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408 STRAUSS BUILDING, FORT WAYNE, INDIANA • ANTHONY 8466

March 10, 1960

Rabbi Daniel Silver The Temple 105 St. and Smiver Park Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi :

I can't tell you how delighted we are that you will be our principle speaker at the annual Women's Division campaign luncheon on Wednesday April 20th, 1960 here in Fort Wayne. The luncheon is scheduled for 1:15 P.M.

This will be a fund raising meeting and we have learned that if the women at the first meeting get a good understanding of the needs of the campaign and respond, they inspire their husbands to do the same. The WD luncheon is the opening campaign fund raising function. We can't compare to your large city but the WD raises about \$20,000 each year. We have 450 fewish families in Fort ayne but we have been raising from \$121,000 to as much as \$256,000 in this community.

Fort Wayne has had a Federation for 38 years and we have been conducting one Welfare "und "rive for many years. I need not tell you that during each if the campaigns, the emphasis has been on the overseas needs. While these are still the major needs, in 1960 we want to stress the needs of the American institutions. We provide funds for about 45 American agencies and I am proud to tell you that we give a higher percentage of our non local needs to religious and cultural agencies than do many other communities.

What we would like you to do is talk about the needs in Israel and overses but as an American rabbi, emphasize the importance of the Jewish organization in the U.S which need and must have our continued support. Then again, we may point out that by giving to this one drive, we help to maintain our own Fde ation which serves the ewish people of Fort ayne abbuthh and vicinity. You know what you want to say.

We will have two cards with people giving to the regular campaign and to the UJA special drive.

I will be happy to provide you with any other information you may want about our community. I will need your picture and biographical material for publicity purposes -- the sommer I receive this the better.

There is a United Air Line flight out of Cleveland at 11:10 am arriving here at 12:40. The only afternoon plane out of here is at 3:15 PM and I don't think that we will have the time to make it since the airfield is a good 25 minute drive from the meeting place. You can take the Nickel Plate train out of Cleveland at 9:15 a.m arriving here at 1:05 our time. You can also leave on the same line on the train departing here at 3:30 P.M arriving in Cleveland at 7:30 P.M. The railroad is a few minute's ride from the meeting place.

Member Agency-United Chest-Council of Allen County, Inc.

I will look forward to hearing from you and will meet you when you arrive.

Thank you again for your help which we deeply appreciate.

Joseph Levine
Executive Director

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Member Agency-United Chest-Council of Allen County, Irc.

March 25, 1960 Mr. Joseph Levine Fort Wayne Jewish Federation 408 Strauss Building Fort Wayne, Indiana Dear Mr. Levines In Rabbi Silver's absence, I am sending to you the photograph and biographical material you requested. Cordially yours, Lee Goldstein Secretary to Rabbi Daniel Silver /lg /enclosed

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ANTHONY 8466

April 24, 1960

Dear Rabbi Silver :

I am in the office today to catch up on some of the correspondence.

Please accept my personal thanks and the thanks of our officers for your cooperation and help to get out campaign started. he Women's Division meeting was successful— we received more money than the same women gave last year. More important, I know that the women will carry your message back to their husbands who will really determine the ssuccess of our drive.

All reports indicate that your talk was very well received. It was a fine presentation and I have already been asked when we will bring you back again.

Will you please let me know what expneses you had so that we may reimburse you.

Again- my appreciation not only for what you did but for the gracious manner with which you extended this valuable help to us.

With kindest personal regards,

Cordially,

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April 25, 1960 Mr. Joseph Levine Fort Wayne Jewish Federation 408 Strauss Building Fort Wayne, Indiana Dear Mr. Levine: I had a speedy and pleasant flight back to Cleveland after a most enjoyable meeting. I hope the financial results lived up to your expectations. My expenses for the two days come to \$60.00. I was very pleasantly surprised at the spirit of your community and the level of its organization. I congratulate you and the Federation upon it. With warmest personal regards, I remain Most cordially yours, DANIEL JEREMY SILVER DJS:1g

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MRS. FRANK A. KAUFMAN

Dear Danney 9t this point on a sumy Saturday afternoon I feel like a walking encyclopedia on an schedules between Cleveland and Baltimore-Washington . 2 deally D would be evier for you to fly Battemore-Cleveland but we could meet you at the Wallington an-poit of it is scedule- wose letter for you . Below are the an schedules Cleveland, > Baltemore - United. 11:51 a.M. - (this is too late we think). 9.25 - N.M 10: 25 P.M (this would mean 79: р. м the ment before but easiest). > Washington - United Cleveland 9:35 a. (a possibily) 8; RONG.M 3.44 p. M. - [Would suy \$15.M. (OVER)

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that would be the hest of al! would like travel information just let me know. My love to everyone most especially your folks and Samily and addle. affectionately Clam p.s. The 12th of December or the 11th which ever beaucr

October 30, 1963

Mrs. Frank A. Kaufman 7 Clovelly Road Pikesville, Maryland

Dear Clem:

I am in receipt of your time table letter, and let's conclude on this basis. I'll plan to arrive in Baltimore on Wednesday afternoon on the 5:44 flight which lands at Washington. I'll plan to leave on the 6:00 p.m. Thursday flight from Baltimore. Any schedule of your meetings during the day that meets your requirements will be satisfactory.

I plan to combine the trip with a fatherly pleasure, and if it's all right with you, I'm going to bring Jonathan along. It will be a Chanukah present for him and a chance to visit with his cousins, and will give to both of us a fine adventure together. I hope that it will not be too difficult to find a little playmate for him during the middle of the day, when we will be busy. He sees me going out so often, I think this will give him a sense of what I do and also give him a chance to spend some time with all of you.

If these plans are suitable, let me know and I will confirm them. Also, I would like some indication of the length of time you would want me to speak and of the themes you would like me to touch, and some idea of the sophistacation of the women who will be there.

As always,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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Den Dan, Please excuse paper but au in Horida Josa Lew days. De would adou having you and Jonathan. It will be great fun. Om only sorry we don't have rohole family. Comet begin to thank you We will next your plane tukets? The first at 11 am (on the 12 Th). This is a special group of contributors in our Bis gifts cotagory. Fileis nunumum 150,00 to 275.00. We think they can do better but have to be brought along slowly. We are soing to ask a 25.00 rane from each one. The age of the group varies from about 38 to 60. most being 40 to 50. We would like you to talk about The Welfan Tund, at both meeting. Our second muting is called for 1 p. M. His is our advanced gest catajon Minum \$ 500.00. Mostly older (55 and hig) women. They have been leading the eominist, an giving and it is den most unportant meeting. Have to get a ranchere.

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February 17, 1964 Mr. Saymour Lesser United Jewish Appeal 1290 Avenue of the Americas New York, N. Y. 10019 Dear Mr. Lesser: In response to your letter of 14 February, I would appreciate your making return reservations for me from Minneapolis on the 10:10 a.m. flight. I am not that much of an early bird to be able to make the 7:20. Sincerely yours, DANIEL JEREMY SILVER DJS:Lx

February 17, 1964

Mr. Norman B. Dockman
The Minneapolis Federation for Jewish Service
Suite 718
512 Nicollet Building
Minneapolis 2, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Dockman:

In response to your request, I am enclosing a photograph and biographical sketch of Rabbi Silver. I would appreciate your cooperation in returning the glossy when you have finished with it.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. M. L. Goldstein Secretary to Rabbi Silver



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February 14, 1964

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver The Temple East 105th and Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

We were very pleased to hear from Si Lesser of UJA today that you accepted our invitation to address our annual meeting on Sunday, April 5.

While this is the opening date of our 1964 campaign, we do no fund-raising at the meeting. It does serve as a stimulus to our leading contributors and volunteers. Last year Herbert Friedman was our major speaker. In fact, we have had strictly UJA speeches for the past five years. Irving Kane was here six years ago.

We would appreciate - and UJA understands this - a speech along somewhat different lines. We'd like our people to hear your thoughts on the Jewish community - with portents for the future - the role of the Fed eration, and our responsibilities for overseas needs as well as local. Would you do this for us?

Let me tell you about the organization of the meeting. We expect at least 250 of our top people for dinner at 7. The meeting is to be held in the ballroom of the Pick-Nicollet Hotel where there is a kosher kitchen. All Federation contributors are invited and seating is furnished for those who prefer to come after dinner.

The business part of the meeting is fairly brief. Since we print an annual report, the president takes no more than ten minutes for his remarks. Nomination of a Board slate and the election take about five minutes, since we notify the community of the slate and ask for nominations by petition several weeks in advance. Another few minutes is taken with the presentation of a plaque or gift to last year's General Campaign Chairman and the Women's Division Chairman. There are no responses.

Rabbi Silver February 14, 1964 -2-Each year we have a local honored guest. This year it will be Dr. Moses Barron who just reached his 80th birthday. Dr. Barron has given about two generations of service to the community, to the Jewish people, and to medical practice, research, and teaching. He was a Zionist from his youth on and has worked for almost every major Palestinian and Israeli causes, both philanthropic and political. He is one of two honorary members of our Board. In Medicine, his findings were instrumental in Banting's discovery of insulin. I want into such detail on Dr. Barron only because I want you to know that we do not choose honorees lightly. By the way, you may know his brother-in-law, Julius Fligelman of Los Angeles. And Dr. Barron's nephew, Howard Brin, is our 1964 General Campaign Chairman. Howard's father chaired our first Federation campaign in 1930. This is our 34th annual meeting and our 35th campaign year. Will 30-40 minutes give you the time you will want for your speech? The testimonial to Dr. Barron will be done by one person in ten minutes or so with a short response. I understand from Si that you expect to arrive about six p.m. We'll have someone at the airport to meet you. If your plane is on time, you'll be with us at the start of dinner. We'll hold up as long as we can. We do need pictures and a bio. UJA doesn't seem to have either. Would you have one or two glossies that you could send me right away? Our Federation paper for early March is now being prepared and I need your picture urgently, as well as a bio. Thanks for accepting. We're looking forward to meeting and hearing you. Norman B. Dockman, Executive Director NBD:ap



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Rabbi Daniel J. Silver c/a The Temple East 105 Street and Ansel Foad Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

In relation to the Annual Dinner meeting in Minneapolis on Sunday, April 5, we are enclosing tickets for your use on the following schedule:

4:00 P.M. EST Lv: Cleveland via UAL #131 Ar: Chicago 4:09 P.M. CST April 5 5:00 P.M. via UAL #491 Lv: Chicago 6:10 P.M. Ar: Minneapolis April 5

You will be met on your arrival. Reservations are at the Pick-Nicollet Hotel.

The function that evening will be at the Pick-Nicollet. They expect an attendance of 250 leaders of their campaign.

It would be helpful to have the name of the Executive Director, Norman Dockman, who can be reached at: Business FE 2-6511, Residence WA 6-8407.

For your return to Cleveland on the morning of Monday, April 6, please use this schedule:

via NW #214 Lv: Minneapolis 10:10 A.M. April 6 11:10 A.M. Art Chicago 12:00 Noon CST via UAL #276 Lv: Chicago Art Cleveland 2:00 P.M. EST April 6

I know that it is not easy for you to get away on a Sunday. We, here, are most appreciative that you found it possible to accept this invitation.

-2-To Rabbi Daniel J. Silver

March 23, 1964

Again thanks for your most generous cooperation.

By the way, please let me know of any out-of-the-pocket expenses that you may incur.

Cordially,

Seymour Lesser Assistant Director Speakers' Division

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February 14, 1964



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Rabbi Daniel J. Silver c/o The Temple East 105 Street at Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I cannot tell you how pleased and delighted the folks in Minneapolis were when they learned that you accepted our invitation to address their Annual Dinner on Sunday, April 5.

This 6 P.M. affair will have 250 to 300 people in attendance, representing their top leadership. Although there is no fund raising at this meeting, it traditionally serves as a kick-off to the campaign. You will be interested in knowing that in 1963 Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman addressed this very same group.

Transportation will be secured for you on the following schedule:

Lv:	Cleveland	4:00	P.M.	EST	via	UAL 131S
Art	Chicago	4:09	P.M.	CST		April 5
Lv:	Chicago	5:00	P.M.		via	UAL 491S
Art	Minneapolis	6:10	P.M.			April 5

Your suggested return is as follows:

Lv:	Minneapolis	7:20	A.M.	CST	via	UAL 480F
Ar:	Cleveland	11:05	A.M.	EST		April 6

However, if you wish to leave a little later in the morning, arrangements will be made for these flights:

Lv:	Minneapolis	10:10 A.M.		via NW 212
Ar:	Chicago	11:10 A.M.		April 6
Lv:	Chicago	12:00	CST	via UAL 276
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May I again express our gratitude for your most generous assistance.

Cordially,

Seymour Lesser
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March 3, 1964

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver The Temple East 105th and Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

One of the things we have noticed about the Cleveland Federation is the evident success of its endowment program. Such a program is very much needed in Minneapolis - as it is in all Jewish communities - both as protection against poor campaign years, to help meet needs the campaign does not grow rapidly enough to assist, and to finance projects that might not be suitable for campaign financing. We've talked about it, but that's as far as it has gone.

If the matter of an endowment program is suitable for inclusion in your speech in Minneapolis, a reference here might be very helpful. This is not a request - merely a suggestion left to your own judgment.

Cordially yours,

Norman B. Dockman, Executive Director

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A YEAR IN REVIEW

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver

Delivered before the Minneapolis, Minnesota United Jewish Appeal

April 5, 1964

I have been invited to speak to you of my impressions and hopes for the household of Israel. I have chosen to do so by way of a sketch review of Jewish life this past year. It is my hope that a useful pattern of growth and survival will emerge from this survey.

The past twelve months were prosperous and relatively quiet ones for our American Jewish community. Our federations and community councils continued to concentrate successfully (as they have done for over a quarter of a century now) on the twin priorities of <u>local welfare</u> and of <u>overseas rescue and relief</u>. The continuing efficiency of these undertakings tended to make us overlook their scope or the numbers served, so that each year the statistics on campaign brochures come as something of a shock. Federations this past year tended to emphasize two areas of planning — the raising of adequate capital reserves, and the discovery and development of new leadership. Both these concerns reflected the atmosphere of success which permeates our communal establishment. We are looking ahead, and we are looking ahead with a good deal of confidence. Specifically, the recessions of 1958-1960 convinced our leadership that the bloom will not always be on the tax exclusion rose and that we may not always be able to meet operating budgets from the receipts of annual

campaigns. Under careful guidance, in most communities the establishment of living trusts and of sizable bequests is becoming increasingly commonplace.

Our planning has led us also into the area of leadership training. Little groups of the carefully selected have been assiduously cultivated by federation leadership and staff. By and large, their individual pledges have increased, but may I speak a word of caution. The emphasis on youth, especially on the gilded youth, is potentially self defeating. Too often young men who have no other recommendation than sizable inheritance have been precipitated into responsibilities for which they have not qualified themselves. Lionized by a community which pants for their pledge, they have begun to patronize the federation which courts them. Our communities need men of wealth, and we need men of vision and men of learning and men of heart. The Jewish community is fortunate in the large number of young people who have qualified themselves in the service professions and in areas of specialized knowledge and competence. We must not deny ourselves their intellectual wealth, and we will do so if leadership is gauged by pocketbook standards.

Furthermore, leadership training tends to have a narrow focus.

The average course includes visits to local institutions and an accurate description of local and national agency structure. All the ingredients are there, but the soup has no flavor. The tam, the instinctive and humane sympathy which is the Jewish way of looking at things, is missing. Permit me an example. An increasing number of these carefully cultivated young people are becoming finicky about the way in which monies are raised. If their grumbling means that George Jessel has no place at a United Appeal dinner, I could not agree with them more. But if they mean that the

community has no right to solicit them energetically and to expect a high degree of generosity, I could not agree with them less. Need I remind you that our tradition has no equivalent for our English word "charity."

Tzadakah implies the proper and expected return to the community of a substantial measure of your good fortune. The Protestant Church may pass the charity plate. Our synagogues are financed by annual membership dues or, if they are old fashioned, by the public " -- let everyone hear" process of selling aliyabs. Overly discreet campaigning is not only ineffective but un-Jewish.

We must fird a way of training men and women not only to staff our social work community but to make their judgments by the twin standards of professional service and Jewish tam. It is not enough to train young people to be members of hospital boards if they acknowledge no difference between a Mount Sinai Hospital and a county hospital. I am speaking now not of the elemental requirements of building kosher facilities in the kitchen or a place for a ritual b'rith in the nursery. These I take for granted. Their virtue would be seen by Jew or non-Jew. I am thinking of the attitude towards pay scales, and towards the unionization of hospital employees, and towards the level of medical treatment afforded clinic patients. A Jewish hospital or a Jewish family service agency is not simply a service agency. It is a statement of the ethic -- the mitzvah -- of our religious tradition, and its modus operandi must reflect that tradition.

Let me cite another example of the narrowness of much that passes for leadership training. I have long been convinced that we have been guilty of overdeveloping loyalties to the homeopolis Jewish Federation, or to the Cleveland Jewish Federation, and of soft peddling the truth

Men are appointed to a local Board. They become immersed in its ongoing program. Quickly some new research study on adolescent behavior or the hiring of a new staff member for the Golden Age Center becomes the urgent focus of community interest. No one bothers to think through with them the peoplehood of all Israel. Last year any number of budget committees were besieged by those who demanded support for some refinement of local service, and who would not see that any addition to the local budget represents a subtraction from the life saving and life giving enterprise.

The Proposition of Israel in all of its habitations is a concept which has not been given the proper priority in leadership training and in federation planning!

The decade 1950 to 1960 was one of rapid congregational increase and vast synagogue construction (punsters spoke of the edifice complex). These past months congregational focus has moved from building to program -- from pledges to piety -- from membership drives to mitzvot -- and it is none too soon. Those who concern themselves with our religious undertakings have expressed concern that Judaism is for many, perhaps for most, a sociological label rather than a spiritual devotion. There is considerable truth to this observation. At the same time it must be put in a proper historical perspective. Forty years ago only one Javish family in ten maintained any synagogue affiliation. Less than two out of ten youngsters received a single hour of religious instruction, and only one in a hundred spent a single hour in class beyond the age of thirteen. Adult education was a la Chautauqua, on any and every theme except the patently religious. Assimilation was a popular goal. Zionism was a queer and suspect atavism. We had to depend for our intellectual and rabbinic leadership on men who

had been born and trained abroad. Today we can look back on a generation in which American Jews have published more on Bible and other substantive Jewish themes than the entire literary production of the five centuries of the Spanish Golden Age. Today six families in ten are affiliated with a synagogue, and well over ninety percent of our children receive some religious education. I have, in my congregation alone, some two hundred and they high school age youngsters who are enrolled in a strong academic program. That we must deepen and make firm the spiritual revival goes without saying, but today is not the time for doom speaking. There is evidence that an increasing minority of American Jews are concerning themselves with the duties and the literature and the pieties of their faith. So if it is significant that a Commentary magazine could publish a symposia of disenchanted intellectuals who believe that Kaddish ought to be said to our synagogue life, it is at least as significant that two other magazines (The Reconstructionist and Midstream) could publish similar symposia of proud and believing academics. My congregation, and I am sure this is true of many, is led by a fine group of young men of the second and third and fourth immigrant generations who not only lend their support as a civic duty but who earnestly seek faith in seminar, sanctuary, and spiritual

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Before we quit the American scene, a word must be spoken in praise of the way American Jewry has gone about the business of citizenship. Last year the fundamentalist press brought some pressure on our national organizations to break rank on the issue of the separation of church and state. These efforts were unsuccessful. Sixty-six of our organizations joined in presenting an amicus curiae brief before the United States Supreme Court when the issue of Bible reading and the recitation of the Lord's Prayer in

the public schools came before that body. At this moment these same agencies are encouraging logislators to resist the stampede being organized for the "bitter end" constitutional amendment which would undo the Court's decision and permit Biblical and devotional exercise in the public schools.

Jews are no longer fearful of rocking the boat. We are asking what is right for America -- not pine () and () and () what will my friends in Rotary say?' This becoming confidence was most apparent in the arena of negro rights. Many congregations adopted strong civil rights position papers and encouraged action committees in integrated housing and skill bank enterprise. Many of our federations joined in sponsoring citywide conferences on religion and race, and in encouraging with money and leadership a variety of dialogues, home visits, and confrontations designed to further the negro evolution. Our communities need make no apology for the quality of their citizenship. If they need any reminder, it is that the leadership of the negro revolution belongs by right to the negro and that we must encourage and support, but that we cannot insist that he use the same strategy in gaining his rights that we followed a generation ago in gaining ours.

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Beyond these shores Jewish life was neither so affluent nor so placid. There were no major dislocations during the past months, but many walked the bitter way of emigration. Algerian Jewry, which had numbered some one hundred and thirty thousand before independence, had been reduced by April of this year to a mere ten thousand. The bulk of these had accepted repatriation to France. Many had subsequently emigrated to Israel. A large proportion required financial, medical, and vocational assistance from the J.D.C. During the past twelve months Israel has received some sixty thousand new settlers. They come from widely separate

areas of our globe -- from Roumania and Poland, from Egypt and Morocco, from Cuba and the Argentine. The immemorial pilgrimage of the uprooted continues, and fortunately, through U.J.A. sponsored enterprise, we continue to support these people in a basic decency.

If there were no new dislocation, there were several danger signals which we could not overlook. Argentina, today, houses the fifth largest Jewish settlement in the world. As in previous years, this community was scandalized by a number of violent attacks by a group of young toughs known as the Tacuara. During the year these neo-Nazis machine-gunned and strafed a number of Jewish organizational offices and molested and beat up a number of Jewish youth and of the elderly. Most disturbing was the unwillingness or the inability of authorities to cope with this violence. Frank anti-Semitism has been a public program of the ultramontain right in the Argentine for a number of years. The Tacuara received support from certain circles within the aristocracy and the military and even within the Catholic Church, not to mention the support of a large number of German expatriates who fled to Buenos Aires after the war. The government did not feel itself sufficiently secure to attack anti-Semitism head-on so, as has so often been the case in our history, the future of this community now depends on the stability of government. If inflation continues to plague the economy and the average standard of living continues to fall, there is danger that the present violence may be aggravated. A thousand Argentine Jews emigrated to Israel over the past twelve months. If conditions stabilize this unpleasantness may be quickly forgotten.

In the Union of South Africa the Jevish community faced a radically new threat. It rises from the revolution of race which is sweeping the world. That the Union of South Africa has been moving deliberately against

the current of world opinion is well known. The Jewish community has never been racist, but though economically well off, it has been unable to change the political tide. So though not at fault, it must suffer the dislocations of a nation destroying itself with hate. Matters came to a head last year when Israel joined almost a hundred other nations in voting a United Nations resolution condemning South African apartheid. Many speakers and editors in the Union took out their frustrations against the local Jewish community. Threats were made that the security of the Jewish community had been endangered by Israel's vote. Belatedly, Dr. Verwoerd, the Prime Minister, silenced this distribe. But the long term future of this Jewry is dismal. How long can the entire nation escape the cutting edge of the racial revolution? Emigration would seem to be their only salvation.

It was the fate of the Jews of the Soviet Union which preoccupied the American Jewish community these past months. There are today three million Jews in the Soviet Union. They represent, mext to the United States, the largest settlement of Jews on this earth. During the last twelve months the Soviet and Mr. Khrushchev have been accused from practically every platform of every Jewish organization of conducting a concerted anti-Semitic drive. Specific charges included a spate of vicious cartoon caricatures, the closing of synagogues and the abuse of the judicial system to make Jews the scapegoat in various economic and black marketeering trials. The issue was one of such magnitude that it was raised before the United Nations Commission on Human Rights. It was the subject of a lengthy correspondence between Russophile British philosopher Bertrand Russell and Premier Khrushchev. It was raised again by our own State Department in a series of ambassadorial remonstrations. Just tonight it is the subject of

a conference of our national agencies in Washington. Through it all,

Mr. Khrushchev denied that there was any officially sponsored program of
anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union. The facts belie his plea of innocence.

On the other hand, permit me this lonely heresy, the facts do not support
the semi-hysterical crescendo of political denunciation which has become
the semi-official policy and, indeed, the reason for being, of many of our
Jewish organizations.

The Soviet Union is guilty of an unbecoming and demeaning policy of harassment. According to official Soviet statistics, there were four hundred and fifty synagogues in the Soviet Union in 1956. Of these, only ninety-six remained open as of June of last year. A torrent of editorial has been unleashed which calumnies the synagogue as a center of black marketeering, Zionism, and other nefarious activity. When some twenty-odd students of the one yeshibah still open returned to their homes for the High Holidays, they found that the authorities would not renew their Moscow resident permit. They were not permitted to return to their studies.

Imagine the vast power of the Soviet government being marshalled to restrict the aveilability of matzoh for the Passover. When the Quisling editor of a Yiddish monthly came to the United States two months ago to excuse the Russian attitude, he was properly shunned and given the lie direct.

Having said this, why do I question the anti-Soviet campaign now being marshalled? I question it for the sake of the several million Jews in the Soviet who still occupy consequential places in the teaching and learned professions -- in the sciences, in education, in agriculture, and in production. Surely for their sake we ought to remember that the Russian Bear has a notoriously ugly temper. It is one thing to castigate Russia from the safety of our freedoms and quite another to be among the three

million who might be knocked over by one angry sweep of the Bear's paw.

Russia can take far more violent action against its Jews than it has heretofore done. The strategy of wisdom must include patience. All that can be done through diplomatic and political channels to affect emigration or a change of attitude ought to be done. But as a community, we ought not to become so hypnotized by our denunciations of Russia, denunciations which are often encouraged for other reasons by those with particular attitudes towards the Cold War, that we forget that anti-Semitism is not yet a systematically developed reality in the Soviet or that the fate of tens of thousands may depend upon our discipline.

If there were danger signals abroad, there were also some hopeful signs. I think particularly of the warming atmosphere of Catholic-Jewish relationships. There has developed, during the present Vatican Council, some concern within the Church that it deal forthrightly with its relationships with other religious bodies, including the Jewish group. Under the auspices of Augustin Cardinal Bea, a man of rare spiritual energy and courage, a schema, or theological chapter concerning the Jews, was introduced at the fall session of the Council. This schema was largely concerned with the false theology of the Jew as deicide, or Christ killer. But it also spoke of common purposes and extended a hand of spiritual kinship. In practical terms, this schema accomplished little. It did not even pass. The Church does not go far. It does not deny its control of the keys of the kingdom. It does not deny its moncpoly of the truth. It does not deny a missionary concern with the Jewish people. But having said all this, let it be said also that it has made it possible for men in many a liberal diocese to unite with us for the common good.

Pope Paul does not seem to be cut of the same cloth as his pre-

decessor, Pope John. It will certainly be many years before Catholics can come to a synagogue service as easily as Jews can attend a mass. But the medievalism of the Church is being put behind, and with patience a new day may dawn. Why do I say that Pope Paul is not of the same cut as his predecessor? After the Ecumenical Council, Paul announced his intention to visit the Holy Land. It was hoped that the Vatican might review its policy towards Israel, which it has never officially recognized and against whose establishment it worked most vigorously in 1947 and 1948. No moment would have been more propitious. As things developed, Paul had no such interest. His visit to the Holy Land was only to make possible an ecumenical meeting on neutral grounds with the Patriarch of the Eastern Orthodox Church. Paul came to Israel largely, it would seem, because one cannot visit the holy places without entering Israel. Indicative, I believe, of his spirit, was the address of his "bread and butter" note of thanks to President Shazar. It was sent to Tel Aviv, not Jerusalem -- as if to say your capital is not yet yours.

For Israel this was a year of sturdy growth. Inflation was finally controlled. The balance of trade narrowed. The fifteen year old nation was able to make the first repayment on its bonded debt. Israel was able to accept a new Prine Minister and a new President without any interruption of its growth. For Israel security remained the crucial priority. Arab threats continued unabated. Russia continued to pour vast quantities of spphisticated weapons: supersonic planes, submarines, ground-to-air missiles and the like, into the arsenals of General Nasser and the Syrian High Command. Because of Russia's devil's game, it became a matter of increasing concern, these past months, for Israel to receive commitments of support from the United States and the communities of the western nations. It was gratifying

to hear our late President pledge the integrity of existing Near East coundaries. Israel now eagerly awaits such a pledge from our new President, who has a long history of most cordial feeling toward Israel. It has become a matter of some urgency that our government not only express friendship but make definite commitment. Nasser has good reason to downgrade vague speeches, for he has flaunted America's wishes with impunity in Suez and in the Temen.

Late in 1963, President Shazar announced that the Jordan Valley Water Carrier would be completed early this spring. It is designed to bring waters from the Galilee to the parched lands of the Negev desert. Though this irrigation project was entirely within the terms of the Johnston water rights treaty initialed in 1955, and though Jordan had taken advantage previously of her option under this treaty, war cries were raised from Beirut to Aman to Cairo. These failed, and an Arab summit conference was held in January in Cairo. There was no Jih'ad -- no proclamation of holy war. The armies of the Arab League were unprepared. Nevertheless, the blockade was stepped up and an Arab foreign legion was determined to raid deep within Israeli territory and to prepare for the final round.

The most ominous story of the past twelve months spotlighted the five hundred West German scientists and technicians who had been hired by the Egyptian government to perfect a missile system with nuclear potential. Hitler may be dead, but his minions work on. Despite the publicity, the West German government refused to recall these five hundred engineers of death. They are still working in and near cairo for those who are determined to complete the work the Fuehrer began.

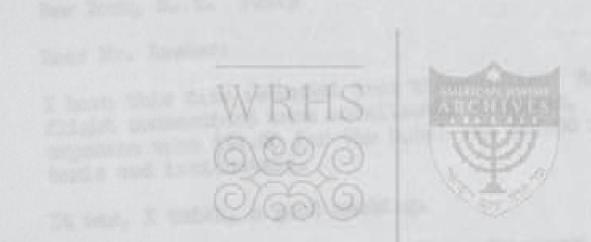
I close on this note, not because I fear for the existence of

the State of Israel -- I do not; nor because I fear for the continued existence of the Jewish people -- I do not. I close in this manner because it emphasizes a necessary if cruel truth. Evil stalks our world. Many men and many nations feed on hate. It is so easy to seal ourselves in some comfortable suburban backwater and forget that life is essentially, today, as it has always been, a struggle between privilege and justice, between ignorance and courage, between greed and decency, a struggle by Jews everywhere for the survival of Jewry everywhere.

I do not fear for our people. To admit the existence of evil is not to admit the victory of evil. But we must accept the urgency of alertness. The Jewish people today cannot afford to let down their guard. We must continue to strengthen the wellbeing of our coreligionists everywhere. We must continue to take care of our own, to build on our own, and to make our own security without fear or apology.

In life there are no guarantees. Idfe is not a fairy story in which everyone lives happily ever after. There can be happiness and a grand and glorious future if we are prepared to sacrifice for it and to establish it with our courage and our devotion and with our generosity. Simply to say that all will be well because God's in His heaven is not enough. The heavens belong to God, and the earth belongs to man. Nor is it enough to say, well all was well last year in Minneapolis. We met our goal; our agencies are secure. The household of Israel is one. Last year was a typical year in our religious pilgrimage. It was a year of hope and a year of danger. It was a year of prosperity and it was a year of reatlessness. For some there was security; others were uprooted. It was a year in which our people had to confront, as we have always had to confront, the cruel yet not hopeless reality which is life. By and large,

we met our responsibilities properly. I am confident that we shall continue in that vein.



April 6, 1964

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Mr. Seymour Lesser United Jewish Appeal 1290 Avenue of the Americas New York, N. Y. 10019

Deer Mr. Lesser:

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I have this date returned from Minneapolis. Your flight connections were excellently arranged. My expenses were \$14.00 for the hotel and \$17.00 for texts and incidentals.

It was, I think, a good meeting.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEHEMY SILVER

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Dear Rabbi:

In the press of the evening's business, I failed to mention a personal incident that I wanted to call to your attention.

A couple of years ago, your father and mother were visiting in Morocco accompanied by my son who is with JDC. On their return to Cleveland, your mother was kind enough to phone me and give me a personal report on my son.

Please extend my regards to her.

Cordially,

sam Shapiro



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Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver The Temple East 105th and Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

Both personally and on the Federation's behalf, I want to thank you for your most stimulating address at our annual meeting last Sunday evening.

Your message was distinguished by its comprehensiveness and the insights into the unity of Jewish life which it conveyed. A number of the issues you raised and of the views you expressed are still being widely discussed in the community.

Your consideration and interest in having come and shared in this occasion with us are very much appreciated.

Cordially,

SS:a

Samuel Shapiro, Presiden

United Jewish Appeal April 10, 1964 Mr. Samuel Shapiro, President The Minneapolis Federation for Jewish Service Suite 718, 512 Nicollet Building Minneapolis 2, Minnesota Dear Mr. Shapiro: It was a pleasure to be in Minneapolis over the weekend. I only regret that I was not in better health. I wish your campaign all manner of success and I hope to hear shortly that it has gone over the mark. The folks enjoyed their trip to North Africa and spoke warmly of those who had guided them there. Cordially yours, DANIEL JEREMY SILVER DJS:Lg



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Rabbi Daniel J. Silver cio The Temple East 105 Street at Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio

Thanks seats for your kind cooperation. .

Dear Rabbi Silver.

We are enclosing a check representing the expenses you incurred in relation to your visit to Minneapolis.

From all reports that we have received, there is no question that your presentation set the tone for their campaign.

Again let me express our appreciation for your kind assistance.

Cordially,

Sexmour Lesser Assistant Director Speakers' Division

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November 4, 1964

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver c/c The Temple East 105 Street at Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your acceptance of our invitation to address the Victory Dinner in Rochester on Tuesday, December 1, was indeed most gracious.

I have checked the airline schedules and it would appear that the following flights would be most convenient:

Cleveland Lv: Rochester

12:05 p.n. 2:04 p.n. Via AAL #216 December 1

Lv: Cleveland Ar: Rochester

4:25 p.m. 5:40 p.n.

via AAL #234 December 1

I would hope that you could make the earlier flight since weather conditions at that time of the year might creats problems if you were to take the 4:25 p.m. schedule.

For your return to Cleveland on Wednesday, December 2, there is this flight:

Lv: Rochester Ar = Cleveland 8:10 a.m. 9:32 a.m.

via AAL #229 December 2

Please do let me know your preference regarding your flight to Rochester and we will proceed to secure the necessary transportation.

Thanks again for your kind cooperation.

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November 6, 1964 Mr. Seymour Lesser United Jewish Appeal 1290 Avenue of the Americas New York, N. Y. 10019 Dear Mr. Lesser: Why don't you make reservations for me on the 4:25 p.m. to Rochester. It gives me the chance to have a work day here and it's an hour less of a trip. The return flight is excellent. Sincerely yours, DANIEL JEREMY SILVER DJS:1g

November 9, 1964 Mr. Seymour Lesser Speakers' Division United Jewish Appeal 1290 Avenue of the Americas New York, N. Y., 10019 Dear Mr. Lesser: Rather than come back to Cleveland from Rochester on December 1, I have decided to fly in to New York City as early as possible Wednesday morning. I must attend a meeting. I wonder, therefore, if you would make my ticket Cleveland - Rochester - Rochester - New York City. I should like to be in the city by 10 o'clock Wednesday morning. My secretary will make arrangements for a return flight to Cleveland. Thank you for your trouble. Cordially yours, DANIEL JEREMY SILVER DJS: bd SALAN MARKET BERTHANK SALAN SA



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Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver The Temple University Circle at Silver Park Cleveland, Ohio Lul06

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am in receipt of your letter of November 9, concerning your transportation requirements to Rochester on Tuesday, December 1. As you requested, we will secure tickets on the following schedules:

via AAL #234 Cleveland 4:25 p.m. 5:40 p.m. December 1 Ar: Rochester

Vie AAL #lulu 7:15 a.m. Lv: Rochester 8:17 a.m. December 2 Ar: New York (LaGuardia)

At a later date, I will be writing to you with further information regarding the function as well as your transportation and hotel accommodations.

With all best wishes,

Cordically.

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

For your visit to Rochester on our behalf on Tuesday, December 1, tickets are enclosed for your use on the following schedule:

Lv: Cleveland Ar: Rochester

4:25 p.m. via AAL #234 5:40 p.m. December 1

You will be met on your arrival and escorted to the Sheraton Hotel where reservations have been secured. The Victory Dinner will take place at Temple Beth El and is scheduled to commence at 6 p.m. They anticipate an attendance in excess of six hundred.

You will want to have the name of the Executive Director, Elmer Louis, who can be reached at: Business HA 6-9750; Home - GR 3-5592. The Regional Director for this area is Mr. Bert Adams.

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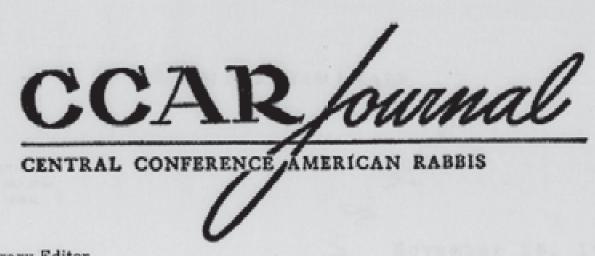
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November 25, 1964

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver The Temple University Circle at Silver Park Cleveland, Ohio 14106

Dear Danny,

I think it would be just as well were we to omit an explanation of our newer policies. If someone asks, we can always give that explanation. It isn't necessary, really.

I am glad that you like THE JEWISH TEACHER. In this connection, if someone submits an article which you cannot use for the Journal but deem appropriate for our purposes, keep us in mind. Will you, huh!

With the warmest good wishes, I am

Cordially

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

RABBI ABRAHAM J. KARP CONGREGATION BETH EL 139 WINTON ROAD SOUTH ROCHESTER, N. Y. 14610 November 25, 1964 20 Kislev, 5725 Rabbi Daniel J. Silver The Temple University Circle Cleveland, 6, Ohio Dear Rabbi Silver: I am delighted to extend to you a most cordial and warm welcome to Rochester and to Temple Beth El. Unfortunately this welcome has to be in writing. I have a long-time commitment to speak in Providence, Rhode Island on December First and so will be unable to greet you personally and to welcome you. I do hope that we shall have the opportunity of meeting in the not too far distant future. Until then, I remain AJK: o

November 27, 1964

Rabbi Abraham J. Karp
Congregation Beth El
139 Winton Road South
Rochester, New York, 14610

Dear Rabbi Karp:

Thank you for your kind note. I'm sorry that we will miss connections and will look forward to seeing you on my next visit.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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December 3, 1964

Mr. Elmer Lewis The United Jewish Welfare Fund 129 East Avenue Rochester, New York, 14604

Dear Mr. Levis:

Tuesday taught me at least one fact of life - that Rochester is more inaccessible than Cleveland! We were put aboard our plane, we sat at the ramp for a good hour only to be told that the engines wouldn't start, and there was no other way to get in. So, forgive me and give me a raincheck. I would really enjoy being with you sometime, if only to renew old Sunday School friendships.

As you know, I had planned to go down to New York yester-day after the meeting and so I was there yesterday. By way of coincidence, I met at Newark on my way home a young man from Rochester who was having the same problems I had had the day before. His name was Slocum. He has a dress share someplace and he told me that American Airlines is notoriously unreliable. All of which is to say that Tuesday might's speech was the first engagement I've ever missed and that I'm sorry that I did.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

We did look forward to your being with us and were terribly sorry that you had to undergo the frustrations provided by American Airlines.

Our audience was disappointed but, of course, understanding.

Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein and Rabbi Abraham J. Karp participated in the program in your absence.

We do hope that we may have an opportunity to welcome you to Rochester in the near future. We hope that you will be available on another occasion.

Thank you for your thoughtful letter. We regret the inconvenience which occurred in your efforts to reach Rochester.

Sincerely yours

Elmer Louis

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 WILL THERE BE WAR IN THE MEAR EAST?
The Temple
Sunday, October 4, 1964
Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver

A year ago Egypt, Syris, Iraq, and Jordan were threatening war against Israel. The Israeli government had announced the near completion of the Jordan Valley Water Diversion project, and the Arabs threatened that if the tap were turned on their armies would march. This spring the irrigation pipes began to draw the waters of the Galilee southward into the Negev, and General Nesser's threat proved to he sheer bombast, and empty.

Those diplomats and writers who delight to sweep political dirt under any convenient carpet breathed more easily, and they were quick to write learned articles to the effect that the Near East was, grumblingly, to be sure, coming to an impasse, to a begrudged coexistence. They drew an analogy to the current thaw in the Cold War between the Soviet Union and the United States, but in this case the wish was father to the analogy. The Near East is closer to war today than it has been at any time since the Suez crisis. The Arab leaders are determined upon it. That there is no war as yet is simply due to their determination to be more careful in their planning and in their preparation. When Nasser hurled his threat a year ago he had very little to back it up with. The three crack divisions of his hundred and thirty thousand man army were committed to a bloody and protracted war in Yemen against the deposed Royalist regime and its Saudi-Arabian allies. His UAR partner, Syria, was restive under Masser's leadership and at the moment was recuperating

from one of its endemic coups d'etats. King Hussein of Jordan had just foiled an assassination plot against his own person, a plot mounted by Nasser, and Masser could hardly count upon him for political support. time was not propitious to unloose the Egyptian army. Wasser, a consummate political realist, rattled his sword not so much to fortall and what he actually was going to do, but to rattle the diplomats of Washington and London. Before, whenever he had threatened war, some of these who were scared and oil concerned had come running to Cairo. They would promise a negative vote against Israel in the United Nations, or some economic sanction against Israel, or, failing that, at least an increase in the economic and military aid which would help shore up the always shaky Egyptian economy. But this time the West was not to be manipulated. Nasser had been to the well once too often. Besides, the Israeli course was entirely proper. King Hussein had already drawn large amounts of water from the Jordan River for his East Cohr irrigation project, an irrigation project which had been sponsored by, financed by, and manned and staffed by the United States, a project which had been drawn up in accordance with the water allocation scheme devised by our Ambassador Johnston in 1954. The United States was now morally committed to the Johnston quotas, and the Israeli Jordan Valley scheme was drawn up entirely within the terms of this earlier pact. Besides, in the past several years Washington had become increasingly disenchanted with Mr. Nasser, and there was good reason for 18. In the last twelve years we had poured two billions of dollars of aid into the Egyptian economy, and we have precious little to show for it. His army was staffed with Russian sergeants and staff officers. It was equipped with Russian supersonic fighters and Russian missiles. His vaunted neutrality was increasingly

malevolent. He was flirting with Peking. He had brought pressure on the king of labya to force the United States out of our extensive and expensive Wheeler Air Force Base. He was financing commando raids by Bedouin tribesmen against the British in Aden. He had interfered in the Yemen in the revolution which was none of his business and against our urgent counsel. He refused adamantly to adjudicate any of the outstanding issues between Egypt and Israel, and he was peddling his revolution throughout the Near East In Iran and Iraq, in Syria and in Libya, even in Algeria and Morocco, there were active Masserite groups sowing trouble and practicing assassination. Washington, to be sure, had gentle conversation with Israel. If the Israeli would delay opening the irrigation pipes an ugly international incident might be avoided. But Israel was strong in its position, and Washington had no alternative but to amounce to Masser that Israel's position was correct, that the United States reaffirmed the position taken by President Kernedy in 1960 that we were opposed to war or to the threat of war in the Middle East, and that AND BET A GRESEIVEN we would look unkindly at any aggression which violated existing boundaries.

Masser learned, in 1963, that he lacked the leverage to go it alone, so he determined on a new scheme, one which would involve all the Arab States from the gates of India to the western shores of the Atlantic. In 1963 he learned that he could not expect to draw indefinitely upon the fear of western diplomats. So let them be afraid of the entire power of the Arab world. Western diplomacy is fixed on the balance of power and on a cold war. Surely they will see it our way, the Egyptian way, when we threaten them with the loss of the good will, the loss of even the neutralism of the thirteen major Arab States.

So Wasser convened in Cairo in January of this year and again in

Alexandria in August of this year a pan-Arab Summit. The war in the Yemen drags on. Saudi-Arabian troops are fighting Egyptian troops.

Nevertheless, King Faisal and King Hussein, the leaders of Iraq and of Iran and of Syria and of Lebanon and of Morocco, of the Sudan and of Algeria and of Tunis, of Libya, came together in Cairo for a single purpose, to plan and to organize the final destruction of Israel. The Arabs call it the liberation of Palestine.

And this time there was to be no haphazard attack. There was to be a well planned, well conceived military program. There have been other attempts at pan-Arab union. You remember the Arab League before the Second World War. Most of these plans have been sheer propaganda, designed to frighten the West. Is this true in this case? Perhaps. But for the first time there has been established in Cairo the equivalent of an Arab Pentagon, bureaus and offices with a single purpose, to coordinate all military action against Israel. For the first time there has been established a political weapon which the Arabs believe will negate the American position that no borders are to be violated. How so? A Palestine Covernment In Exile has been created. Its citizens presumably will be the Arab refugees who have been sequestered so carefully by the Arab nations. This Arab government in exile is to be presented whole with an army. The army is to be equipped with Russian weapons provided by Egypt. The army is to be staffed by leading officers of all of the thirteen Arab nations. The army's mission; now, infiltration and assassination, and later the ultimate destruction of Israel. And when this army marches. Nasser confidently assumes that the oil conscious diplomats of the West will accept the rationalization that these people are not crossing any border, but merely entering a land which is presumably rightly their own.

Rerhaps. But for the first time in over twenty years Nasser has found the means of financing this army in the field. He has convinced the cil rich nations—Kuwait, Saudi-Arabia, and Iraq—that they could finance the scheme without cost to themselves (How so? All they have to do, he has told them, is to add a small royalty surcharge to their next international contract with the cil companies. Every gallon of Arabian gas which we use in our cars will be paying the cost of this organization for murder.

More than this. The military machines, the defense forces of Iraq, Jordan, Syria, and of Egypt are to be put under a coordinated command. They are to be equipped with similar weapons. Their officers are to go to a single staff college. Their bases are to be inspected by a single officer corps. These are to be the back-up forces for the Palestine Liberation Organization. Once the border has been crossed these are the armies which will crush; and a hundred million dollars—a hundred million dollars has been pledged by eight of the thirteen Arab States for the cost of this military operation.

There is no war in the Middle East now, in the sense that there is no actual fighting. But for how long? For how long?

Now, there is much that is disturbing and a great deal that is shocking in this pan-Arab conference. Yet as I read about it in our papers and heard it discussed by our statesmen, I was surprised to find that most assumed any other reason but the conference's stated purpose.

The Arabs made no bones about it. The Cairo Summit had a single purpose, to squash Israel, to erase the Jewish people from Israel, to erase Israel from the face of the globe. Yet in the diplomatic press we read of the need to establish a government exile in order to gain another seat in

the United Nations, of the desire to get a better bargaining position vis à vis Israel in the inevitable conference over repatriation. Some articles even went so far as to say that the fighting Arab warlords needed a convenient mask so that they could come together without loss of face to adjudicate their hitter fratricidal disputes. All this may be true, but I would remind you that Hitler wrote Mein Kampf twelve years before he came to power, that hate rarely masks its ultimate objective, that Nasser has never once masked his ultimate objective, genocide, the destruction of the entirety of the issue of Palestine.

Let me read you his call to this conference:

The whole Arab nation--peoples and Governments--met at the beginning of this year at the Summit conference which was held in Cairo, for the sake of Palestine to proclaim to the world at large that the Arabs are united in facing their enemies.

The first Summit conference came as the beginning of our action, determination and resolve. We in Cairo are now preparing for the Second Summit conference to follow up this action. We will continue to follow it with all our power until Arab soil has been purged of imperialism and its stooges; and until Palestine has been liberated from the clutches of Zionism and becomes an Arab country again.

This objective is no longer a mere hope cherished in our hearts, or a slogan included in our aspirations; it has become a bounden duty for which we must prepare ourselves. We must make full use of our scientific potential, of planning, of our armed strength and we must concentrate on winning public opinion. . . .

This will never be achieved with slogans but only by action, for which alone the first Arab Summit conference met, and for which purpose the second Summit will assemble.

It is to this end that all of our energies and all of our resources have been mobilized.

There you have it, a call to Yihad, to the ancient to-the-death crusade of the Arab Bedouin. That such sneer malevolence should exist in this day and age, out in the open, is a stunning and shattering fact by itself. Even more stunning and more shattering to me has been the acceptance of these Summit conferences as another political meeting by the press and the diplomats of the West. This was not a convention of

jackals come for a bloodletting

Here were nations, thirteen nations, all members of the United Nations, all presumably committed to peace and to the international arrangement of existing disputes. There were thirteen heads of state, intelligent men, modern men, come together for a single purpose, murder, destruction. And no one saw outrage! No one thought of it as damnable. No one shouted, Purge these people from the United Nations. Throw them out. Excommunicate them from the body of peace loving peoples. We will have no truck with such as these. No, this was simply another group of men come together in political purpose. It was a routine diplomatic affair.

I am often asked, "Rabbi, how is it that you, who preach a gospel of peace, that you do not preach pacifism? How is it that you do not argue for unilateral disarmament?" Here is my answer. As long as there are Bassers in this world—and the Bassers of this world, my friends, are not limited to the Near East—as long as there are Bassers in this world who use labels, who speak of peace only to grab for power, there must be a deterrent force. For these are not reasonable men. These are not men of good will. These are devils incarnate. These are not men who can be treated with, but only restricted, imprisoned, forced—deterred—to withhold their arms and their ambitions.

Will there be war in the Middle East? If General Nasser has his way there will be war. Of course this Arab Summit will have its full measure of organizational difficulties and more. Arab unity is notoriously fragile. It has never lasted more than a year. Perhaps he cannot keep it fixed even on this single focus of hate. We do not know what will be the role of Russia, Russia which has backed every one of Nesser's

narrow embition this past decade, which has provided Nasser with the most advanced and sophisticated of weapons. Will Russia be willing to endanger its own security by catalyzing war in the Middle East?--a war which can in an hour escalate into an atomic world wide holocaust. Nor do we know what reception the nations of the world will give to this cheap piece of political maneuver, this chicanery, the establishment of a Palestine Government In Exile. Perhaps it will be dismissed for the patent fraud that it is. We do not know.

But this much is certain. We are closer to war in the Middle

East than we have been in a decade. Events there have taken a dangerous

and ominous tone, and there is nothing to be gained by sweeping this

political fact under the carpet.

What's for it, then? The single, greatest deterrent to Nasser's ambition at the moment is Israel's defense force. It is a strong army. Its will is certain. In the past two or three years it has been able to buy of the most advanced of weapons. Until 1962 only France emong the Western nations was prepared to sell to Israel the necessary balancing weaponry. But as Nasser has stepped beyond the bounds, beyond bounds even acceptable to our State Department, first our own government, in the sale of Hawk ground to air defense missiles in 1962, and later other nations of the West have allowed Israel to purchase such military equipment as it required.

The Israeli defense force is a strong one. It is the strongest army at the moment in the Middle East. But do we not, deep down, recognize that brinkmanship and deterrence are only short term solutions? What's for it, then?

In the first place, the United States must cease to sponsor Nasser's ambitions. Now, we have learned, these past five years, not to

sell or give military weapons to General Masser. We found these weapons in Algeria, we found them in Iran, we found them in the Yemen, we found them in the Sudan, we found them in caches in Gaza, about to be used against Israel. We have learned that Masser has no intentions to use such weapons as we give him in the Cold War against our Cold War enemy.

But we have not yet learned that every dollar of sid, whether it be in foodstuffs or whatever, that we give to Nasser allows him to transfer another dollar into his military budget. Masser's economy is known to be shaky and uncertain. And yet this man, whose people live as abysmally as those of any semi-advanced nation of the world, spends one dollar in every seven of the national wealth of Egypt on arms. One dollar in seven. Where does he get the money? From West Germany, London, Washington, Moscow, in the counterpart funds, in foodstuffs, every ship-load of grain which comes into the Alexandria harbor allows Nasser to shift that many dollars from one budget to another, from one pocket to another, and he can, therefore, spend that much less on his own people. Why should the American taxpayer be financing the political ambitions of this megalomaniae? Why should a man who is unwilling to spend the national treasure of his nation—which is threatened by no other nation—for the welfare of his own people, why should we undertake their welfare?

What's for it, then? A clear and patent restatement by the United States and by the Western allies that we will not look kindly upon the threat of force in the Middle East, that we will, by our actions both within the United Nations and without, guarantee the borders, the present legitimate and legal borders of the Middle East, against aggression, and that we will not allow ourselves to be befuddled or bemused by artificial political chicanery; that we do not recognize and will not recognize the Government In Excite; Israel's land is Israel's, granted to it by the

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United Nations; we recognize its integrity, and we will bestir ourselves if any take aggressive action -- any -- against Israel. / This has been, in large measure, the position of the United States government. President Kennedy said as much in 1960. The State Department reiterated it at President Johnson's order late in 1963. It is the message that President Johnson himself gave to Prime Minister Eshkol when he visited Washington in July of last year. It's been said. Why, then, do I feel that it must be restated? It has been said, but it has not necessarily been heard. Experience has taught General Nasser that the United States means what it says -- sometimes. In 1954, you may recall that Secretary Dulles was determined to avoid an arms race in the Middle East. He got the consent of all of the Western Allies, all of our MATO partners, to an arms embargo which would cover Israel and all of its near neighbors. General Nasser's response was to sign a secret arms purchase treatment with the Soviet Union. The arms began to come into Egypt which were uncovered two years later by the Israeli Sinai campaign. How did the United States respond to this bit of machievellian maneuvering? By contimuing the arms embargo, which now worked unilaterally to Israel's disadvantage, and by doubling the amount of foreign aid which General Nasser was to receive in 1955. Yes, the United States means what it says -- some of the time.

In 1956, after a successful Sinai campaign, Israel was pressured by the United States to remove its troops. The United States assured Israel that it had the assurance of General Masser that if the troops were removed from Sinai the free passage of Israeli shipping would be guaranteed through the Suez Canal. This was only according to international law, no more and no less. Under the promise, given this pledge, Israel withdrew its troops. In the intervening nine years not a single

Israeli ship has been allowed passege through the Suez, nor has any single Israeli-bound ship of any flag. The United States' response to this withdrawal of commitment by Egypt? In 1957 we doubled our aid to Nasser. We have brought no effective economic or political sanctions or pressures against him. Yes, the United States means what it says—some of the time.

In 1962--we come closer to our own day--the United States advised Mr. Masser we would look at it as an unfriendly act if he intervened in the revolution which was then going on in the Yemen. General Masser intervened. What was a local war became a matter involving the entire Mear East, and we continued to send to General Masser two hundred thousand dollars of foodstuffs every three months, a significant sum because it was estimated that during those early days of the war Masser was spending two hundred thousand dollars every three months on this military venture. We did not propose sanction in the United Nations. We did not take any determined diplomat action against Masser. He has known for a long time now that the United States means what it says--some of the time.

We vacillate. We vacillate between a concern for principle and peace, and a concern for oil and our presumed geopolitical interests. In 1963 the United States Senate by an overwhelming majority attached a Sense of the Senate rider to the Foreign Aid Appropriations Rill to the effect that no further aid of any kind should be granted to Egypt until the right of free passage was guaranteed through the Suez and until Egypt had withdrawn its armies from the Yemen. Our State Department announced the next day that it would not be bound by the Sense of the Senate motion because: "It was not in the best interests of the United States." Yes, the United States means what it says—some of the time.

There is urgent need now for an unmistakably clear statement by this administration which reaffirms the integrity of current boundaries in the Middle East, which reaffirms our determination as a peace keeping measure to guarantee the integrity of these borders within the United Nations or, failing that, unilaterally—on our own.

The United States has a long and wonderful history of friendship with Israel. We have engaged with Israel in many economic developments of all kinds, most lately in a fine program conceived by President Johnson to develop water desalination projects of all kinds. The United States has reason to be friendly to Israel, narrow reasons, political reasons, because Israel is its one certain friend in a turbulent part of the world. Israel is the one country which is a democracy. Israel is the one nation which knows the value of freedom. Israel is the one nation which has voted consistently with the United States at the United Nations. Israel is the one nation whose people fought with the Allies in the Second World War. Israel is the one nation whose people can be counted on to be loyal to our Western philosophy. We have been friendly to Israel, and we have had reason to be friendly to Israel. We need now to make clear to the world that we will not tolerate any military maneuvers or political maneuvers which are determined to erase this friend of ours from the face of the globe.

Will there be war in the Middle East? There may be. The Arabs are determined on it. The jackals have gathered; they smell blood. The scavengers are ready to pounce. But there need not be war in the Middle East. Israel is strong and will maintain, God willing, her strength.

And there is, thank God, an increasing awareness in our own nation and in the free nations of the West that the future of Israel is in large measure a concern of all free peoples and that they must now bestir

themselves, oil interest to the contrary, to guarantee and to support, in peace, this noble experiment in democracy that is Israel.

Will there be war in the Middle East? We pray, all of us, that there will not.

