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

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January 10, 1968

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver The Temple University Circle-Silver Park 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,

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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,

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Max M. Axelrod Dinner Chairman

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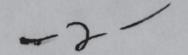
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Truisms are often false. Take the well-known phrase "flattery will get you nowhere." Point of fact, flattery opens doors and the told is often the secret of effective salesmanship. The Midrash realistically observes:

"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, is a rabbi and bound by Jewish law which holds "flattery is a sin equal to idolatry." As you can imagine there are times when it is difficult to limit and to the sake of invention to adequately present this wonderful award. I need tell it only as it is, and if I omit or forget any of Marie of Julie's accomplishments or virtues I trust they will remember that I am bound by still another rabbinic regulation. "A little praise of 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. We he was concerned that I emphasize that he accepts this honor in not because he delighted in being honored but because tonight would stimulate the sale of Israel Bonds, he cause to which both he and Mrie are completely devoted. 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 move only. There had to be haven and anew beginning. Marie and Julie were among those 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



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:

"We have come upon the land to build it and to/rebuilt 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 their self-reliance, their capacity and steadiness more than fulfilled their fondest hopes.

Israel has been and 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 be they have persevered in an ungly 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 their every energy to such causes as Israel Bonds.

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Julie/always been aware of the importance and the social welfare a educational and congregational institutions which make for a factor Jewish life in this country which permitsour young people to be raised in dignit, 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 - cause.

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.

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."

Man honors tonight by this cause. It is with pleasure that I ask to come forward so that I can present 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:

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"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 umparalleled 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.

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