank J. Lausche
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

The Hon. Michael A. Feighan
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

The Hon. Stephen M. Young
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

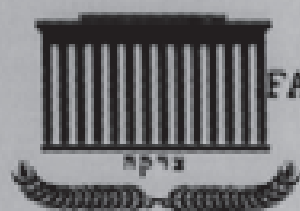
The Hon. William E. Minshall
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Federation leaders and organizations are in continuous touch with key individuals and will continue to remain alert to developments.

NEWS RELEASE

Phone (216) 861-4360

May 26, 1967



FACT SHEET: ISRAELI-ARAB CRISIS.....

(Editor's note: These highlights were prepared by the Cleveland Zionist Emergency Council to serve as background information to the critical discussions underway)

1947: United Nations creates Israel; 7 Arab states threaten war if Israel proclaims statehood.

1948: Israel proclaims statehood. In violation of U.N. Partition decision, Arab armies invade Israel.

In proclamation May 14, 1948, Israel declared it would "promote the development of the country for the benefit of all its inhabitants...will uphold the full social and political equality of all its citizens." At partition, Arab population in what is now Israel was estimated at 747,300. Despite Israel's urging to remain, only 160,000 stayed. Arab Higher Committee called on Arab population to leave, saying with British withdrawal, combined Arab armies would invade Palestine, "drive the Jews into the sea" and return the land to Arabs who had left.

1949: Armistice signed; Arab states refuse to negotiate peace.

1950: President Truman commits United States to preserve territorial frontiers and integrity of Israel and adjacent Arab countries.

1950: United States, the United Kingdom and France announce Tripartite Declaration expressing deep interest in and desire to promote establishment and maintenance of peace. Three governments declare that they would act, both within and outside U.N., to prevent violations of frontiers and armistice lines.

1953: U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles reaffirms Tripartite Declaration for President Eisenhower and Administration.

Jan. 1, 1950-Oct. 29, 1956:

Arab infiltrators, terrorists, fedayeen and military forces were responsible for:

409 Israeli citizens killed within Israel territory

589 Israeli citizens wounded within Israel territory

302 actions of sabotage, blowing up of houses, telephone and telegraph lines, water pipe lines and laying of land mines within Israel territory

2,911 clashes with the fedayeen

5,763 robberies, thefts and attempted thefts committed

Number persons, killed and wounded, and frontier incidents add up to 9,974--average of 4.7 per day.

Jan. 1950-Sept. 1956:

A total of 103 vessels, under 13 flags including 8 American, are blacklisted because they called at Israeli ports. These ships may not load or unload in ports of Arab League members, are denied all services, such as bunkering, repairs and fresh water supplies when arriving in Suez Canal. Goods, such

as food, pharmaceuticals and autos, considered strategic, are confiscated if bound for Israel.

In 1954, Israeli vessel, Bat Galim, attempted to traverse Suez Canal in accordance with Constantinople Pact (1888) opening Canal to vessels of all nations. Ship, carrying food and hides from Eritrea, confiscated and crew imprisoned in Egypt for 14 months.

1955: Egypt and USSR sign \$250 million arms deal for MIG-17 fighters, IL28 bombers, medium tanks, heavy Stalin-3 tanks, guns, rifles, machine guns, anti-tank guns, submarines, etc.

Nasser seizes Suez Canal; blockades Strait of Tiran and Gulf of Aqaba, denying Israel access to Indian Ocean to trade with nations in Asia and Africa. Britain and France attack Egypt.

Oct. 1956:

Because of fedayeen attacks and blockade of Israeli and Israel-bound shipping through Suez Canal and Gulf of Aqaba, Israel's defense forces penetrated Gaza Strip, Sinai Peninsula and fortified positions of Sharm al Sheikh. Sinai victorious campaign opened Strait of Tiran and Gulf of Aqaba to Israeli shipping for first time since proclamation of statehood. Pressure on Israeli citizens from fedayeen attacks from Gaza Strip relieved by United Nations Emergency Force. (UNEF)

Pressure from United States and USSR forced Israel to withdraw from Gaza Strip and Sharm al Sheikh. Israel assured by the Eisenhower Administration that Suez Canal, Strait of Tiran, and Gulf of Aqaba would remain open to her shipping. No Israeli ship has passed through Suez since.

Feb. 1, 1957:

Secretary Dulles, in aide memoire to Foreign Minister of Israel, stated: "With respect to the Gulf of Aqaba and access thereto, the United States believes that the gulf comprehends international waters and that no nation has the right to prevent free and innocent passage in the gulf and through the straits giving access thereto. We have in mind not only commercial usage, but the passage of pilgrims on religious missions, which should be fully respected.

"In the absence of some overriding decision to the contrary, as by the International Court of Justice, the United States, on behalf of vessels of United States registry, is prepared to exercise the right of free and innocent passage and to join with others to secure recognition of this right."

1957 - 1963:

Egypt purchases one billion dollars of Soviet military hardware at 30-40% below world market prices.

By 1967, USSR had shipped Egypt two billion dollars in arms: 1300 medium and heavy tanks, 70 TU-16 and IL-28 bombers, 360 MIG supersonic fighters, Komar and Ground-to-ground missiles, 12 submarines, 14 torpedo boats, etc.

By 1967, USSR aid to Syria totaled one billion dollars in military hardware: 28 bombers, 105 MIG's, Komar and Atoll missiles, 18 missile boats, etc.

Ahmed Shukairy establishes army of terrorists: mercenaries, Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), for sabotage within Israel. Egypt, Soviet Union, and Communist China provide arms.

Jan. 1964:

Arab Cairo summit conference calls for United Arab Command against Israel, and decides two-phase campaign to prepare for war on Israel--1) launch new world-wide propaganda campaign against Israel and 2) divert fresh waters

of the Jordan, at its headwaters in Syria and Lebanon, depriving Israel of vital water supply.

Water diversion scheme followed Arabs' political rejection of technically acceptable water plan. (Eric Johnston's Jordan-Yarmuk plan for equal distribution of regional waters completed during Eisenhower Administration and accepted by Israel. Israel completed national water carrier system, 1963, in accord with plan. Syria urged Nasser to attack Israel.)

1964: President Johnson vigorously reaffirms Kennedy commitment. He received Prime Minister Levi Eshkol; their joint statement said, "The President reiterated United States support for the territorial integrity and political independence of all countries in the Near East and emphasized the firm opposition of the United States to aggression and the use of force or the threat of force against any country in the region."

March, 1965:

Syrians clear ground for main diversionary canal to deprive Israel of Jordan waters and turn these waters into the Mediterranean.

June, 1965:

At Cairo, Prime Ministers' Conference (second summit conference), Nasser says Arab unity requires more than conferences, and insists it requires "Arab revolutionary action" and renewed intensity of El Fatah (Syrian commando) terrorist and PLO commando tactics.

Sept. 1965:

Arab Summit Conference in Casablanca. Arab states united only in their intention to destroy Israel, but are deterred from immediate hostilities because of Israel's military capacity. Example: the governments of Lebanon and Jordan are not eager to go ahead with diversion of Israel's water supply unless they are strong enough to defend themselves against Israeli reaction which such projects may provoke.

Earlier decision to put aside \$560 million--\$56 million a year--in oil revenues to buy arms and train forces of three states bordering Israel (Jordan, Syria and Lebanon) is reported in effect.

1965 - 1967:

El Fatah terrorist groups (with military wing, Al Asifah) stage increased attacks through Syria, Jordan and Lebanon. PLO, headed by Ahmed Shukairy, ex-Nazi propagandist, operates with headquarters in Cairo.

Between early 1965 and April 1967, at least 94 acts of sabotage or attempted sabotage were perpetrated on Israeli territory. Of these, 31 launched from Syria, 54 from Jordan, 3 from Gaza Strip, and 9 from Lebanon.

January-July, 1966, at least 50 bombings take place; Israel responds in July, 1966, with air attack on water diversion dams on the upper Jordan.

July-November, 1966, at least 40 attacks, mostly through Jordan. Israel retaliates, in November, with ground attack on Jordanian village of El Samu, jumping off place for El Fatah.

September, 1966, Secretary General U Thant tells U.N. of concern about PLO activities in Gaza Strip. Their force estimated at 12,000; UNEF reduced to 3,959. In November, 1966, U.N. censures Israel for its retaliatory attack at El Samu. There is no official censure of Arab terrorist attacks.

January 25-March 28, 1967: Israel filed 790 formal complaints with Mixed Armistice Commission for violations along Syrian border. By May 5, 1967, at least 106 recorded reports of sabotage. April 7, Israel retaliates with air fight with Syrian planes.

Between January 3, 1965 and February 8, 1967, Israeli fatalities were: 30 soldiers; 40 civilians.

Jan. 1967:

U.N. Mixed Armistice Commission fails in efforts to ease border tensions at Sea of Galilee. Syria wants only to propagandize.

May 15: Syrians escalate terrorism; Egypt puts military forces on alert.

19: Egypt deploys forces along Israeli border. Cairo orders U.N. to withdraw UNEF; Thant agrees. Israel indicates partial call-up. PLO joins Egyptian forces on front line.

20: U.N. troops end 10-year mission.

22: Cairo calls up 100,000 reserves; Iraq promises aid; Egyptian warships head toward Gulf of Aqaba; road to Suez closed to civilian traffic. Jordan breaks diplomatic relations with Syria over bombing of car inside Jordan, resulting in 14 killed.

23: Cairo mines Strait of Tiran and bars Israeli shipping in Gulf of Aqaba. President Johnson, expressing grave concern over the most recent crisis, said: "The United States considers the gulf (of Aqaba) to be an international waterway and feels that a blockade of Israeli shipping is illegal and potentially disastrous to the cause of peace. The right of free, innocent passage of the international waterway is a vital interest of the international community." He reiterated "to the leaders of all the nations of the Near East what three Presidents have said before--that the United States is firmly committed to the support of the political independence and territorial integrity of all the nations of the area."

24: Thant in Cairo.

Moscow blames Israelis in crisis. U.N. Security Council meets.

25: Thant returns to New York to report to Security Council.

27: Thant reports to Security Council on Mideast crisis.

29: Security Council opens discussion on Mideast crisis.

May 26, 1967

Mr. Max M. Axelrod
State of Israel Bonds
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Cleveland, Ohio 44118

Dear Max:

I was glad to be of help.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf

May 26, 1967

Miss Dorothy Fuldheim
WEWS Television Station
Channel 5
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Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Dorothy:

I want to thank you for your graciousness yesterday and for your concern and interest in our attempt to interpret the present crisis. You were most gracious as always.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf

May 26, 1967

Mrs. Kenneth G. Weinberg
3015 Huntington Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44120

Dear Helen:

What can I say that will thank you adequately for the long day's work that went into the fact sheet. I am going to go over it first thing this morning and put it in the works for publication early next week. You are wonderful and I love you.


Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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ISRAELI CRISIS

5/26

Rabbi Grosse  Has about 20 volunteer workers
on stand-by. They could stuff envelopes on the
facts sheet.

-He has envelopes all addressed for West Side
ministers and congregations for any material to be
released. ~~7~~ suggesting that perhaps a propaganda
sheet could be drawn up from Press, Plain Dealer,
Jewish News and New York Times articles which
have appeared (such as we did for the two Zionist
meetings) along with the Statement of Principle which
I read to him over the phone.

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May 29, 1967

Mr. Alan Kandel
The Jewish Community Federation
1750 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Alan:

Ezra Shapiro told me today that some of the people at Federation were upset about our ad in the Sun Press of this week advertising our rally at Park Synagogue Thursday, June 1st. I gather that the reason for the feeling of annoyance was the signature on the ad "Cleveland Committee for Israel."

You will note that in the only other ad we took for the rally in the Jewish News was that of "Cleveland Israel Bond Committee." In all our publicity we are stating that the Cleveland Israel Bond Committee is sponsoring this event. The reason for the Sun Press signature being what it was is a very bald legal requirement. We cannot, in the general press, advertize anything in relationship to Israel Bonds which carries the phrase Israel Bonds or Development Corporation for Israel. This is a straight-forward Securities and Exchange Commission regulation. Only in the Jewish Press where it can be assumed that all readers have had the opportunity of seeing the Israel Bond prospectus can we so much as mention the phrase Israel Bonds. There was obviously no intention of any kind to make this appear anything than Israel Bond Rally. Certainly if we had such intention we would have gone far beyond the Sun Press in publicizing it in that manner. This is clearly an Israel Bond event and is not a political mass rally. We don't intend to collect signatures, we don't intend to ask people to take any action on behalf of Israel other than the purchase of Israel Bonds as a direct concrete personal expression of their concern for the very existence of the Jewish State.



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May 29, 1967

May I add that rallies of this nature are taking place in cities all over the country: Chicago, Los Angeles, Boston, to name but a few. I am sure that as I write this many more are being planned. You can be certain that we never, at any point, wished to take on the Federation job of representing the community in any way what-so-ever. We have enough problems of our own, particularly in these hectic days. Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank you and the Federation staff for all you have done and are doing in cooperation with the Israel Bond program. I've acquainted Dr. Schwartz with the cooperation of the Federation lay leadership and staff and he is very pleased about it.

Sincerely,

STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS

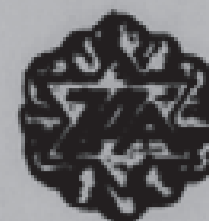
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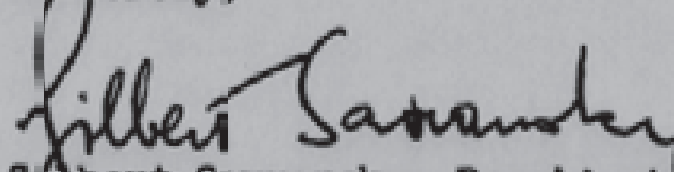
The Cleveland Zionist Emergency Council, constituted by the Z.O.A. earlier this week as an emergency measure under the joint Chairmanship of Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver and myself, calls upon you to join with us in doing all it can to aid Israel.

Earlier this week we urged you to send telegrams to President Johnson, Secretary Rusk, your senators and congressman. Since that time, the Emergency Council has had top level conferences with editorial boards of local newspapers and has met with radio and T.V. staffs to put before them the history and background of the present crisis in the Mideast, with a view to more balanced and responsible representations by the mass media.

A fact sheet was distributed to many Christian clergymen in the area through their Ministerial Associations and they were addressed at meetings by responsible Zionist spokesmen of our community in order to give them background information and make it possible for them to be informed members and spokesmen of the local community. Jewish youth leaders at the various colleges and universities in Cleveland were invited to work with us and they are bringing a more realistic picture of Israel's struggle to their classmates. It is essential that we gain the support of the non-Jewish community if we wish to make a more meaningful impact on legislators and others.

Because of this emergency, our activities have accelerated greatly and money is needed urgently by our national and local offices. We need your financial and membership support during these troubled times and if you have not yet paid your current dues of \$15.00, we appeal to you to do so at once. If you are not now on our rolls, join us in this time of grave danger to Israel.

Sincerely,


Gilbert Savransky, President
Cleveland Zionist District

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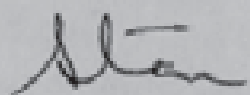
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I understand from June Mandel that you are upset about our holding a rally at Park Synagogue this coming Thursday night. I'm enclosing a letter I just sent to Alan Kandel in this matter and I wish to assure you again that this rally has no political overtones except in as much as we urge people to support Israel by the purchase of Israel Bonds.

Knowing of your wonderful cooperation with Israel Bonds over the years I am sure you understand our approach to the present problem.

Sincerely,

STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS


Stanley Kurman

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As a follow-up to my telephone call may I appraise you of the following information and urge your participation in the program. Due to the mobilization in Israel there is an acute need of able hands on the kibbutzim and moshavim to harvest the crops so desperately needed by the people of Israel.

To alleviate this shortage of manpower a special summer work program in Israel has been instituted. Participation is limited to men and women, ages 18 - 35. Exceptions in age will be made for people involved in professions and specialized areas. Candidates under 21 are requested to have a signed parental release. The candidate will be required to pay \$300.00 for transportation to Israel. However, financial assistance is available for those in need.

Provisions will be made for placement in religious kibbutzim for those desiring it.

It should be made quite clear that participants will not be involved in any type of military activity. This in no way diminishes the urgency of their task.

We would urge prompt action on this program and would like to send the first contingent immediately, if possible, from this area.

Please publicize this program from your pulpit and in your temple bulletin. I cannot stress enough the urgency of the manpower situation.

If you have any questions or interested people, please call 321-0757.

Most sincerely yours,

Shubert Spero

Rabbi Shubert Spero

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May 31, 1967

Mr. Stanley Kurman
State of Israel Bonds
2055 Lee Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44118

Dear Mr. Kurman:

I am not particularly upset. I am only concerned
that everyone pull together. I know what a job you
have ahead of you.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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RABBI DANIEL JEREMY SILVER, THE TEMPLE UNIVERSITY CIRCLE

AT SILVER PARK

CLEVELAND OHIO

URGENT REQUEST YOU GET CHRISTIAN CLERGYMEN AGREE TO SIGN FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO BE USED IN FULL PAGE AD. DECLARATION OF CONSCIENCE.

"PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM.", PSALM 122:6. AS CHRISTIANS, COMMITTED TO PURSUE PEACE AND TO OPPOSE EVIL, WE CANNOT REMAIN SILENT IN THE FACE OF THREATS BY ARAB LEADERS TO DESTROY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL. WE DEPLORE AND CONDEMN SUCH THREATS AS A SIN AGAINST GOD AND HUMANITY. WE THEREFORE CALL ON THE ADMINISTRATION FIRMLY TO MAINTAIN ITS COMMITMENT TO SAFEGUARD THE INTEGRITY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND RESTORE THE FREEDOM OF INNOCENT PASSAGE THROUGH THE GULF OF AQABA, AN INTERNATIONAL WATERWAY WHOSE BLOCKADE PRESIDENT JOHNSON

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RABBI SIDNEY L. REGNER EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT.

3015 Huntington Road
Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120
1 June 1967

Dear Rabbi Daniel,

Thank you very much for your letter and for the fact sheets which came today. I was glad to work on them and did not really do very much.

Enclosed here are excerpts from a letter written to me by an Israeli friend. His comments may serve us in defining our own best purposes.

Fondly,



Helen Weinberg

[June 1, 1967]

"[The situation] is nasty. Very dangerous, serious--frightening. Not because people think of a possibility of defeat--nobody takes that into account. The danger is in the war itself--the killing, the ruins, the a priori knowledge that another victory is not better than the existing nothingness. Somehow we do think only of war--nobody has one sound idea for peace, not even for a long-term policy. Nobody--in this country or in any other. The only sound proposal is to start a big organization for peace in the Middle East so that at least a lot of people will devote all their lives and thinking to the search for a solution. Uri Avineri has tried for years to convince our government to add a ministry of peace to its ministries, but nobody listens. I am sure [an American Jew] could lead a [peace organization for the Middle East] if it were started on a large scale or an international basis."

"[Israel] is forced by the two anti-Semitic dictatorships of Russia and Egypt to face an immediate situation of either a horrible war or terrible state of constant terror and ghetto-like encirclement. It may sound pathetic--it is. Whatever may be the reasons of Russia or Egypt, their policies and practices are anti-Semitic at home and abroad. I cannot understand why this truth does not become the mainline of our public relations policy."

"I imagine many people in the States asking themselves what they can do. I am sure many would be ready for deeds if they thought them to be more efficient than talk or protest."

"Many of those who went to the front in the last few days have participated in three wars. They hope for the best but allow themselves to think about the worst. What can be done? If I were an American Jew in the U. S. I would start a movement of Volunteers for Peace Service in Israel, even though the Israeli government is not encouraging it. Volunteering for civilian, peaceful jobs is not endangering to the volunteer's citizenship. If ever those people were needed and called or if they were able to find the means and courage to come and to manage their services (nursing, teaching, building, filling places of those who are mobilized to fight), they would create a new personal link of concern and solidarity between thousands of American Jewish families and Israel. This link is needed more than anything--as you, after your visit, know."

SAME LETTER SENT TO:

SEN. FRANK LAUSCHE
SEN. MINSHALL
CONGRESSMAN VANIK
CONGRESSMAN BOLTON

June 1, 1967

The Honorable Michael A. Feighan
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Congressman:

I want to tell you how grateful I have been for your understanding during these past days. It is important that America take vigorous action to secure the opening of international waters and to preclude the spread of communism in the Middle East.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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SUNDAY NIGHT A MAJOR COMMUNITY WIDE MEETING WILL BE HELD TO HELP RAISE SACRIFICIAL FUNDS. PLEASE URGE ATTENDANCE AT THAT MEETING WHENEVER POSSIBLE

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PLAZA 7-1300 CABLE ADDRESS: UJAPPEAL, NEW YORK

June 6, 1967

Dear Colleague:

The Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal, in response to the sudden crisis in the Middle East, has launched a special Israel Emergency Fund campaign. All contributions to this Fund will go directly and immediately for the support of our beleaguered brethren in Israel.

We join the leadership of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, Rabbinical Assembly and Rabbinical Council of America, in urging you to conduct an appeal in your congregation at worship services, or at a special gathering, for the outpouring of large gifts and their immediate redemption through the Welfare Fund of your community.

We call upon the Rabbinate to give top priority to the Israel Emergency Fund of the UJA in the days and weeks to come. We ask that June be declared Israel Emergency Fund month and that urgent pleas be made from the pulpit and in the Bulletin every week, and at the Shavuot Yiskor or confirmation service, for new donations and for the payment now of all outstanding commitments to current and past community campaigns.

Through our personal, exemplary giving we will convey to our constituents the extraordinary dimensions of the Israel Emergency Fund of the UJA.

Our people in Israel remain steadfast in their life and death struggle against overwhelming odds. They must not stand alone. World Jewry is mobilized and we in the United States, the most affluent Jewish community in the Diaspora, must show the way with bold and unprecedented giving to the Israel Emergency Fund.

Cordially,

Rabbi Irving Lehrman, Chairman
UJA Rabbinical Advisory Council

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P.S. Please coordinate the Congregation effort with the local Welfare Fund.

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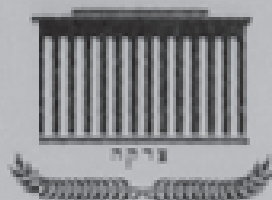
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June 7, 1967

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
The Temple
University Circle and Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Rabbi:

I am writing to confirm Sidney Vincent's invitation to you to participate in the two meetings which are scheduled for Sunday, June 11.

At the afternoon meeting at The Temple, we would like you to plan to conclude the meeting with a Benediction. As we now plan it, the meeting is called for 2:30. There will be comments by myself and Irving Kane before the guest speaker, and a fundraising effort led by a group of campaign leaders after. We would hope to adjourn by 4:30 p.m. and would plan on a five-minute prayer just before adjournment.

For the evening session, your assignment will be somewhat more demanding. This is more of a public meeting, not only for those of the Jewish community who will be present but for the larger community as well. It will, of course, require a great deal more in the way of orientation. We would like you, therefore, to be prepared to discuss the background to the present crisis in Israel and the American response to it. We would like you to speak in general terms about the events leading up to the crisis and the political and organizational efforts by Jewish groups in the United States. Later on, we will get into fundraising and will request those present to provide tangible support to the Israel Emergency Fund, so that the specifics of what is needed do not have to be covered in your talk. We will plan to have you speak just before our invited feature speaker.

Just to remind you of arrangements, the afternoon meeting is scheduled at our Temple at 2:30 p.m. The evening meeting will be held in the main Ballroom of the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel at 8:00 p.m.

I shall look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

Sincerely,

David N. Myers
President

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C.

June 8, 1967

REMARKS OF WILLIAM E.
MINSHALL, M. C.,
FLOOR OF THE HOUSE,
JUNE 8, 1967

The events of the past week underscore the importance of stability and lasting peace in the Near East. Israel has demonstrated her capacity and determination to fight for survival on the field of battle but the nations of the world must join forces to eliminate the necessity of repeating this struggle.

The United States of America participated with the world community in establishing the State of Israel. It is now our obligation to take the lead in assuring the development of this nation in the peace and tranquility which she has earned. No one can guarantee the future in an age of confusion and international tension, but we can assuredly take steps to prevent the constant recurrence of meaningless wars in this area of the world.

Our country, along with others dedicated to the preservation of peace, must undertake the difficult task of helping the people of Israel, and the people of the Arab world as well, to help themselves. The fantastic sums of money expended in the maintenance of military forces throughout the Middle East, if devoted to the establishment of schools, food production, medical care and industry could immeasurably raise the living standards of millions of destitute families and eliminate many of the sources of bitterness, misunderstanding and conflict which now exist.

It would be the sheerest folly to permit a new temporary armistice or military

truce which could be interrupted at the will of any party. What is needed in the Middle East is an earnest recognition of the grave danger that a new war in this area could quickly become a world-wide conflagration endangering every nation of the globe. We must not permit this knowledge to recede into the background.

Permanent peace can be established by men determined to achieve this goal.

I call upon America to lead in this effort.



WILLIAM E. MINSHALL

23rd District, Ohio

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U. S.

MEMORANDUM

June 8, 1967

Dear Rabbi -

Enjoyed our
brief visit - The
attached statement was
made on the floor today
following my conversation
with you and
Buchanan

[From the Lowell (Mass.) Sun, Apr. 20, 1967]
GUN CONTROL NEEDED

The leadership of the National Rifle Association showed something less than robust confidence in its position on gun control when it refused the other day to permit Senator Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts to address the delegates to its annual convention. He was only allowed to speak to a closed meeting of the association's board of directors.

The sad truth is that although the N.R.A. presents itself as an organization of rank-and-file sportsmen, it is heavily dependent upon gun manufacturers and dealers for advertising revenue in its journal and is opposing anything that might interfere with their profitable business.

In his remarks, Senator Kennedy had much the better of the argument, which is not surprising since his case is irrefutable. He pointed out that in this decade the number of civilians killed by firearms at home is many times the number of soldiers killed in Vietnam. In 1965 alone, 5400 murders, 34,000 assaults and most of the 68,000 armed robberies were committed with guns.

It is easy to argue that these crimes could have been carried out by other means. But advocates of gun-control legislation are making an effort to reduce the toll of death and suffering; they are not offering a panacea. Because a gun is easily concealed, readily available, and achieves its purpose immediately, it is the favorite weapon of the jealous lover, the excitable adolescent and the demented crank. No other weapon can make that claim.

The needless slaughter from misused guns makes it imperative to ban the sale of firearms through the mails and to require the registration of guns with the police. This would be no greater hardship for sportsmen than a driver's license is for automobile owners.

[From the Carlisle (Pa.) Sentinel,
Apr. 6, 1967]

DEATH AT THE ROADSIDE

First reports of a shooting death in a western state the other night indicate that the victim was shot in a roadside argument over his failure to dim his truck headlights. The incident again calls attention to an important—though rarely stressed—point in favor of proposed federal gun control legislation.

Opponents will be quick to note that nothing in the proposed law would have specifically averted this incident. The pistol used would be as readily available under the law as at present. That is true. It also is true that in the heat of argument death might have been inflicted with some other weapon—a tire iron, say.

Still, an intangible but nevertheless significant point should be given consideration—the likelihood that putting a federal gun control law on the books would make private gun-toting less popular than it now is. Enactment of such a law would move us a step further from the frontier climate that made it necessary and acceptable for every man to carry a gun for self-protection. We no longer live in that kind of society. It is high time for a change in our social climate—for a general adjustment to the concept that only the police in pursuance of their lawful duty have the right to turn a gun on another man.

There are other arguments in favor of reasonable gun control legislation along the lines now proposed by the Administration and supported by the Justice Department, the National Bar Association, the National Crime Commission and the National Association of Police Chiefs. But it is worth considering that had there not been a gun handy that man slain at the roadside would probably be alive.

HOSTILITIES BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ARAB NATIONS

Mr. LAUSCHE. Mr. President, I regret that I was not present during the entire time while the Senator from New York [Mr. JAVITS], who has just concluded his statement, was speaking concerning the conflict between the Israel and Arab nations. Our Government, in a measure, has been extremely fortunate within the last 2 weeks.

First, the Israelis, with great valor, have coped with the challenge that was directed at them by Nasser and his colleagues. They indicated a will to survive. In my opinion, heroism unequalled except in a few instances in the history of the world has been demonstrated by those fearless fighters of the Israel nation, in seeking to preserve themselves.

Second, this morning the very frightening news came over the airwaves that a U.S. research ship in the Mediterranean was torpedoed. It was not known by whom the torpedo was fired. The immediate inference was that it was either by a state of the Arab nations or by Red Russia. Tragically, four young men of the United States suffered death, and 53 bodily injury.

I shudder to think, however, how ominous and dangerous would have been the situation if the mistaken firing were upon a ship of Russia, and Russia refused to accept the explanation that it was a legitimate mistake.

The Israelis, through devotion to their cause, have solved the problem, with respect to the fighting, by themselves. Having in mind what happened in 1967 and fearing that there might be a repetition of it in 1967, extreme caution should be exercised by the United States so that there will not be reimposed upon the Israel nation conditions that will bring about in the future the same troublesome problem confronting it today.

The Israel nation, according to all indications, has defended itself and repelled the attack which had been threatened against it by the Arab leaders, especially Nasser, stating that Israel would be thrown into the Mediterranean and delivered to oblivion as far as history was concerned.

But the problem is not yet solved. What will be the structure of conditions among the nations in the Middle East and the nations of Great Britain, France, Russia, and other leading nations after the firing has stopped?

In reading the statement of the Senator from New York [Mr. JAVITS], I observed his gratitude to the United Nations that a cease-fire resolution was unanimously adopted. Commendation should be given to the Israelis for their declaration that they would comply with the order provided there was an indication to a similar effect on the part of Nasser and his cohorts. The Arabs have refused to abide by the request of the United Nations.

I assume that the firing will come to an end, but when it does, a serious problem confronting our country and other countries will arise. I have certain thoughts about what ought to be done. I do not claim any positiveness of judgment. My thoughts have been reached by deliberation; yet I do not want to

claim that they are impeccable and infallible.

These are the conclusions that I have reached:

No. 1. The Gulf of Aqaba and the Strait of Tiran must be declared to be international waters, open for navigation to all innocent, moving ships of all the nations of the world.

No. 2. In connection with the Strait of Tiran and the Gulf of Aqaba, no action should be taken by the United States or by any other nation that will in any respect weaken the position achieved by the Israelis in the occupation of the lands immediately contiguous to their state, except with the granting of full and adequate guarantees developed by the United Nations or by any combination of nations, including the United States, that the entry to and exit from Ellat shall be open to all the nations of the world.

No. 3. The existence of Israel as an established nation, entitled to occupy the land upon which they now live, should become accepted as a fact by all nations and all peoples of the world. Completely refuted must be the repeated declarations that the Israeli will be thrown into the sea and assigned to permanent historic oblivion.

They have demonstrated great success in the building of Israel. Their achievements in the development of their economy, and in persuading what was dead and sterile land to produce food and vegetation, constitute one of the most remarkable accomplishments by any nation in modern history, if not in the entire history of the world.

The territorial security of Israel should be accepted. The United Nations—or if not the United Nations, a combination of nations—should provide security forces to insure that trespasses against peace shall not recur in the future as they have in the past. Such security forces should be placed in that area to demonstrate and declare to the Arab nations that the existence of Israel must be accepted as an actual, permanent, and living fact.

No. 4. What shall happen to the Suez Canal? Shall the Israel nation be barred from its use? I have views upon this subject which may be challengeable. I cannot speak with any degree of certainty upon the issue, but in my opinion, the Suez Canal should be declared to be a waterway freely available for innocent use by all the nations of the world. To achieve that end, it may be necessary to place the Suez Canal under some form of international control and operation.

The query then immediately arises: What shall be done with the Panama Canal? Shall it be declared to be an international seaway, open to innocent passage by all peoples of the world?

My own belief is that if the Suez Canal is put under the control of an international agency, it would inevitably follow, to be consistent, the Panama Canal likewise would have to be so placed. That statement will be challenged, I know, but the subject is worthy of thorough exploration. I believe that every nation in the world should be concerned about the maintenance of the principle of freedom of the seas for the open and general use of all nations of the world.

We come, then, to a further problem that is involved in the area: Should the United States begin directing and dictating what the settlement should be? Mr. President, my answer is "No." If we dictate what the settlement should be, we cannot escape the responsibility of eventually securing the settlement, as made under our dictation.

We cannot tell the Israeli to get out of the land contiguous to the Tiran Strait. The matter should be left to the contesting parties for decision. If, however, outside dictation should enter the controversy, that outside intervention should not be by the United States alone, but by the United Nations; and if the United Nations does not get into it, then by a combination of nations.

Peace seems to lie ahead, but many problems must yet be solved. Those problems should be solved in a manner that will assure that there will not be a repetition of what happened in 1957 and in 1967, but on the basis that there shall be permanent peace in the area.

The question has arisen, Mr. President: What shall happen to Jerusalem, especially that portion of it which is now in the Jordanian nation? I am not prepared to speak on that subject. I do know that the prong or knob of Jordan which extends into the body of Israel has been a very delicate problem. One cannot help feeling moved by the picture, in the morning newspaper, showing Jewish youth pleading, praying, and crying at the Wailing Wall, which they feel was theirs 1,500 to 2,000 years ago.

I conclude, Mr. President, by expressing my deep faith and joy in the valor that has been exhibited by the youth of Israel. My prayers is that similar valor and patriotism may be found in full measure in our American youth.

Mr. JAVITS. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. LAUSCHE. I yield.

Mr. JAVITS. I have listened with great interest to the Senator's speech, which to me was thoughtful and perceptive.

The Senator is a member of the Committee on Foreign Relations. I do not wish to go into the details of what the Senator has stated at this particular time. There are issues upon which he himself reserves decision.

I am grateful that the Senator from Ohio feels whatever may be the pain and anguish—and there will be a great deal—that this will be the time to come to grips with and settle the problem in the Middle East, if we can, so that we will not have another truce or cease-fire and lay it over and let the rest of the world be exacerbated time and time again by what happens there, including the laceration of the miserable and unhappy millions of people in the Near East.

Mr. LAUSCHE. Mr. President, I am very glad to have the Senator express his views on the subject.

Unless the United Nations, or a combination of nations, devote themselves jointly to the preservation of peace and the insurance of the continued life of those nations in the Middle East, we might as well expect a repetition in the future of what has now happened.

Mr. JAVITS. I thank the Senator.

Mr. LAUSCHE. In conclusion—and I have said this to the Senator from New York—I am glad to see that he has found a bit of relaxation from the tension through which he has lived in the last week.

I could not help expressing admiration for him because it was apparent that in the problem confronting our country and Israel, the Senator from New York gave of himself deeply in work and worry and effort to produce a result that would be helpful to the world.

Mr. JAVITS. I thank the Senator very much.

"STOP BOMBING." SAY BUSINESSMEN

Mr. HARTKE. Mr. President, even though the crisis in the Middle East has absorbed public attention in recent days, the war in Vietnam still maintains its persistent vexations and dangers.

Opposition to our Vietnam policy has included a variety of statements by organized groups, often in paid advertisements as well as in statements directed to the President. The groups have included churchmen, professors, students, lawyers, scientists, architects, and ad hoc groups of citizens.

Significantly, some of these are groups which traditionally have taken no public position on matters outside their range of professional interest. Certainly this has been the case with businessmen. But recently, and significantly, a delegation of five business leaders, four of them corporate presidents and one a board chairman, personally came to Washington to deliver an appeal on behalf of some 300 similar businessmen protesting our Vietnam policy. Subsequently their appeal appeared as a five-column advertisement in the New York Times of May 28. More than half of the signers are presidents or board chairmen of their companies.

Mr. President, because of the unusual significance of this occurrence, which reflects the growing alienation of responsible leaders of the country from our current policy, I ask that an article from the Washington Star describing their mission in presenting the appeal to the White House, and the text of the advertisement, complete with names and identifications, may appear in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

There being no objection, the article was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

BUSINESSMEN HIT VIET POLICY, SUPPORT THANT

More than 300 business leaders from throughout the country today expressed opposition to the Johnson administration's policies in Vietnam and called for increased U.S. initiatives to end the war.

"We believe that this war is against our national and world interests on moral and practical grounds," they said in a letter addressed to President Johnson and signed by business executives from 26 states and the District of Columbia.

"Whatever may have been the reason for past involvement, the U.S. is now in a situation in which the risks we are running and the price we are paying seem to us to be out of proportion to any possible benefit that can be reasonably foreseen for the South Viet-

namese, for the U.S. and for the free world," the letter stated.

BACK THANT PLAN

The businessmen called on the government to follow the three-step solution proposed earlier this year by United Nations Secretary General U Thant—a halt of the bombing, de-escalation of military activities and negotiation with all parties involved in the hostilities.

Their letter recalled a speech by Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara, in which he said:

"Neither conscience nor sanity itself suggests that the U.S. could be or should be a global gendarme . . . Certainly we have no charter to rescue foundering regimes who have brought violence upon themselves by deliberately refusing to meet the legitimate expectations of their citizenry."

The businessmen said, "We agree with the secretary. We believe his words are applicable to the Vietnamese situation today."

More than half of the signers of the letter are company presidents or board chairmen and more than half have served in the armed forces, their spokesmen said.

FIVE-MAN DELEGATION

The letter was brought to Washington by a five-man delegation, and was delivered to Donald Ropa, a staff member of the National Security Council. Representing the signers were:

William F. Fischer Jr., of Philadelphia, president of the Fischer Machine Co.

Henry E. Niles, of Baltimore, board chairman of the Baltimore Life Insurance Co.

Ervin A. Salk, of Chicago, president of Salk, Ward and Salk, a mortgage brokerage firm, and a former member of the staff of Gen. Douglas A. MacArthur during the U.S. occupation of Japan.

Lee B. Thomas Jr., of Louisville, president of the Vermont American Corp., manufacturer of machine tools.

Sidney Unger, of New York, founder and president of the Kord Manufacturing Co., manufacturer of electric fans and heaters.

STOP THE WAR, MR. PRESIDENT—WE BUSINESS EXECUTIVES BELIEVE, ON MORAL AND PRACTICAL GROUNDS, THAT THE WAR IN VIETNAM IS NOT IN OUR NATIONAL OR WORLD INTEREST

(NOTE.—Over 300 business executives—more than half presidents or chairmen of their companies—signed the following open letter:)

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: We, the undersigned American business executives, most of whom have served at least once in the Armed Services of the United States, protest against escalation of the war in Vietnam. We believe this war is against our national interest and world interest. We feel this on moral and practical grounds.

Whatever may have been the reasons for past involvement, the United States is now in a situation in which the risks we are running and the price we are paying seem to us to be out of proportion to any possible benefit that can reasonably be foreseen for the South Vietnamese, for the United States, or for the Free World.

Secretary McNamara in his speech in Montreal on May 18, 1966, said:

"But neither conscience nor sanity, itself, suggests that the United States is, should, or could be the Global Gendarme . . ."

"The United States has no mandate from on high to police the world, and no inclination to do so . . ."

"Certainly we have no charter to rescue foundering regimes who have brought violence on themselves by deliberately refusing to meet the legitimate expectations of their citizenry."

We agree with the Secretary. We believe his words are applicable to the Vietnamese situation today.

June 9, 1967

Dr. Bernard Martin
Religion Department
Western Reserve University
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Bernie:

I read with pleasure the statement that you made at the Service for Peace on the 5th. I only wish that I could have been here to hear it.

Again, my deepest thanks for being willing to pitch in at such a late moment. I have heard the most wonderful things about the service.

I will call you the first of the week. As always,

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

Djs:mgm

June 9, 1967

The Honorable Charles H. Percy
Old Office Senate Building
Room 431
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

Again, may I express to you my appreciation of your speech last night. You cut to the quick of the matter which is stability in the Middle East and the urgency of a forthright policy by our government towards those ends. I am grateful also that you understood Israel's position from the very beginning. There are any number of fair-weather friends who jump on a band wagon, but you spoke out when it was important to do so. I am grateful for that understanding.

May I add a word about those who fled Israel in 1948. They were not driven out by Israeli terror but commanded to leave by Arab generals. Israel has made several offers to recompense those who lost land and property. Unfortunately, because of the intransigent hate of the Arab world these people have been kept in what amounts to reservations or camps and not allowed to integrate into the economy. The camps have been kept open because of their political value. There is, of course, an urgent need to come to some solution for this serious problem, but that solution must reflect the complicity and responsibility of the Arab states in aggravating the problem. For nineteen years the Arab

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states have condemned these people to a half life though there are vast lands in Jordan, Iraq and Saudi Arabia which require men for irrigation and farming.

I wish you God speed in your career.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:mgm

Mina N. Elecnin
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June 11, 1967

Rabbi Daniel Silver
The Temple
Carnel Rd - Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

To date, several most inspiring speakers were heard by the 2000 people who attended the Israeli Rally at the Cleveland Sheraton Hotel. I was among them and thought it may please you to know that many of the listeners as they were leaving the Auditorium were commenting on how beautifully you spoke.

To a performer, the echo of applause seems so distant and often its meaning is not always clear. The applause for you was sincere and your efforts were greatly appreciated.

It is very likely that your Dad heard you to date and was most proud of you,
Rabbi Daniel.

Sincerely,
Mina Elecnin

Draft #1

Address: J. Day Con Fed @ Clear Library [June 11, 1967]

Two remarkable events occurred during the course of the past few days. ^{NOT REMARKABLE} ~~Paramount~~ ^{was} the climactic ^{Triumph} ~~victory~~ of Israel over the ^{bellicient} thirteen Arab states, who ~~had conspired for years against her survival~~ ^{very existence}.

Allah would have no part of the holy war being waged in his name; ^{AND NO CAUSE MORE HONOUR. THEN SENDING} for no war is holy. ~~In time of war a nation must defend itself against~~

~~the frenzy and blood lust of its neighbors. Civilized nations go to war~~

~~only as a last resort~~ only when reason is powerless ^{AND} ~~and~~ the

maddened hold a knife to their throat. Israel went to war ^{when} and it became

clear that ^{TERRIBLE LOSS} ~~its neighbors~~ were mesmerized by the ^{vision of blood lust} ~~poisonous demagoguery~~

of Nasser ~~and it became clear that~~ there was no alternative,

~~and that~~ The Great Powers counselled ^{but} ~~patience~~ ^{anyway} ~~and were powerless~~ only after anxious weeks of patient waiting for the great nations to take

TO EFFECT RELIEF, ~~and~~ ^{AKABA} REMAINED CLOSED. ~~THE ARMS~~ political action. ~~There was no effective political action.~~ There was no

build up ^{ARMED} ~~ARMED~~ ^{TERRORISM} ~~CONTINUED~~ ^{FINALLY} ~~they~~ let up in the hostilities. It was a massive build up of arms and men

^{WAS A FRONTAL ATTACK} and finally there was a frontal attack

Strategists have ^{SUGGESTED} ~~written~~ that Israel threw away much of the advantage

of its organization and mobilization ^{SUPERIOR} ~~in the~~ ^{DURING THOSE} weeks of waiting. ^{FOR CIVILIZED NATIONS} History will

^{GO TO WAR ONLY AS A LAST RESULT - ONLY WHEN THE REASON IS} record that every avenue was explored that might lead to peaceful coexistence.

^{POWERLESS AND THE MADDED} ~~AND THE MADDED~~ ^{HOLD A KNIFE AT THEIR THROAT} ~~Israel went to war to protect life and nation and she did so quickly and~~

~~decisively.~~ ^{decisively} ~~decisively~~. The battles of the six-day war are being

compared to the ^{duel} ~~battle~~ of a youthful David and ^{the} ~~a~~ giant Phillistine ^{warrior} ~~Goliath~~.

"So, David prevailed over the Phillistine with a sling and a stone and smote the Phillistine and slew him. "But there was no sword in the hand of David."

"But there was no sword in the hand of David." Israel has never been a truculent or belligerent nation. ~~When pushed to the wall we fight well.~~

^{WAR} ~~But war~~ is not our metier. Violence does not come naturally to us. We

much prefer the silence of peace to the shriek of war.

BEFORE THE WAR
THERE WERE NO Frenzied
EXHORTATIONS IN JERUSALEM
Typically, there

AND EVEN NOW THERE HAVE BEEN

~~were~~ no massive victory celebrations in Tel Aviv, ~~or Haifa~~. Rather

EVER NOW serious discussion ~~went on~~ ^{ARE UNDERWAY TO SEE} - how the abortion of a holy war ^{CAN} be

transformed into the live birth of a stable security. Israel does not

bestride the Middle East with a brandished sword. Radio Israel

does not call for conquest. ~~On ~~existence~~ Captives of war~~ are not

paraded to ~~create~~ ^{SPREAD} terror ^{Abroad} among ~~the weaker neighbors~~. Rather the

advantages of negotiation are openly discussed, ~~to create the will to~~ ^{THE WILLINGNESS IS IN}

~~transform a cease fire to a stable peace.~~ ^{TREATY NOT TRIUMPH}

I referred to two remarkable events, ~~which had occurred over the~~
past ~~several days~~. Military ~~victories~~ ^{victories} made the headlines. ~~In an~~ ^{Yet we must not overlook}

~~equally dramatic fashion, but unseen to the larger community, our~~
~~scattered habitations~~ ^{COALESCE, UNITED, AND BECAME}

~~coalesced swiftly and completely into one people.~~

^{8/12/48} The people of Israel ceased to be a figure of oratory and became a

fact of life. Without prompting ~~faith came as a family~~ ^{WE CAME - ALL OF US -} to offer prayers

of release and to share our programs of relief, ~~even as the Israeli~~

~~defense forces mobilized, hundreds of programs of material aid and~~

~~support were set in motion in our communities.~~ Physicians and nurses

^{To} ~~enplaned~~ care for the casualties. College students volunteered to harvest

the spring wheat crop. Large sums to sustain essential services were

pledged and quickly dispatched. Men of position were alerted and briefed.

~~for~~ Organizational rivalries and ideological differences were forgotten. ^{WE}

^{BECAME} ~~was~~ one household ^{WE - ALL OF US} of Israel and it was ~~large with a long family~~. For

some years pessimists ~~among us~~ have wrung their hands about the vanishing

Jew. ~~Previously~~ A Television program was scheduled in Cleveland

two Sundays ago on that ^{VERY} ~~same~~ subject. Had I had the time I would have

relished going on that program to say, here they are, ^{your} the students,
your intellectuals, ^{JUDA ACTIVE} ~~socialists~~ and your unaffiliated. ^{They are active and you can't} Here they are - ^{All of them} all of them
proffering aid, volunteering services, promising support. " Tonight
we can say with a full heart ^{12 11 38 1 p 8} "This
people Israel lives." ~~Not only has~~ the state of Israel ^{has} survived, but
~~genocidal attack~~ Throughout the diaspora ~~an~~ Israel has ^{COME} ~~become~~ alive,
coalesced and become one.

Both events, ^{The} battlefield victories and the newly vigorous ^{community} ~~victory~~
~~Israel~~ will have far-reaching ^{CONSEQUENCES, THE URGENT WORK OF THE} ~~repercussions~~. We ~~know now~~ that all
^{LAST WEEKS HAS SHOWN THAT} the old ideological divisions are ^{buried} ~~over~~. There are no Zionists and anti-
Zionists. There are no ^{FUNDAMENTAL DEMANDS} ~~philanthropists, no congregationalists~~. There
is only one household ~~of~~ Israel - ready, willing and able to do all
that is necessary to sustain and invigorate Jewish life.

The successful passage of arms in the Middle East ^{has brought} ~~brings~~ respect.
In Washington this past week a member of the State Department showed
me a colored plate. Pictured was a fur-capped and long-coated Hasid
entering a telephone booth beginning to disrobe. His open cloak revealed ^{AND} ~~revealed~~
^{AND blue suited} the muscled figure of a superman. Prejudicial stereotypes are once
again smashed. But, far more significant, ~~far more lasting~~ than this
newly-found approval which all of us have sensed, is the tide of self-respect
which has swept through our community. We have drawn closer to each
other. There has been a flood of family feeling. We are confident we
^{EQUAL TO THE DEMANDS NOW TO BE MADE ON US} will be able to ~~do all that needs to be done~~ to support the long and costly
work of rebuilding ~~of~~ damaged institutions, healing broken bodies and re-
juvenating ^{AN} economy which has been bled by the ^{COST} ~~economies~~ of war. We
are confident also, that this unity will bless ^{our} ~~this~~ community in a thousand
ways. All of our activities, communal and congregational, supportive and

political, will be strengthened ^{by our new found unity} ~~by a faith family~~ - which knows and has ~~matured and in respect shares~~ concern.

Critical days lie close ahead. ^{AND THOSE WHO} There will ~~be those who~~ seek to sabotage the peace and to return Israel to that condition of insecurity in which she found herself just six short days ago. ^{CAN ANYONE SINCE} ~~The lesson in 1956~~

^{FORGET THE LESSON OF SINAI} ~~is clear to all of us.~~ Ten years ago Israel stood at the banks of the Suez. The ^{AMBITIONS} ~~machinations~~ of the great powers and the ~~hyper~~ self-righteousness of those who should have been Israel's friends, turned that opportunity into ~~ashes~~ ^{ashes} that ~~war~~ ^{SAME} war had to be fought all

over again. Roll back, they will say, ^{El Sherk} Give back the near bank of Suez and Sharem ~~El Sherk~~ and the maritime powers will guarantee free passage. Some will propose United Nations peace-keeping forces behind the old boundaries. They will argue that Syria, Egypt, Jordan and Iraq must be rearmed for reasons of internal security. Ten years ago Israel pulled back and accepted the promises of free passage and the proposal of a United Nations peace-keeping force and ^{PROMISES NOT TO EXPLOIT PASSIONS AND HEAT} ~~watched helplessly as~~ the arms race, tightened.

^{10 YEARS LATER SHE HAD TO GAMBLE HER VERY EXISTENCE TO UNDO THE} Can any one wonder if Israel is now adamant, ~~that~~ Israeli intransigence ^{AS SURE AS WE ARE HERE} would be ~~criticized~~ ^{AS A} and blocked to world peace. Pressures of all kinds

will mount. But, ^{NOW} ~~somehow~~ I can not believe that this community, ^{THE LADDER} this ^{HOUSEHOLD OF ISRAEL WILL SUSTAIN} ~~family which has been reunited,~~ ^{AND} will lose its unity or its sense of shared

responsibility. Who among us will argue that in the interest of community relations we ought to pressure Israel to make major concessions. Why should Israel make concessions? ~~Shax~~ What concessions have been made to her? Did America show her flag at Tiran? ^{did} ~~Would~~ the world community keep the United Nations forces in Sinai? ^{did} ~~Would~~ Russia ^{RESTRAIN} ~~moderate~~ its arms shipments to Nasser? It is one thing to negotiate and quite another to

[↓] HAVE THE ARABS EVER ACCEPTED NON AGGRESSION?

recapitulate. Why should Israel release territory to ~~Arab~~ states who still proclaim their intentions to destroy?

The state of Israel will set its own terms. I am encouraged ~~by~~ ~~our new spirit~~ to feel that the diaspora will help ~~to~~ keep ~~the~~ ^{her claims} clear and not knuckle over to the blandishments of those who find Israel only ~~a difficulty~~ ^{AN EMBARRASSMENT TO} in the proper exploitation of Arab oil ^{AND} in Mid-Eastern power politics.

Not only for the sake of Israel but for the sake of ~~this~~ ^{the} nation ~~we~~ ^{we} must emphasize again and again the absolute bankruptcy of the old ~~notions~~ ^{NOTIONS} of the State Department and of the United Nations. ~~For it must be said~~ ^{Let it be} and repeated ~~again and again that~~ Israel these past days fought not only

for her survival but for the survival of all the values that America holds dear. ^{ISRAEL SAVED THE U.S. WHICH IS THE MIDDLE EAST} A week ago the triumph of Nasserism and ~~the~~ ^{the} Soviet influence in the Mid East seemed complete. Our so-called friends ~~of the West in~~ ^{Then} ~~Tunisia, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon hastened to Cairo, in June 1967~~ ^{TO ENLIT IN THE LEGIONS OF HATE} ~~to mark the triumph of these~~ Ideologies that set more value on the strength of one's army than on the strength of one's people, on revolutionary governments rather than on social revolution, ^{SEEMED TO HAVE TRIUMPHED} Now the triumph of mischief ^{AND} mendacity is not certain. Forces of moderation and stability have a

second chance. But a changed Middle East will not come about easily. ^{THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE MIDDLE EAST HAVE} The oil lobbies have done their work well. The ~~United~~ ^{UNION OF} Soviet Socialist Republic is already shipping new armaments to Egypt. The United Nations ^{SPREAD PAN AND WIDE} has become a sounding board for ~~mundane~~ ^{DISCLOSURE} propaganda and deceit. I have ^{NEVER} even heard it suggested that the rusty and ~~unused~~ ^{UNUSED} American ~~commitment~~ ^{GUARANTEES} of territorial integrity ^{BE BROUGHT INTO FORCE TO LOSE OF} should be ~~brought out~~ ^{OF 1947} now to force Israel to return ^{PROPAGANDA} quickly to the armistice lines so ~~that she will bargain from weakness rather~~ ^{than from strength.}

This week Israel fought America's battle. The time ^{for} of reciprocation is at hand. In the Mid East Israel's strength is America's strength. It would be utter folly if American ~~hesitated~~ ^{began} again those policies of uncertainty and timidity - sending ^{JUST} just enough arms to contain the Soviet Union but not enough fire power to arm Israel. ^{SENDING JUST ENOUGH FOOD - JUST} ~~This has been our so-called policy these past years.~~ The shelling of Jerusalem was carried out by American guns. ^{Let us be clear on this} // ~~Now~~ the United States is not responsible for the tragic events in the Middle East. We did not enflame the impoverished ^{MASS OF} ~~males~~ with hate. We did not ^{begin the running of} ~~callously~~ the unpredictable and the unstable, but we did become morally self-righteous after the Sinai campaign ~~of 1956~~. We have consistently failed to put our position squarely on the line. In ^{Despite claims we do not show the flag at} ~~the~~ ^{TIRAH} the last ten years no American diplomat ^{even} ~~has ever~~ spoken of direct negotiations ^{Backwards were offensive to} ~~between~~ ^{delicate Arab ears. American equivocation encouraged} ~~by the~~ Israel and her Arab neighbors, lest we ~~do~~ offend the Arabs. No one respects weakness even in a great power. The test of effectiveness is not the ^{EXTENT ONLY} ~~test~~ of the arsenal but the consistency of your policy. ^{THOUGH NO ONE} ~~No one~~ can foresee the course of events these next weeks and months. ^{NOW MUST} ~~But~~ this much is clear. America ~~needs to~~ stand up and be counted. The Mid East is not a problem which can be dumped in the lap of the United Nations. The United Nations is neither a friendly arena ^{AN} ~~more~~ effective ^{ARCHITECT} ~~instrument~~ of policy. Russia will not allow constructive action, ^{THE WORLD IS WEARY OF WORDY EMPTY DEBATE} ~~these.~~ America's ~~public high mindedness~~ will be exploited. ^{must} ~~There is a need for~~ America ~~to~~ make it unmistakably clear ^{where her interest and support lie, she must offer} ~~that she~~ is not only economic support for her Mid-Eastern ally but ^{EXPLAIN THAT} ~~that~~ economic and political sanctions await those who balk at a larger settlement. ^{NOW} American policy will not change easily. ^{THE ANTI-SEMITISM} ~~Both~~ casts of mind ^{is deep in the state dept.} ~~come set,~~ Already I read ~~that~~ columnists speak of the need for ^{who}

^{The old wounds of FEAR, HAVE WE}
American neutrality. ^{NOT LEARNED THAT} We ~~will~~ not keep our ties in the Arab world by
^{can} indecision. ^{What else did} This ~~was~~ ^{can} proven ^{reach us.} during the last week of May, 1967. Let us

stand for what we believe and ^{WITH} ^{IN} those whom we believe. Time and
economics will work their inevitable ^{make} change. The Arab world can

neither eat nor drink its oil. Arab business must trade with the West.

^{AM ENCOURAGED TO BELIEVE THAT DURING}
I ~~can not but believe~~ that these months of political pressure ~~by the~~ ^{OUR}

^{UNITED ARAB} united community will remain energetic and ~~united~~. ~~That~~ ^{we} will say ^{TO}

^{OUR NEIGHBORS} to the ~~world~~ the hammer of history is even now fashioning new instrumentalities.

~~That~~ Israel is the anvil which bears the stroke of humanity. This is a noble

role but frankly, we are a little tired of that role. We have been noble

and beaten for so long we now want to be noble and secure. ~~So much is~~

~~done for us.~~ Can we not expect freedom-loving nations of the ~~world~~ to

~~understand our needs and theirs,~~ to take some of the blows with us, ^{AND}

^{FORGIVE} The ^{EXISTING} ^{PEACE} WE ALL

SEEK

Draft #2

Two remarkable events occurred during the course of the past few days. ^{The} Most remarkable, of course, was the climactic triumph of ^{the armies of} Israel over thirteen ~~belligerent~~ Arab states ^{determined on her extinction.}

Allah would have no part of the ^{so-called} holy war being waged in his name; for no war is holy and no crime more ^{heinous} ~~heinous~~ than genocide. Israel went to war ^{only} when it became clear that there was no alternative. The great powers counselled patience but were powerless to effect relief. Aqaba remained closed. The arms build-up raced ahead. Terrorism continued. Finally there was ^{direct} a frontal attack.

Strategists have suggested that Israel threw away much of the advantage of its superior organization and mobilization during these weeks of waiting. ^{Speed of} Civilized nations go to war only as a last resort - only

when reason is powerless and the maddened hold a knife at their throat.

^{During those days of anxious waiting I was reminded of} ~~The battles of the six-day war are being compared to the duel of a~~ youthful David and the giant Phillistine warrior Goliath. "So, David ^{the biblical description of}

prevailed over the Phillistine with a sling and a stone and smote the

Phillistine and slew him. But there was no sword in the hand of David."

"But, there was no sword in the hand of David." Israel has never been a

truculent or ^{belliose} ~~belligerent~~ nation. War is not our metier. Violence does

not come naturally to us. We much prefer the silence of peace to the

shriek of war. Before ^{hostilities} ~~the war~~ there were no frenzied exhortations in

Jerusalem. ^{No shouts "kill, ravage, destroy"} ~~Even now~~ there have been no massive victory celebrations in

Tel Aviv. Israel would have preferred peace, ^{but} Arab hate, Russian

^{no shouts of "on to greater conquests"} mendacity and Western impotency left no alternative. Israel did not

shout for war, ^{Israel does not glory} ~~or glory~~ in victory - rather she accepted her ^{hard} duty, ^{and understanding} sighed

in relief ^{at her success and immediately began} ~~and now~~ serious discussions ~~are underway~~ to see how the

abortion of a holy war can be transformed into the live birth of a stable

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~~security~~ Israel does not bestride the Middle East with a brandished sword. Radio Israel does not call for conquest. Captives are not paraded to spread terror abroad. ~~Rather the advantages of negotiation are openly discussed.~~

The emphasis is on treaty not triumph. ~~Victory has meaning only if it is a prelude to security.~~

I referred to two remarkable events. Military victories made the headlines. ~~I FOR ONE WAS OVERWHELMED BY THE DRAMATIC IF UNSUNG~~ Yet we must not overlook the dramatic fashion in which our SPIRIT WHICH MOVED IN OUR AND QUICKLY UNITED US AS ONE scattered habitations ~~coalesced, united, and became one people.~~ F.H.C. P8

The people of Israel ceased to be a figure of oratory and became a fact of life. Without prompting we came - all of us - to offer prayers of release and to share ~~our~~ ⁱⁿ programs of relief. Physicians and nurses enplaned to care for the casualties. College students volunteered to harvest the spring wheat crop. Large sums to sustain essential services and were pledged/quickly dispatched. Men of position were alerted and briefed. Organizational rivalries and ideological differences were forgotten. We became one household. We - all of us. For some years pessimists ^{had} ~~have~~ wrung their hands ^{over} ~~about~~ the vanishing Jew. A Television program ^{had} ~~was~~ ^{been} scheduled ^{ON A LOCAL STATION} in ~~Cleveland~~ two Sundays ago on that very subject. Had I had the time I would have relished going on that program to say, "here they are, your students, your intellectuals, ^{the} ~~your~~ active and ^{the} ~~your~~ unaffiliated. Here they are - all of them, proffering aid, volunteering services, promising support."

Tonight, we can say with a full heart ^{12 F.H.C. P8} "This people Israel lives." The state of Israel has survived. Throughout the Diaspora Israel has come alive, coalesced and become one.

Both events, the battlefield victories and the newly vigorous community will have far-reaching consequences. The urgent work of ^{THESE PAST DAYS} ~~the last weeks~~ has shown that the old ideological divisions are buried. There are no

Zionists and anti-Zionists. There are no fundamental cleavages. There is only one household - Israel, ready, willing and able to do all that is necessary to sustain and invigorate Jewish life.

^{ISRAEL}
~~The~~ successful passage of arms ~~in the Middle East~~ has brought respect. In Washington this past week a member of the State Department showed me a colored plate. Pictured was a fur-capped and long-coated Hasid entering a telephone booth and beginning to disrobe. His open cloak revealed the muscled and blue-suited figure of a superman. Prejudicial stereotypes are once again smashed. But, far more significant, than this newly-found approval which all of us have sensed, is the tide of self-respect which has swept through our community. We have drawn closer to each other. There has been a flood of family feeling. We are confident we will be equal to the ^{heavy} demands soon to be made on us to support the long and costly work of rebuilding damaged institutions, healing broken bodies and rejuvenating an economy ^{disrupted} ~~which has been~~ ^{upheaved} ~~by the~~ ~~cost~~ of war. ~~I am~~ ^{I am} confident also, that this unity will bless our community in a thousand ways. All of our activities, communal and congregational, supportive and political, will be strengthened ^{- AND WILL NEED TO BE} ~~by our community~~.

Critical days lie close ahead. There are those who seek to sabotage the peace and to return Israel to that condition of insecurity in which she found herself just six short days ago. Can anyone forget the lesson of Sinai? Ten years ago Israel stood ^{AS SHE NOW STANDS} at the banks of the Suez. The ambitions of the great powers and the self-righteousness of those who should have been Israel's friends ^{NEAR TRAGEDY} turned that opportunity into ~~ashes~~. Ten years later that same war had to be fought all over again. "Roll back," they will say. "Give back the near bank of Suez and Sharm El Sheik and the maritime powers will

guarantee free passage. Some will propose United Nations peace-keeping forces behind the old boundaries. They will argue that Syria, Egypt, Jordan and Iraq must be rearmed for reasons of internal security. Ten years ago Israel pulled back, ~~and~~ accepted the promises of free passage, ~~and~~ the proposal of a United Nations peace-keeping force, and ^{pledges} ~~promises~~ not to exploit passions and heat up the arms race. Ten years later she had to

gamble her very existence to ^{because these pledges were insubstantial} ~~undo the mischief of those cold war machinations.~~

Can anyone wonder if Israel is now adamant? ^{Must she put her very existence on the line every decade?} As sure as we are here Israeli ^{determination will} ~~intransigence~~ would be criticized as a block to world peace.

Pressures of all kinds will mount. But, I now believe that this community, the larger household of Israel will sustain its unity and its sense of shared responsibility. ^{Ever again} Who among us will argue that in the interest of community

relations we ought to pressure Israel to make major concessions? Who among us will worry that pressure groups ^{do} ~~will~~ not approve ^{Israel's} ~~our~~ demands

for stability ^{or accept the proposition} ~~in the area before concessions~~ that Israel be allowed to bargain for peace from a position of strength. ^{Why} Why should Israel make

concessions? What concessions have been made to her? Did America show

^{The} ~~her~~ flag at Tiran? Did the world community keep the United Nations forces

in Sinai? Did Russia restrain ^{their} ~~its~~ arms shipments to Nasser? ^{Have} Have the

Arabs ever accepted non-belligerency? It is one thing to ^{negotiate} ~~negotiate~~, and

quite another to ^{resign} ~~capitulate~~. Why should Israel release territory to

^{To-day} states who still proclaim their intentions to destroy ~~her~~?

The state of Israel will set its own terms. I am encouraged to feel that the Diaspora will help ^{these} ~~keep her~~ claims clear ^{to men and nations of good will} ~~and not knuckle over~~

~~under~~ to the blandishments of those who find Israel only an embarrassment to the proper exploitation of Arab oil and Mid-Eastern power politics.

^{I am confident that we will}

NOT be emphasized AGAIN AND AGAIN
Not only for the sake of Israel but for the sake of this nation, ~~must~~
~~we emphasize again and again~~ the absolute bankruptcy of the old nostrums
of the State Department and of the United Nations. Let it be ~~known~~ ^{known} ~~from~~

^{TOP}
The rest - Israel these past days fought not only for her survival but for the survival
of all the values that America holds dear. ^{To put it crudely} Israel saved the United States'
skin in the Middle East. A week ago the triumph of Nasserism and of
Soviet influence in the Mid East seemed complete. ^{AMERICA'S} ~~our~~ so-called friends
~~then~~ Tunisia, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon hastened to Cairo to enlist
in the legions of hate. Ideologies that set more value on the strength of
one's army than on the ^{STANDARD OF LIVING} ~~strength~~ of one's people, on revolutionary governments
rather than on social revolution, seemed to have triumphed. Now the
triumph of mischief and mendacity is not certain. Forces of moderation
and stability have a second chance. But a changed Middle East will not
come about easily. The oil lobbies have done their work well. The
American Friends of the Middle East have spread far and wide the oil
of ^{FOR THE REPUBLICS WHEN THE ARAB STATES HAVE NEVER} ~~propaganda~~. The Union of Soviet Socialist Republic is already shipping ^{UNITED}
new armaments to Egypt. The United Nations has become a sounding board ^{FINISHED}
for vicious propaganda and incredible deceit. I have even heard it suggested ^{TO}
that the rusty and never used American guarantees of territorial integrity
^{NOW BE REFUNDABLE} ~~should be brought into force~~ to compel Israel to return to the Armistice
lines of 1949.

This week Israel fought America's battle. ^{hour of} The ~~time for~~ reciprocation
is at hand. In the Mid East Israel's strength is America's strength. It
would be utter folly if America began again ^{THE SHOWMAN AND MAFIOSA} ~~these~~ policies of uncertainty
and timidity - sending just enough arms to contain the Soviet Union but
not enough fire power to arm Israel. ^{Gold To Be TRANSFORMED} ~~Sending just enough foodstuffs to permit~~
~~tightened budget~~ ^{to add} to the war coffers, The shelling of Jerusalem was

carried out by American guns. ~~But let us~~ ^{We must} be clear on this. The United States is not responsible for the tragic events in the Middle East. ^{AMERICAN} We did not enflame the impoverished masses, ~~with hate~~ ^{AMERICAN} We did not begin the ~~arming~~ ^{IN A FIT OF} of the unpredictable and the unstable, but we ~~did become~~ ^{we did hasten} morally self-righteous after the Sinai campaign. ^{THE USST OF THE LAST WAR} We have consistently failed to put our position squarely on the line. ~~Despite pledges we did not show~~ the flag at Tiran.

In the last ten years no American diplomat even spoke of direct negotiations between Israel and her Arab neighbors. Such words were ~~believed~~ offensive to delicate Arab ears. American equivocation encouraged the Arab hope of whittling down Israel with impunity. No one respects weakness even in a great power. The test of effectiveness is not the ^{S126} ~~extent~~ of one's arsenal but the ^{STRENGTH} ~~consistency~~ ^{ONLY} of ~~your~~ policy. Though no one can foresee the course of events these next weeks and months, this much is clear. American now must stand up and be counted. The Mid East is not a problem which can be dumped in the lap of the United Nations. The United Nations is neither a friendly arena nor an effective architect of policy. Russia will not allow constructive action. The world is weary of wordy empty debate. America must make unmistakably clear where her interest and support lie. She must offer not only economic support for her ^{ONLY REAL} Mid-Eastern ally but explain that economic and political sanctions await those who balk at a larger settlement. ~~Now~~ ^H American policy will not change easily. The Arabophile cast of mind is deeply ^{entrenched} ~~set~~ in the State Department. Already I read ^{ATTACHED} ~~columnists~~ articles which speak of the ^{PROBABILITY OF A POLICY OF DELIBERATE} ~~need for American~~ neutrality. ^{AMERICAN} Have we not learned that ~~we~~ can not keep ^{IT} ~~our~~ ties in the Arab world by indecision? What else did the last week of May teach us? Let us stand for what we believe and with

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ENCOURAGES ME

those in whom we believe. Time and economics will work their inevitable magic. The Arab world can neither eat nor drink its oil. Arab business must trade with the West. ^{DIFFICULT DAYS LIE AHEAD, BUT THE} ~~I am encouraged~~ to believe that during these months of mounting political pressure our community will remain united and energetic. We will ^{say} to our neighbor, ^{the} hammer of history is even now fashioning new instrumentalities. Israel is the anvil which bears the stroke of humanity. This is a noble role but frankly, we are a little tired of that role. We have been noble and beaten for so long, ~~we~~ now want to be noble and secure. Can we not expect freedom-loving nations to take some of the blows with us ^{help us} and forge the lasting peace we all seek.



OUR DECISION WAS CONSTANTLY ~~REVIEWED~~
AND DEMAGOGUES TO BELIEVE THAT THEY
COULD LAMASS ISRAEL WITH IMPUNITY



June 12, 1967

The Honorable William E. Minshall
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Congressman:

I want to thank you for the courtesy of your office and for the spirit of your statement on the floor of the House. I have long known of your understanding of the problems of maintaining democracy and life in the Middle East. These will be critical days in terms of establishing a useful peace. I pray that our government will not permit the many problems of the area to be swept under the carpet or dumped into the lap of the United Nations. We need to face the problems skillfully, to our own purpose and freedom's advantage.

Please know that you have my respect and my deep thanks for your courtesy and concern.

Sincerely,

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DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

HARRY R. GRAU, M. D.

Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
Surgery of the Hand

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12 June 1967

Dr. S. Jeyben
Director General, Ministry of Health
Israel

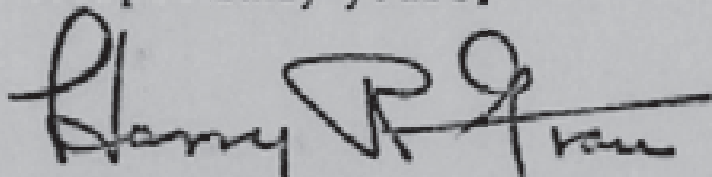
Dear Dr. Jeyben:

I have the privilege of submitting to you and other Israeli medical officials a plan calling for the administration of active surgical prolonged care for injured personnel in American Jewish Hospitals.

The plan, herein submitted, has gained the initial approval of the "Volunteer" subcommittees of the Emergency Zionist Committee.

May I have the added privilege of attaching 2 personal items which I trust will gain an increased measure of consideration for the project. The photograph was taken following a breakfast meeting with General Dayan when he visited the Tank School, at Ft. Knox, Ky. during the summer, 1955. From the general's right to left, the local Jewish physicians are Col. S. Beckerman, on the far right, Col. W. Loeb on the general's right, and the undersigned, as a major, to his left.

Respectfully yours,



HARRY R. GRAU, M. D.
HRG/vcn

cc: Dr. Kalman Mann, Hadassah, Israel
Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, Hadassah, New York

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SUBJECT: TREATMENT OF INJURED PERSONNEL REQUIRING
PROLONGED ACTIVE SURGICAL CARE, IN AMERICAN
MEDICAL CENTERS.

INTRODUCTION: Injuries due to etiological agents common to warfare in many instances require active and prolonged surgical reconstruction effort lasting from 6 to 12 months, after initial care. Such treatment requires utilization of manpower and material, which in a period of stress might be in short supply. Under such conditions, it is easier to move a patient to a central position where available aid and supplies are at hand, rather than to move such medical requirements to the patient. In this regard, it is suggested that involved orthopedic, and surgical reconstructive type cases be moved to areas outside Israel, that might be willing to receive and treat such patients.

PLAN: The problem as is initially visualized, is composed of two elements:

A. TRIAGE or designation, preparation, and shipment of evacuee patient personnel.

B. RECEPTION or classification, distribution and treatment of evacuee patient personnel.

A. TRIAGE: Evaluation and classification of personnel for ultimate evacuation must be done at the initial medical facility, so designated. Present Israeli medical installations involved in the care of the injured can be utilized. The initial phase of repair, which in the main should not last more than one or two weeks, should prove sufficient to determine whether prolonged active surgical care is required, and whether evacuation can be done effectively to areas, outside Israel. For such triage purpose, suitable committees, composed of recognized orthopedic and plastic surgery specialists should be organized in Israel in cooperation with member countries. These committees must have proper legal and official status, so that their function may not be hampered. Triage and classification criteria can be developed, using such regulations and information, now available, for reference and organization.

B. RECEPTION: A receiving committee and organization should be developed in countries willing to receive patients. The committee would assume the responsibility of receiving the patients, treating and classifying them, and then moving them on to interested centers.

[June 12, 1967]

HARRY R. GRAU, M.D.

At the present it is safe to assume that 50 such beds are available (June 11, 1967) in Jewish hospitals over the United States and may increase as the program develops.

At this point it is imperative to stress the fact that this proposal must not be construed in any way as a reflection on the level of medical care in Israel. Nor is it expressive of any concern about the qualifications of the Israeli Medical fraternity. The status of the profession is internationally recognized as eminent and certainly on par with that in the United States. The primary motivation in the proposal concerns itself with releasing such bed space in Israel which might be utilized for relatively short hospital-stay surgical cases. For example, a burn patient, requiring multiple surgical procedures extending over a period of many months, might be evacuated to this country for care extending over a period of 6 to 12 months or longer. The Israel hospital bed, thus released, may in the same period, be utilized for a number of surgical procedures, such as appendectomies, hernia repair, gall-bladder surgery and the like. This one example multiplied by the initial projection of 50 beds being made available, can serve as an index as to the size of the project proposed. Obtaining the services from orthopedic and plastic surgeons will not prove a problem.

CONCLUSION: In essence, therefore it is suggested initial study be made to note whether interest is present in treating war injured personnel outside of Israel. A practical plan is submitted that has initially gained approval from responsible authorities in Cleveland. A complement of 50 beds appears to be available among Jewish Hospitals in the United States. If the present inquiry is met with interest, implementation of the program can be rapidly accomplished. In conclusion, though present application may not be indicated to the extent of 50 beds being required, the project may be important to implement as a training exercise. This may be desirable, in order to meet those exigencies which might again recur in the future.

[with June 12, 1967]

EMBASSY OF ISRAEL
WASHINGTON, D. C.

שגרירות ישראל
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November 11, 1953

Dear Dr. Grau:

My attention has been called to the very humanitarian service which you are performing in the case of Chava Rosenberg, a citizen of Israel.

It is very gratifying to me to know that a busy surgeon, like yourself, is willing to give of his time and specialized training, without regard to compensation, to help one of my country.

I wish to express my very sincere gratitude for your efforts.

Sincerely yours,

Abba Eban

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June 12, 1967.

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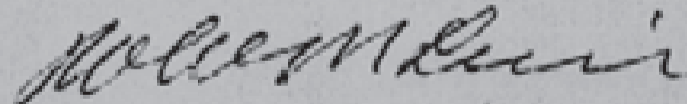
Dear Rabbi:

Your efforts in the last few weeks have made the whole community proud of you, and I believe your dear Father would have been particularly gratified.

Your speech last night was a sound and logical basis for a new appraisal by our Government of the political situation in the Mid-East. I believe it should be made available through the Temple Bulletin or some other means for the benefit of all people who are concerned. I believe it should be available for everyone but particularly for our children and for non-Jews. It is a clear and logical outline of the history of events and policy which is not based solely on Jewish emotion.

Today I tried to recite the high points of your speech but was not too successful. I would surely appreciate having a copy of your speech if it is not going to be made generally available.

Sincerely,



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June 13, 1967

Rabbi Daniel Silver
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing copy of a statement that Senator Frank J. Lausche made on the Senate Floor and which was published in the Congressional Record. This statement followed a meeting which Senator Lausche graciously granted the members of a delegation from Columbus, Cleveland, Youngstown, Dayton and Cincinnati who met with the Senator in his office.

It would be helpful if you and other important members of the Cleveland community would be kind enough to write Senator Lausche and thank him.

Would you also be kind enough to write to Mr. Merom Brachman who is Administrative Assistant to Senator John Sherman Cooper. His home address is 2205 - 46th Street N. W., Washington, D. C. It was through Mr. Brachman's intercession that Senator Lausche met with the delegation.

I close with fond hope that the future augurs well for the State of Israel and the Jewish people of the world.

Cordially,


Fred Yenkin

June 13, 1967

Mr. Robert M. Levin
Suite 700, One Public Square
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your kind note. I believe that the Cleveland Jewish News will carry a good part of the text. In any case, I am forwarding a copy to you as an enclosure in this letter.

Sincerely,

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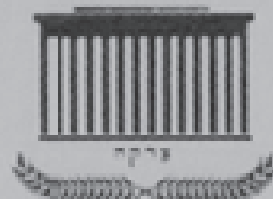
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You were



great today. We

shall prevail.

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June 13, 1967

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Dear Rabbi:

I spoke with Herb Friedman and also with Phil Bernstein about the matter of organizing to do something to clarify the situation about the use of American volunteers in Israel.

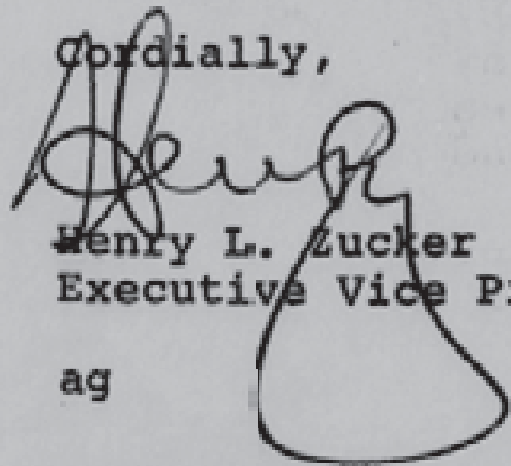
Herb Friedman had already discussed this matter with Louis Pincus. He expects to take this matter up in Israel within the next seventy-two hours, and will try to keep us informed. He made it clear that at this time there is no need for physicians in Israel. It is quite possible they will make no request for physicians.

I made the suggestion that it would be helpful if a small task force of American experts, perhaps three to five persons, should go to Israel to talk with the appropriate authorities about what the needs are in Israel for volunteers; how they should be recruited in the United States; what arrangements should be made for sending them to Israel; and what arrangements should be made for their reception in Israel. Phil Bernstein thought this a good idea, and he plans to discuss it further with the appropriate authorities.

I also suggested to Phil Bernstein that there be one authoritative source in New York to inform federations and other inquiring organizations about arrangements for volunteer service in Israel. Phil said he would try to get something worked out.

As soon as I hear anything further from Phil Bernstein or Herb Friedman, I'll let you know.

Cordially,


Henry L. Zucker
Executive Vice President

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P.S. I saw Paul Handelman at the UJA meeting in New York yesterday. He contributed \$100,000. He asked me especially to say "Hello" to you.