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Israel Bonds, correspondence and speech honoring Julie and  
Marie Kravitz, 1968-1969.





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Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver:

Upon my return to the office (from a small trip), I was given the very good news that you have consented to make the presentation of the Herbert Lehman Israel Award to Julie and Marie Kravitz on Monday evening, February 17th in the Windsor Ballroom of the Statler Hilton Hotel.

I will be in touch with you as to the details. For the present, I simply thank you.

Sincerely Yours,

STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS

Milton Turet

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SAMUEL H. MILLER  
General Chairman

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February 24, 1969

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
The Temple  
Silver Park at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing a photograph taken at the Testimonial  
Dinner for Julie and Marie.

We were very honored to have you participate in the  
presentation of the Herbert Lehman Israel Award on  
behalf of the Cleveland Committee.

Sincerely,

Max M. Axelrod  
Dinner Chairman

MMA/sr

encl.



Truisms are often false. Take the well-known phrase "flattery will get you nowhere." <sup>it</sup> Point of fact, flattery opens doors <sup>I AM</sup> and ~~when~~ told is often the secret of effective salesmanship. The Midrash realistically observes: "A man may flatter his wife for the sake of marital peace, his creditors for the sake of obtaining a respite, and his teachers for the sake of obtaining more attention." Flattery then is a seductive siren. But, ~~I am~~ <sup>I am</sup> a rabbi and bound by Jewish law which holds <sup>that</sup> "flattery is a sin equal to idolatry." ~~As you can imagine~~ <sup>there are times when it is difficult to limit oneself to the wished truth.</sup>

Fortunately, this evening I have no need for the grace of invention to adequately present this wonderful award. <sup>The Truth will do</sup> I need tell it only as it is, and if I omit or forget any of Marie or Julie's accomplishments or virtues I trust they will remember that I am bound by still another rabbinic regulation. "A little praise of <sup>A</sup> man may be spoken in his presence but complete praise in his presence is forbidden."

Marie and Julie are people I delight to call friends. They are not only pleasant and agreeable to be with, always considerate and always interesting, but utterly without pretense or masquerade.

The Other day Julie and I talked briefly about this evening. ~~When~~ <sup>was</sup> <sup>1946</sup> He was concerned that I emphasize that he accepts this honor ~~not~~ because he delighted in being honored but because tonight <sup>could</sup> stimulate the sale of Israel Bonds, <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ cause to which both he and Mrie are completely devoted. <sup>HAD NOT TOLD ME</sup> <sup>I</sup> <sup>WOULD NEVER HAVE GUESSED THAT TO BE THE LAST</sup> Marie and Julie are fine people. Warm and humane. No human need is alien to them, but they are committed in a very special way to the well-being of the Jewish people and to the upbuilding of the state of Israel. The urgency of a Jewish state after the Nazi holocaust was readily apparent ~~to most people.~~ There had to be <sup>a</sup> ~~have~~ and anew beginning. Marie and Julie were among those <sup>a</sup> who understood that Israel would be much more than a refuge. Here Jewish life would not only be rebuilt but re-created - a new Jew would emerge, born



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into freedom, a pioneer, naturally rooted in his soil, heir to a significant spiritual tradition but eager to find new ways of expressing the familiar vision. The first settlers had a song which expressed this truth:

אלהינו, בנה ארצה עמונה וחסידה

be  
"We have come upon the land to build it and to rebuild by it."

Marie and Julie have drawn their encouragement to persevere in behalf of Israel from frequent visits during which they met and mingled with the Chalutz and the Sabra and found ~~that~~ <sup>THE ISRAELIS</sup> their self-reliance, their capacity and steadiness more than fulfilled their fondest hopes, ~~and they~~  
~~ask no other reward~~  
Israel has been and ~~in~~ the foreseeable future ~~and~~ will remain the top priority in Jewish life. Unfortunately, disturbed and perverse neighbors can not leave well enough alone - live and let live ~~but~~ <sup>they</sup> they have persevered in an ugly bloodthirst which is now in its third decade. How long these apostles of violence will bankrupt their nations for a futile policy of revenge, no one can tell, but as long as they do the Israelis will remain vigilant and the Julie and Marie Kravitz's of our community will be ~~engaged~~ <sup>engage</sup> their every energy to such causes as Israel Bonds.

Israel has been and will remain the priority of Jewish life. Marie and <sup>of</sup> Julie <sup>have</sup> always been aware of the importance ~~and~~ the social welfare, ~~of~~ educational and congregational institutions which <sup>help</sup> make for a ~~good~~ <sup>good</sup> Jewish life in this country - which permits our young people to be raised in dignity <sup>AND</sup> spiritual awareness, not only to carry on the noble traditions of our people but to carry out the ethical instructions of our prophetic tradition - ~~to save every man and his kind~~ <sup>to save every man and his kind</sup>.

<sup>but</sup> I would add this too as a rabbi. There are those who serve the community who fail to tend their own garden. Marie and Julie are among the most doting grandparents I know and their special love ~~is~~ for each other is a special cause for



joy to all of us. Theirs is a true partnership in service.

LONG AGO

A scholar came to the academy at Sura and sat among the freshmen students in the back row. The rector saw him, recognized him and went back to him. "Will you not be good enough to take a place towards the front where I sit?" he asked. The visiting scholar replied: "The place does not honor the man honors the place." ~~Julius and Marie~~ <sup>Julius and Marie</sup> ~~Allofus~~ <sup>Allofus</sup> honored tonight by this award. It is

with pleasure that I ask ~~Julius and Marie~~ <sup>Them</sup> to come forward so that I can present

The plaques  
to them





HERBERT LEHMAN AWARD TO MR. AND MRS. JULIE KRAVITZ

DESIGNED BY SCULPTOR CHAIM GROSS

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The Herbert Lehman Israel Award, which will be presented to Julia and Marie Kravitz at an Israel Bond dinner on Monday, February 17 at the Statler-Hilton Hotel, was designed by the noted American sculptor, Chaim Gross.

In the design created by the famous sculptor for the Lehman Award of the Israel Bond Organization, the spirit of friendship and cooperation between America and Israel is symbolized by two hands touching, with a Star of David in the background at the top, and a head and shoulders portrait of the late Herbert H. Lehman in the foreground.

Commenting on his own feelings as the artist selected to create the design for the Award, Mr. Gross said:

"Herbert H. Lehman was a fine gentleman, a great American and a devoted Jew. I am honored that I was asked to create the design for the award bearing his name, as I was always one of his staunchest admirers. His life and his deeds are deeply etched in the history of our times. His heart and his hand were always open and outstretched to help his fellow-man. And for many years he was the guide and inspiration for American Jewry in its support for Israel. I have tried to express all of this in the design for the Herbert Lehman Award."

A man of unparalleled achievements in public life, Herbert H. Lehman was a distinguished member of the United States Senate and an outstanding Governor of New York State. His many humanitarian efforts are exemplified by his leadership of UNRRA in the years immediately following World War II, when he undertook the task of aiding and rehabilitating the



survivors of the Nazi era in Europe. A foremost leader in the program of aiding oppressed Jews in Europe and in the development of the State of Israel, Governor Lehman was among the first American Jewish figures to become identified with the Israel Bond campaign. At the time of his death, he was Honorary Chairman of Trustees of the Israel Bond Organization.

The work of Chaim Gross, who is a painter as well as sculptor, has been exhibited in museums all over the world and is represented in permanent collections at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art, the Whitney Museum of Art, the Jewish Museum and in other galleries in this country and in Israel. Included in his works are bronzes, wood carvings, paintings, watercolors and drawings. He has received many awards from professional art societies, the most recent recognition being his election last year as a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

The Herbert Lehman Israel Award Dinner February 17 will mark a high point in the current Israel Bond drive in Cleveland to raise a record total of investment capital to speed the economic development of Israel.



Turnings are often false. Tobacco seed known phrase "Flabby, will  
get you nowhere." In parcel of food flabby upon dinner and, I am told, I get the  
scent of effluvia solemnly. The mischief is center of manner.

"A new way forward is sought for the side of mental power,  
his education for the side of obtaining a result, & <sup>his</sup> ~~which~~ <sup>which</sup> ~~can~~  
for the side of cultivating more attention

Tully was a real man; but I am a rubber and band of  
 an even mind words "that Tully is a man of a different kind" There  
 are some in certain rules which it is difficult to limit oneself to the  
 unremembered but - fortunately, I am sure I have no need for the  
 grace of civility. To especially present the same as I need of the  
 I can it is - and if a man a fact as of the American <sup>VIRTUE</sup> ~~man~~, I think  
 they will remember that I am bound by ~~an~~ <sup>an</sup> ~~unwritten~~ <sup>unwritten</sup> principle  
 a ~~little~~ <sup>part</sup> ~~piece~~ <sup>of</sup> a man who has been in his  
 presence; but I would not in his presence in his presence.

men & Jules are people I delight to call friends. They are not of  
pleasant and agreeable to be with, always intensely, but without  
pretense or rancor. Jules and I talked briefly the other day about the  
evening - why? Because he wanted me to explain to him he accepted the  
honor; not because he delighted in honor - but because he might need  
stimulus the one of some kind - a cause is indeed what he means to  
be really needed.

[illegible]







to have, with a clear understanding of the fact. Many of the things  
now being questioned are - of course, impossible to see for all the  
- will take place in the world as we know it at the time of  
man's life as present & impossible -

to which is a study of the fact that the young  
of the. The fact is that <sup>sent him to</sup> ~~sent him to~~ his "will you not be good  
enough to take a place toward the first edition I am sending. The  
study is not needed. "The place is not within the man; but to  
man know the place."

Use of an authorized by the record to right - & it is  
will, please, that man's & fact is one of the most  
is present to be seen.





~~The members were realistic, they understood the manager had to run  
the place as a business~~

Truman was often false. There is much known from "F. Lee, would  
get your members" in part of it flattery was done and subtle flattery  
in the secret of effective subordination. The mutual contempt was clear:

"I was my father's self for a man of modest power, his father  
for a man of eloquence & repute, & distance for a man of  
eloquence more eloquence.

But we were - from then - inward the flattery is equal to the sea  
of eloquence. Fortunate for my self, I am not tempted to flattery tonight - no  
more need more for subtle group invention. I am, present father &  
more knowing the benefit received only by knowing it as it is.

The first time I had known later two people dear than ever before.

There I was

