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B'NAI B'RITH
WASHINGTON, D.C.
SEPTEMBER 8, 1992
11:00 A.M.

THANK YOU, RUDY, FOR THAT VERY KIND INTRODUCTION.
KENT SCHINER. AMBASSADOR SHOVAL. THE B'NAI B'RITH
LEADERSHIP. TO EVERYONE. IT IS AN HONOR TO BE WITH
YOU TODAY. AND LET ME EXPRESS MY CONCERNS FOR MY GOOD
FRIEND MAX FISHER, WHO WAS TO BE WITH US TODAY....

WE'VE WITNESSED A WORLD OF CHANGE, AND WITH CHANGE
COMES NEW CHALLENGES. FOR AMERICA, THE END OF THE COLD
WAR MEANS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA -- A NEW ERA OF
ECONOMIC COMPETITION THAT AMERICA SIMPLY MUST AND WILL
WIN. IN THE NEW WORLD, FOREIGN POLICY, ECONOMIC POLICY
AND DOMESTIC POLICY HAVE BECOME ONE ISSUE. IN ORDER TO
PREVAIL, THE UNITED STATES MUST BE NOT ONLY A MILITARY
SUPERPOWER, BUT AN ECONOMIC SUPERPOWER -- AN EXPORT
SUPERPOWER AS WELL. //

YET WE KNOW THAT AMERICA IS MEASURED BY MORE THAN
THE STRENGTH OF OUR ECONOMY, BUT ALSO BY THE CONTENT OF
OUR CHARACTER -- HOW WE SERVE OTHERS.

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THIS WILLINGNESS TO REACH OUT, TO HELP THOSE IN
NEED -- TO RECOGNIZE ACROSS ALL THE DIVIDES OF COLOR
AND CULTURE AND CREED OUR SHARED HUMAN SPIRIT -- THIS
IS WHAT B'NAI B'RITH IS ALL ABOUT. FOR 150 YEARS, THE
MEMBERS OF THIS ORGANIZATION, HAVE JOINED A HANDFUL OF
OTHER ORGANIZATIONS SERVING AS THE NATION'S CONSCIENCE.
AND PART OF AMERICA'S CONSCIENCE MUST ALWAYS BE TO
FIGHT ANTI-SEMITISM AND OTHER FORMS OF PREJUDICE
WHEREVER AND WHENEVER THEY APPEAR.

I WISH THAT I COULD STAND BEFORE YOU TODAY AND SAY
THAT ANTI-SEMITISM IS HISTORY, BUT IT IS NOT. NOT WHEN
THERE ARE HATE CRIMES HERE AT HOME AND BROWN SHIRTS
ABROAD. THAT'S A SORRY COMMENTARY ON HUMAN NATURE.

LET'S ALL BE CLEAR: A WORLD WILLING TO ALLOW JEWS TO BE PERSECUTED IS A WORLD CERTAIN TO ALLOW OTHER TYRANNIES TO EMERGE. BUT WE'RE NOT HELPLESS. AND WE'RE DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT. // IN THIS COUNTRY, WE ARE AGGRESSIVELY EMPLOYING THE HATE CRIMES ACT TO BRING TO JUSTICE THOSE WHO TRAFFIC IN THE GUTTER. / ANTI-SEMITISM IS AN EVIL IDEA WITH AN UGLY HISTORY. / I WILL CONTINUE TO DO MY UTMOST, HERE AND ABROAD, SO THAT PREJUDICE IS FINALLY / FINALLY / FINALLY / BANISHED FROM THE HUMAN HEART. //

IN THE END, ANTI-SEMITISM AND PREJUDICE MOCK AND THREATEN THE BASIC PRINCIPLES UPON WHICH THE UNITED STATES IS FOUNDED.

IN A LETTER TO THE HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODE ISLAND, GEORGE WASHINGTON WROTE "...THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES... GIVES TO BIGOTRY NO SANCTION, TO PERSECUTION NO ASSISTANCE.... WHILE EVERYONE SHALL SIT IN SAFETY UNDER HIS OWN VINE AND FIGTREE, AND THERE SHALL BE NONE TO MAKE HIM AFRAID." AND HERE'S THE DIFFERENCE, THE VITAL DIFFERENCE THAT SETS APART OUR AMERICAN CREED. FOR US, FREEDOM OF RELIGION IS NO GIFT OF GOVERNMENT -- NO PRIVILEGE TO BE GRANTED OR WITHHELD -- IT IS A FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHT. //

LET'S TAKE HEART THAT THIS AMERICAN CREED IS SPREADING, THAT PEOPLE IN OUR TIME ARE DEMANDING AND GETTING THOSE RIGHTS THEY HAVE BEEN DENIED SO LONG. AND CHANGES IN OUR WORLD HAVE COME SO FAST THAT I SAY THEY ARE NOTHING SHORT OF BIBLICAL -- AND BY THAT I MEAN JUST PLAIN OLD-FASHIONED MIRACULOUS.

JUST THINK ABOUT IT. JUST A FEW YEARS AGO, WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT WE WOULD NO LONGER LIVE UNDER THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR CONFLAGRATION? WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THE SCARRING SYMBOL OF AN ERA -- THE BERLIN WALL -- WOULD BE FOUND ONLY IN MUSEUMS AND CHIPPED INTO PAPERWEIGHTS? ABOVE ALL, WHO WOULD HAVE PREDICTED THE SOVIET UNION WOULD BE FOUND ONLY IN THE PAGES OF HISTORY?

AND KNOW THIS: THE MIRACLES AREN'T ONLY CONFINED TO EUROPE. IN THE MIDDLE EAST, EVENTS HAVE DEFIED ALL THE PREDICTIONS. TODAY, DIRECT, BILATERAL TALKS ARE TAKING PLACE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND HER NEIGHBORS.

YOU MAY RECALL WE WERE TOLD WE COULDN'T SUCCEED -- WE COULDN'T BRING THE PARTIES TOGETHER. BUT WE DID.

I WANT TO DWELL FOR A MOMENT ON THIS BREAKTHROUGH, BECAUSE I KNOW IT MATTERS DEEPLY TO EVERYONE IN THIS HALL. LET ME TAKE YOU BACK NEARLY A YEAR AGO TO ANOTHER HALL, IN MADRID. THERE, GATHERED AROUND THE TABLE WERE REPRESENTATIVES OF LEBANON, JORDAN, SYRIA, EGYPT, PALESTINIANS -- AND ISRAEL. FOR NEARLY HALF A CENTURY THEY HAD NOT MET, ALL TOGETHER, OUTSIDE THE BATTLEFIELD. BUT FOR THE FIRST TIME THEY CAME TOGETHER NOT TO FIGHT -- BUT TO TALK.

I'LL NEVER FORGET WALKING INTO THE MEETING ROOM -- THEN PRESIDENT GORBACHEV AT MY SIDE. YOU COULD CUT THE TENSION WITH A KNIFE, BUT WHEN GORBACHEV AND I SPOKE AFTERWARDS WE BOTH AGREED IT WAS ONE OF THE MOST DRAMATIC MOMENTS IN RECENT HISTORY.

THEN, AS NOW, THE GOAL IS NOT JUST A CEASEFIRE OR A TRUCE, BUT PEACE, REAL PEACE. NOT SIMPLY THE END OF WAR -- BUT GENUINE RECONCILIATION. A PEACE BOTH BROAD AND DEEP, A PEACE CODIFIED BY TREATIES, AND GIVEN LIFE BY TRADE AND TOURISM, BY OPEN BORDERS -- THE FABRIC OF PEACE KNIT TOGETHER EVEN MORE TIGHTLY BY THE SIMPLE HUMAN CONTACT OF PEOPLES WHO'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER FAR TOO LONG AS ENEMIES. A COMPREHENSIVE PEACE, BASED ON SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338. A PEACE THAT AT LONG LAST WILL ALLOW THE PEOPLES OF THE MIDDLE EAST TO TURN THEIR ENERGIES, THEIR RESOURCES, THEIR LIVES TO CREATION RATHER THAN DESTRUCTION -- TO GREAT WORKS RATHER THAN GREAT WARS.

TODAY, AS WE SPEAK, PARTIES THAT MET FIRST AT MADRID ARE MID-WAY THROUGH THE SIXTH ROUND OF BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS. THERE HAS BEEN PROGRESS. DELEGATIONS ARE EXCHANGING NOT ONLY HANDSHAKES, BUT FOR THE FIRST TIME -- WRITTEN PROPOSALS. PUBLIC POSTURING HAS DECREASED -- AND MEANINGFUL PRIVATE DIALOGUE HAS INCREASED.

OF COURSE, MAJOR HURDLES REMAIN. IT WILL TAKE TIME AND EFFORT AND COURAGE AND TRUST. BUT THERE IS CLEARLY A WAY -- AND INCREASINGLY, A WILL.

THE EVIDENCE IS MOUNTING: THE MANY POSITIVE STEPS TAKEN BY ISRAEL'S NEW GOVERNMENT THAT IMPROVE DAY-TO-DAY LIFE FOR PALESTINIANS AND SIGNAL ITS SERIOUSNESS ABOUT PEACE -- EGYPT'S INVITATION THAT MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR PRIME MINISTER RABIN TO MAKE HIS FIRST TRIP OUTSIDE ISRAEL TO AN ARAB COUNTRY -- SYRIA'S RELAXATION OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS AFFECTING ITS JEWISH CITIZENS. FURTHER GESTURES, SUCH AS AN END TO THE ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL, CAN ONLY HELP IN BRINGING ABOUT AN ENVIRONMENT CONDUCTIVE ^{to} FOR NEGOTIATION AND RECONCILIATION. ~~I THINK~~

~~IT'S HIGH TIME TO SEE THAT BOYCOTT ENDED. //~~

→ I will continue to oppose that boycott. //

I AM PROUD OF THE ROLE WE'VE PLAYED IN BREAKING THE LONG-STANDING TABOO AGAINST DIRECT TALKS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND HER NEIGHBORS. ISRAEL SOUGHT DIRECT TALKS FOR 43 YEARS -- AND IT WAS RIGHT TO DO SO. IF YOU DO NOT TALK -- YOU CAN HAVE NO HOPE OF MAKING PEACE. NOW, THERE IS SUCH A HOPE.

I'M ALSO PROUD OF WHAT WE HAVE DONE TO ^{help} END ISRAEL'S DIPLOMATIC ISOLATION INTERNATIONALLY. WE FINALLY SUCCEEDED -- AFTER 16 YEARS OF EFFORT -- IN GETTING THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REPEAL WHAT SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN ENACTED IN THE FIRST PLACE. ZIONISM IS NOT RACISM -- NOT BEFORE / NOT NOW / NOT EVER. //

AND THANKS IN LARGE PART TO OUR EFFORTS, CHINA AND INDIA AND TURKEY AND MANY OTHER NATIONS -- COUNTRIES REPRESENTING MORE THAN 2 BILLION PEOPLE -- NOW HAVE FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. ALREADY THIS HAS CREATED NOT ONLY GREATER CONTACT FOR ISRAEL WORLDWIDE, BUT NEW ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES.

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AND I KNOW THIS AUDIENCE KNOWS OF OUR EFFORTS TO OPEN THE GATES TO JEWS IN THE FORMER SOVIET UNION AND ALSO TO RESCUE ETHIOPIAN JEWS.

YOU KNOW, FOUR YEARS AGO WHEN I SPOKE TO YOU IN BALTIMORE, I NOTICED A BANNER HUNG ON THE WALL THAT READ: WHERE DO SOVIET JEWS APPLY FOR GLASNOST?

AS I PREPARED TO COME HERE TODAY, I THOUGHT OF THAT BANNER. I THOUGHT OF THE HOPES WE HAD THEN -- AND I THOUGHT OF A PLEDGE I MADE: THAT IN EVERY SINGLE MEETING WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS, I WOULD RAISE THE ISSUE OF SOVIET JEWS. //

MY FRIENDS, I COULD NOT FORGET THAT BANNER -- I DID NOT FORGET THAT PLEDGE -- AND TODAY, TOGETHER, WE CELEBRATE THIS MIRACLE: NEARLY HALF A MILLION JEWS HAVE COME OUT OF THE SOVIET UNION -- TO FREEDOM. TO AMERICA. TO ISRAEL. //

PERSUADING PARTIES TO SIT DOWN FACE-TO-FACE TO TALK
PEACE / ENDING ISRAEL'S INTERNATIONAL ISOLATION /
ASSISTING IN THE IN-GATHERING OF JEWS INTO ISRAEL:
THESE ARE THE THREE GREAT AIMS THAT HAVE GUIDED ISRAEL
FROM ITS FOUNDING. AND WE DIDN'T JUST TALK ABOUT
HELPING ISRAEL IN THESE AREAS -- WE DELIVERED. THAT'S
A FACT OF WHICH EVERY AMERICAN CAN BE PROUD.

AND HERE'S ANOTHER FACT. WHEN THE CHIPS WERE DOWN,
WHEN MANY COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ISRAEL, WERE THREATENED
BY THE MOST BRUTAL AGGRESSION, AMERICA WAS THERE. WE
STOPPED SADDAM HUSSEIN.

AND THAT TERRIBLE TIME WHEN THE WORLD FEARED THAT
THE COLD WAR WOULD BE REPLACED BY A NEW AGE OF SADDAM -
- THAT'S OVER, TOO.

I KNEW WHEN I TOOK THE OATH OF OFFICE, THAT EVERY PRESIDENT FACES DIFFICULT DECISIONS -- AND THERE IS NO DECISION MORE DIFFICULT THAN SENDING THIS COUNTRY'S YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN INTO COMBAT. IN THE END, IT COMES DOWN TO THIS: YOU CANNOT MAKE THAT KIND OF DECISION - - UNLESS YOU ARE CERTAIN YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT IS AT STAKE.

I KNEW WHAT WAS AT STAKE.

AND BECAUSE OF THE BRAVERY OF AMERICA'S SONS AND DAUGHTERS IN DESERT STORM -- AMERICA TODAY IS SAFER.
ISRAEL TODAY IS SAFER. //

ASK YOURSELF WHERE THE MIDDLE EAST WOULD BE TODAY - - WHERE ISRAEL'S SECURITY WOULD BE TODAY -- IF WE HAD FOLLOWED THE COUNSEL OF MY CRITICS.

ASK YOURSELF WHERE WE WOULD BE IF WE HAD SOMEONE IN THE OVAL OFFICE WHO WOULD HAVE WAFFLED -- WHO WOULD HAVE WAVERED AND WANTED TO HAVE IT BOTH WAYS.

LISTEN TO MY OPPONENT'S VERY OWN WORDS ON WHETHER HE WOULD HAVE FOLLOWED MY LEAD, AND DRAWN A LINE IN THE SAND: -- AND I QUOTE -- "I GUESS I WOULD HAVE VOTED WITH THE MAJORITY IF IT WAS A CLOSE VOTE. BUT I AGREE WITH THE ARGUMENTS THE MINORITY MADE."

WHERE WOULD WE BE? I'LL TELL YOU: WE'D BE FACING A NUCLEAR-ARMED IRAQ, DOMINANT IN THE MIDDLE EAST, WITH A CHOKE-HOLD ON THE WORLD'S OIL SUPPLIES. AN IRAQ THAT SHOWED THAT AGGRESSION AGAINST ONE'S NEIGHBORS CAN GO UNCHECKED. AN IRAQ THREATENING ISRAEL'S VERY EXISTENCE. ISRAEL'S VERY SURVIVAL WOULD BE AT STAKE - - AND WE'D BE TALKING ABOUT WHETHER THERE WAS ANY CHANCE TO AVOID NUCLEAR ARMAGEDDON IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

WELL, DESERT STORM SWEEPED AWAY THAT NIGHTMARE AND BECAUSE OF AMERICA'S COURAGE TODAY, WE NOW HAVE THE CHANCE TO SEE THE DAWN OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

THERE IS STILL WORK TO BE DONE. THE MIDDLE EAST -
- INDEED, THE WORLD -- IS STILL A DANGEROUS PLACE.
TERRORISTS CONTINUE TO TARGET THE INNOCENT. THE
PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION CASTS A
CLOUD OVER THE REGION'S FUTURE. IRAQ'S SADDAM HUSSEIN,
HOWEVER MUCH WEAKER, DEFEATED, AND LOCKED IN THE PRISON
OF HIS OWN COUNTRY -- STILL BRUTALIZES HIS OWN PEOPLE
AND RESISTS THE WILL OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.
THE NEED FOR ISRAEL TO REMAIN STRONG IS BEYOND
QUESTION, AND IT CLEARLY INCLUDES HAVING A DEFENSIVE
CAPABILITY AGAINST MISSILE ATTACK. SCUD ATTACKS ON
ISRAEL SHOULD HAVE MADE THAT CLEAR TO EVERYONE. FOR
THAT REASON, I'VE PROPOSED TO ISRAEL THAT IT
PARTICIPATE IN OUR DEVELOPMENT OF A GLOBAL PROTECTION
SYSTEM. //

AND LET ME SAY TO YOU: YOU OUGHT TO TAKE A GOOD, CLOSE LOOK AT ANYONE WHO CLAIMS TO BE A FRIEND OF ISRAEL -- AT ANYONE WHO CLAIMS TO BE SERIOUS ABOUT ISRAEL'S SECURITY -- BUT OPPOSES DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEFENSES LIKE GPALS THAT MAY BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY FOR ISRAEL TO DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST MISSILE ATTACK? //

THE POINT IS: THE NEED FOR US-ISRAELI STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION REMAINS AS STRONG AS EVER.

AND WE'RE ALSO GOING TO SEE THAT PARTNERSHIP AT WORK THIS WEEK. BECAUSE I AM HAPPY TO TELL YOU THAT I AM SENDING TO THE CONGRESS LEGISLATION REQUESTING UP TO \$10 BILLION IN LOAN GUARANTEES TO AID ISRAEL'S GOVERNMENT IN WELCOMING ITS IMMIGRANTS. AND I KNOW I CAN COUNT ON THE SUPPORT OF EVERY ONE IN THIS ROOM TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS PROPOSAL BECOMES LAW. / AND DON'T LET ANY MEMBER OF CONGRESS TELL YOU WE CAN'T AFFORD TO DO THIS. WE CAN -- AND WE MUST. //

AND TODAY, I ASK YOU: TAKE THAT MESSAGE TO CAPITOL HILL.

I AM GLAD THAT PRIME MINISTER RABIN AND I WERE ABLE TO REACH AN UNDERSTANDING ON LOAN GUARANTEES WHEN WE MET IN KENNEBUNKPORT LAST MONTH. HE OUTLINED FOR ME THE NEW ISRAELI GOVERNMENT'S NEW PRIORITIES, COMMITTED TO INVESTING IN ISRAEL ITSELF, AND STOOD DETERMINED TO AVOID STEPS THAT COULD HAMPER PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE. I SHARE THAT COMMITMENT. AND, AS A RESULT, WE WILL BE ABLE TO PROMOTE PEACE AND WELCOME NEW IMMIGRANTS AT ONE AND THE SAME TIME. BOTH ARE HUMANITARIAN UNDERTAKINGS; BOTH DESERVE OUR FULL SUPPORT. IT WAS IMPORTANT NOT TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THEM, AND I AM GLAD THAT WE ARE NOW IN A POSITION TO PROMOTE BOTH OBJECTIVES.

AS FOR THE FUTURE, I AM CONFIDENT THAT ON MOST ISSUES, ON MOST OCCASIONS, WE AND ISRAEL WILL FIND OURSELVES IN AGREEMENT. I, FOR ONE, AM COMMITTED TO REVITALIZING THE TRADITION OF FULL CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL ON THE ENTIRE RANGE OF ISSUES AFFECTING STABILITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I KNOW PRIME MINISTER RABIN SHARES THIS COMMITMENT. AND LET ME EMPHASIZE THIS POINT: THERE WILL BE NO SURPRISES.

OUR SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL AND ITS SECURITY IS NOT SIMPLY A POLICY. IT IS A PRINCIPLE. AS I SAID AFTER PRIME MINISTER RABIN AND I MET IN MAINE, THIS IS A RELATIONSHIP BASED ON A SHARED COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY AND COMMON VALUES, AS WELL AS A SOLID COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL'S SECURITY, INCLUDING ITS QUALITATIVE MILITARY EDGE. THIS IS A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP, ONE SPECIALLY BUILT TO ENDURE.


THIS RELATIONSHIP IS IMPORTANT -- ESPECIALLY NOW,
AS WE ENTER A NEW ERA OF UNCERTAINTY. OLD EMPIRES ARE
DYING AND NEW NATIONS BEING BORN. THIS IS A TIME WHEN
A NATION NEEDS TO KNOW WHO IT CAN COUNT ON. ISRAEL HAS
A STABILITY OF PURPOSE -- A STRENGTH OF SPIRIT THAT HAS
SEEN IT THROUGH DARK DAYS. WE KNOW: ISRAEL WILL BE
THERE FOR US. JUST AS WE WILL ALWAYS BE THERE FOR
ISRAEL. //

NO DOUBT THERE WILL BE TIMES WHEN WE DISAGREE.
EVEN FRIENDS DISAGREE. *Even Barbara + I disagree from time to time* AMERICA WILL HAVE DISAGREEMENTS
WITH ISRAEL -- JUST AS WE SOMETIMES DISAGREE WITH
CANADA AND FRANCE AND GERMANY AND BRITAIN. THOSE
DIFFERENCES ARE SIGNS OF THE DURABILITY OF OUR
RELATIONSHIP -- OF THE DEMOCRATIC BONDS WE SHARE. THE
POINT IS THIS: THESE ARE DISAGREEMENTS BETWEEN FRIENDS
AND I EMPHASIZE THAT WORD, FRIENDS.

THERE MAY EVEN BE ISSUES WHERE YOU AND I WILL TAKE
OPPOSING SIDES. AND THINGS MAY GET HOT AND WORDS MAY
BE EXCHANGED. // IN THE PAST, SOME REMARKS OF MINE
WERE MISINTERPRETED. I HAVE GONE ON THE RECORD
EXPRESSING MY REGRET FOR ANY PAIN THIS MAY HAVE CAUSED.
AGAIN I ^{want to} MAKE IT CLEAR, I SUPPORT, I ENDORSE, AND I
DEEPLY BELIEVE IN THE GOD-GIVEN RIGHT OF EVERY AMERICAN
TO PROMOTE WHAT THEY BELIEVE. IT IS YOUR RIGHT AS AN
INDIVIDUAL. IT'S MORE THAN A RIGHT. IT'S YOUR DUTY AS
AN AMERICAN CITIZEN. //

BUT LET ME ALSO SAY THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE
LEARN HOW TO DISAGREE. THE WAY DEMOCRACIES ENGAGE IN
DEBATE IS NOT WITHOUT CONSEQUENCE -- IT IS A MARK OF
CIVILITY AND FREEDOM. I HARDLY NEED TO TELL ANYONE IN
THIS ROOM JUST WHAT ANTI-SEMITISM IS. AS MY FRIEND ABE
FOXMAN OF THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE HAS POINTED OUT,
TO ACCUSE THOSE WHO MAY COME TO DIFFERENT CONCLUSIONS
ON ONE OR ANOTHER PUBLIC ISSUE OF HARBORING ANTI-
SEMITISM IS TO CHEAPEN THE TERM. THAT IS DANGEROUS.
THAT IS DEEPLY WRONG. AND WHEN THOSE WORDS, WITHOUT
JUSTICE, HAVE BEEN AIMED AT ME -- I CAN TELL YOU: THEY
CUT TO THE HEART. //

BUT LET'S PUT ALL OF THIS ASIDE NOW AND LOOK TO THE FUTURE. I'VE TALKED TO YOU HERE ABOUT MY OPTIMISM FOR THAT FUTURE. WE COME TOGETHER AT A BLESSED TIME. THE COLD WAR IS OVER. AND ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE TALKS HAVE BEGUN.

THERE IS ANOTHER REASON TO BE OPTIMISTIC. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL SOON EXERCISE THEIR UNBROKEN TWO  HUNDRED YEAR DEMOCRATIC RIGHT TO ELECT A PRESIDENT. AND I'M OPTIMISTIC TOO ABOUT THE IDENTITY OF THAT NEW PRESIDENT -- THERE I GO AGAIN SOUNDING LIKE HARRY TRUMAN. / BUT, LET ME LEAVE YOU WITH THIS. HOWEVER IT TURNS OUT, COMMITMENT TO FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY, TO TOLERANCE AND OPPORTUNITY IN AMERICA AND AROUND THE WORLD WILL NOT CHANGE.

YOU ARE MEMBERS OF A COMMUNITY THAT HAS A LONG AND GREAT TRADITION OF POLITICAL PARTICIPATION. B'NAI B'RITH STANDS FOR OPPORTUNITY, FOR TOLERANCE, FOR OPPOSITION TO ANTI-SEMITISM AND THE UGLY FACE OF HATE IN ALL ITS FORMS. YOU STAND TOO FOR STALWART SUPPORT FOR AMERICA'S CLOSE FRIEND AND ALLY, ISRAEL.

AND, LET ME SIMPLY SAY THAT ON ALL THESE ISSUES, I
AM PROUD TO STAND WITH YOU. //

THANK YOU. MAY GOD BLESS THE STATE OF ISRAEL --
AND MAY GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 7, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: STEVE PROVOST
FROM: DAN MC GROARTY *DMG*
SUBJECT: B'NAI B'RITH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

I. Summary

On Tuesday, September 8, at 11:25 a.m., you will deliver remarks to approximately 1500 people gathered at the Sheraton Washington Hotel for the B'Nai B'rith 150th International Convention.

II. Discussion

Your remarks (22 minutes, on prompter) address the U.S. role in the Middle East -- in fostering a strong U.S. tie with the new Israeli government and supporting recent groundbreaking peace talks. In addition, you pledge your commitment to fight against anti-semitism, hate crimes and intolerance, both here and abroad.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: B'NAI B'RITH
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It is a great honor to be here with you today.

[Acknowledgements. And let me express my concerns for my good friend Max Fisher, who was to be with us today....]

We've witnessed a world of change. Across Europe, across continents, from Panama City to Prague, millions of men and women now celebrate a new birth of freedom -- a new world of hope.

With change comes new challenges. For America, the end of the Cold War means the beginning of a new era -- a new era of economic competition that America simply must and will win. We must recognize the new reality about domestic, economic and foreign policies. In our world today, these three topics have become one issue. In order to prevail, the United States must be not only a military superpower, but an economic superpower -- an export superpower as well. //

Yet you and I both know that America is about more than the GNP. Our strength as a people is not measured merely by per capita income. The state of our American union reflects not simply the productivity of our economy but the character of our society: How well we care for one another, in the wake of natural tragedies like Hurricane Andrew -- in the face of all-too-human tragedies of hate and unreason and violence. This is

what defines us. This is the true measure of what America means, to ourselves -- to the world.

This willingness to reach out, to help those in need -- to recognize across all the divides of color and culture and creed our shared human spirit -- this is what B'Nai B'rith is all about. For 150 years, the members of this organization have served as the nation's conscience. And part of America's conscience must always be to fight anti-semitism and other forms of prejudice wherever and whenever they appear.

I wish that I could stand before you today and say that anti-semitism is history, but it is not. Not when there are hate crimes here at home and brown shirts abroad. That's a sorry commentary on human nature.

Let's all be clear: A world willing to allow Jews to be persecuted is a world certain to allow other tyrannies to emerge. Neither Jew nor Gentile is safe so long as anti-semitism festers.

But we're not helpless. And we're doing something about it.

// In this country, we are aggressively employing the Hate Crimes Act to bring to justice those who traffic in the gutter.

/ Anti-semitism is an evil idea with an ugly history. / I give you this pledge: I will continue to do my utmost, here and abroad, so that prejudice is finally / finally / finally, banished from the human heart. //

In the end, anti-semitism and prejudice mock and threaten the basic principles upon which the United States is founded. They mock our belief in individual rights and in the human being,

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created as the Bible tells us, in the image of God. And because of that powerful belief in basic humanity, nothing is more sacred to Americans than the principle of religious liberty.

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In the words of George Washington to the *Jewish* Hebrew congregation of Rhode Island, *George Washington wrote* "...the government of the United States... gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance.... While everyone shall sit in safety under his own vine and figtree, and there shall be none to make him afraid." And here's the difference, the vital difference that sets apart our American creed. For us, freedom of religion is no gift of government -- no privilege to be granted or withheld -- it is a fundamental human right. //

Let's take heart that this American creed is spreading, that people in our time are demanding and getting those rights they have been denied so long. And changes in our world have come so fast that I say they are nothing short of Biblical -- and by that I mean just plain old-fashioned miraculous.

Just think about it. Just a few years ago, who would have thought we would no longer live under the threat of nuclear conflagration? Who would have thought the scarring symbol of an era -- the Berlin Wall -- would be found only in museums and chipped into paperweights? Above all, who would have predicted the Soviet Union would be found only in the pages of history?

And know this: the miracles aren't only confined to Europe. In the Middle East, events have defied all the predictions.

Today, direct, bilateral talks are taking place between Israel and her neighbors.

You may recall we were told we couldn't succeed -- we couldn't bring the parties together. But we did.

I want to dwell for a moment on this breakthrough, because I know it matters deeply to everyone in this hall. Let me take you back nearly a year ago to another hall, in Madrid. There, gathered around the table were representatives of Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, Egypt, Palestinians -- and Israel. For nearly half a century they had not met, all together, outside the battlefield. But for the first time they came together not to fight -- but to talk.

Then, as now, the goal is not just a ceasefire or a truce, but peace, real peace. Not simply the end of war -- but genuine reconciliation. A peace both broad and deep, a peace codified by treaties, and given life by trade and tourism, by open borders - the fabric of peace knit together even more tightly by the simple human contact of peoples who've known each other far too long as enemies. A comprehensive peace, rooted in Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. A peace that at long last will allow the peoples of the Middle East to turn their energies, their resources, their lives to creation rather than destruction -- to great works rather than great wars.

Today, as we speak, parties that met first at Madrid are mid-way through the sixth round of bilateral negotiations. There has been progress. Delegations are exchanging not only

handshakes, but for the first time -- written proposals. Public posturing has decreased -- and meaningful private dialogue has increased.

Of course, major hurdles remain. It will take time and effort and courage and trust. But there is clearly a way -- and increasingly, a will.

The evidence is mounting: The many positive steps taken by Israel's new government that improve day-to-day life for Palestinians and signal its seriousness about peace -- Egypt's invitation that made it possible for Prime Minister Rabin to make his first trip outside Israel to an Arab country -- Syria's relaxation of travel restrictions affecting its Jewish citizens. Further gestures, such as an end to the Arab boycott of Israel, can only help in bringing about an environment conducive for negotiation and reconciliation. I think it's high time to see that boycott ended. //

I am proud of the role we've played in breaking the long-standing taboo against direct talks between Israel and her neighbors. Israel sought direct talks for 43 years -- and it was right to do so. If you do not talk -- you can have no hope of making peace. Now, there is such a hope.

I'm also proud of what we have done to end Israel's diplomatic isolation internationally. Thanks to our efforts, we succeeded -- after 16 years -- in getting the UN General Assembly to repeal what should never have been enacted in the first place.

Zionism is not racism -- not before / not now / not ever. //

And thanks to our efforts, China and India and Turkey and Soviet Republics many other nations -- countries representing more than 2 billion people -- now have full diplomatic relations with Israel. Already this has created not only greater contact for Israel worldwide, but new economic opportunities.

And I know this audience knows of our efforts to open the gates to Jews in the former Soviet Union and also to rescue Ethiopian Jews.

You know, four years ago when I spoke to you in Baltimore, I noticed a banner hung on the wall in the back of the room that read: Where do Soviet Jews apply for glasnost?

As I prepared to come here today, I thought of that banner. I thought of the hopes we had then -- and I thought of a the pledge I made: [That in every single meeting with Soviet officials, I would raise the issue of Soviet Jews. //]

My friends, I could not forget that banner -- I did not forget that pledge -- and today, together, we celebrate this miracle: Nearly half a million Jews have come out of the Soviet Union -- to freedom. To the United States // To Israel. //

Persuading parties to talk peace / ending Israel's international isolation / assisting in the in-gathering of Jews into Israel: These are the three great aims that have guided Israel from its founding. And we didn't just talk about helping Israel in these areas -- we delivered. That's a fact of which every American can be proud.

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And here's another fact. When the chips were down, when many countries, including Israel, were threatened by the most brutal aggression, America was there. We stopped Saddam Hussein.

And that terrible time when the world feared that the Cold War would be replaced by a new age of Saddam -- that's over, too. Let's recall some simple facts -- facts that some would-be revisionists rewriting history would like to hide or distort.

Saddam Hussein's rise to power and aggression were not caused by the United States. // We were not the reason Saddam Hussein was on the verge of acquiring nuclear weapons. We were not the reason Saddam Hussein had more than 5000 tanks -- or 3500 pieces of artillery -- or the 4th largest army in the world.

And whatever differences I had with my critics cannot obscure this fact: After August 2, while some stood by and second-guessed -- I acted to take care of that threat. //

I knew when I took the oath of office, that every President faces difficult decisions -- and there is no decision more difficult than sending this country's young men and women in harm's way. In the end, it comes down to this: You cannot make that kind of decision -- unless you are certain you understand what is at stake.

I knew what was at stake.

And because of the bravery of America's sons and daughters in Desert Storm -- America today is safer. Israel today is safer. //

Ask yourself where the Middle East would be today -- where Israel's security would be today -- if we had followed the counsel of my critics.

Ask yourself where we would be if we had someone in the Oval Office who would have waffled -- who would have wavered and wanted to have it both ways.

Where would we be? I'll tell you: We'd be facing a nuclear-armed Iraq, dominant in the Middle East, with a chokehold on the world's oil supplies -- and threatening Israel's very existence. Israel's very survival would be at stake -- and we'd be talking about whether there was any chance to avoid nuclear Armageddon in the Middle East.

Well, Desert Storm swept away that nightmare and because of America's courage today, we now have the chance to see the dawn of peace in the Middle East.

There is still work to be done. The Middle East -- indeed, the world -- is still a dangerous place. Terrorists continue to target the innocent. The proliferation of weapons of mass destruction casts a cloud over the region's future. Iraq's Saddam Hussein, however much weaker, defeated, and locked in the prison of his own country -- still brutalizes his own people and resists the will of the international community. The need for Israel to remain strong is beyond question, and it clearly includes having a defensive capability against missile attack. Scud attacks on Israel should have made that clear to everyone.

For that reason, I've proposed to Israel that it participate in our development of a global protection system. //

And let me say to you: You ought to take a good, close look at anyone who claims to be a friend of Israel -- at anyone who claims to be serious about Israel's security -- but opposes development of the defenses like GPALS that may be the only effective way for Israel to defend itself against missile attack? //

The point is: The need for US-Israeli strategic partnership and cooperation remains as strong as ever.

And we're also going to see that partnership at work this week. Because I am happy to tell you that I am sending to the Congress legislation requesting up to \$10 billion in loan guarantees to aid Israel's government in welcoming its immigrants. And I know I can count on the support of every one in this room to make sure that this proposal becomes law. / And don't let any Member of Congress tell you we can't afford to do this. We can -- and we must. //

And today, I ask you: Take that message to Capitol Hill.

And believe me, I know that you will. //

I am glad that Prime Minister Rabin and I were able to reach an understanding on loan guarantees when we met in Kennebunkport last month. He outlined for me the new Israeli government's new priorities, committed to investing in Israel itself, and stood determined to avoid steps that could hamper progress toward peace. I share that commitment. And, as a result, we will be

able to promote peace and welcome new immigrants at one and the same time. Both are humanitarian undertakings; both deserve our full support. It was important not to choose between them, and I am glad that we are now in a position to promote both objectives.

As for the future, I am confident that on most issues, on most occasions, we and Israel will find ourselves in agreement. I, for one, am committed to revitalizing the tradition of full consultations between the United States and Israel on the entire range of issues affecting stability in the Middle East. I know Prime Minister Rabin shares this commitment. And let me emphasize this point: There will be no surprises.

Our support for Israel and its security is not simply a policy. It is a principle. As I said after Prime Minister Rabin and I met in Maine, this is a relationship based on a shared commitment to democracy and common values, as well as a solid commitment to Israel's security, including its qualitative military edge. This is a special relationship, one specially built to endure.

This relationship is important -- especially now, as we enter a new era of uncertainty. Old empires are dying and new nations being born. This is a time when a nation needs to know who it can count on. Israel has a stability of purpose -- a strength of spirit that has seen it through dark days. We know: Israel will be there for us. Just as we will always be there for Israel. //

No doubt there will be times when we disagree. Even friends disagree. America will have disagreements with Israel -- just as we sometimes disagree with Canada and France and Germany and Britain. Those differences are signs of the durability of our relationship -- of the democratic bonds we share. The point is this: These are disagreements between friends and I emphasize that word, friends.

There may even be issues where you and I will take opposing sides. And things may get hot and words, hurtful words, may be exchanged. // In the past, some remarks of mine -- remarks made at a press conference -- were misinterpreted. I have gone on the record expressing my sorrow for any pain this may have caused -- but I know some have said that wasn't a sufficient response to the hurt that was created. So I'll go on the record again -- right here and now -- in front of these cameras, to all the American people.

I support, I endorse, and I deeply believe in the God-given right of every American to promote what they believe. It is your right as an individual. It's more than a right. It's your duty as an American citizen. //

But let me also say that it is important that we learn how to disagree. The way democracies engage in debate is not without consequence -- it is a mark of civility and freedom. I hardly need to tell anyone in this room just what anti-semitism is. As my friend Abe Foxman of the Anti-Defamation League has pointed out, to accuse those who may come to different conclusions on one

or another public issue of harboring anti-semitism is to cheapen the term. That is dangerous. That is deeply wrong. And when those words, without justice, have been aimed at me -- I can tell you: They cut to the heart. //

But let's put all of this aside now and look to the future. I've talked to you here about my optimism for that future. We come together at a blessed time. The Cold War is over. And Arab-Israeli peace talks have begun.

There is another reason to be optimistic. The American people will soon exercise their unbroken two hundred year democratic right to elect a President. And I'm optimistic too about the identity of that new President -- there I go again sounding like Harry Truman. / But, let me leave you with this. However it turns out, commitment to freedom and democracy, to tolerance and opportunity in America and around the world will not change.

You are members of a community that has a long and great tradition of political participation. B'nai B'rith stands for opportunity, for tolerance, for opposition to anti-semitism and the ugly face of hate in all its forms. You stand too for stalwart support for America's close friend and ally, Israel.

And, let me simply say that on all these issues, I am proud to stand with you. //

Thank you. May God bless the state of Israel -- and may God bless the United States of America.

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The Hebrew scripture
portion read this week
is taken from Isaiah.

Q & A

THE FIRST BOOK OF MOSES

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GENESIS

1 In the beginning God created^a the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit^b of God was moving over the face of the waters.

³ And God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

⁶ And God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷ And God made the firmament and separated the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament. And it was so. ⁸ And God called the firmament Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

⁹ And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ And God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, upon the earth." And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.

¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and

let them be lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶ And God made the two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; he made the stars also. ¹⁷ And God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the firmament of the heavens." ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. ²⁵ And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the cattle according to their kinds, and everything that creeps upon the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created

^a Or When God began to create ^b Or wind
1.1: Ja 1.1. 1.26-27: Gen 5.1; Mt 19.4; Mk 10.6; Col 3.10; Jas 3.9.

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The Creation of Man

him; male and female he created them. ²And God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ^{2a}And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ^{2b}And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, a sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ^{2a}And on the seventh day God finished his work which he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all his work which he had done in creation.

4 These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵ when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no man to till the ground; ⁶ but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground—⁷ then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. ⁸And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹And out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

10 A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. ¹¹ The name

of the first is Pī'shon; it is the one which flows around the whole land of Hav'ī-lāh, where there is gold; ¹² and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³ The name of the second river is Gī'hon; it is the one which flows around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴ And the name of the third river is Tī'gris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Eū-phrā'tēs.

15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." ¹⁹ So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh; ²² and the rib which the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;

she shall be called Woman,⁴

because she was taken out of Man."⁵

24 Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

3 Now the serpent was more subtle than any other wild creature that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat of any tree of the garden?'" ² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees

¹ Or flood ⁴ Heb lāshah ⁵ Heb ish
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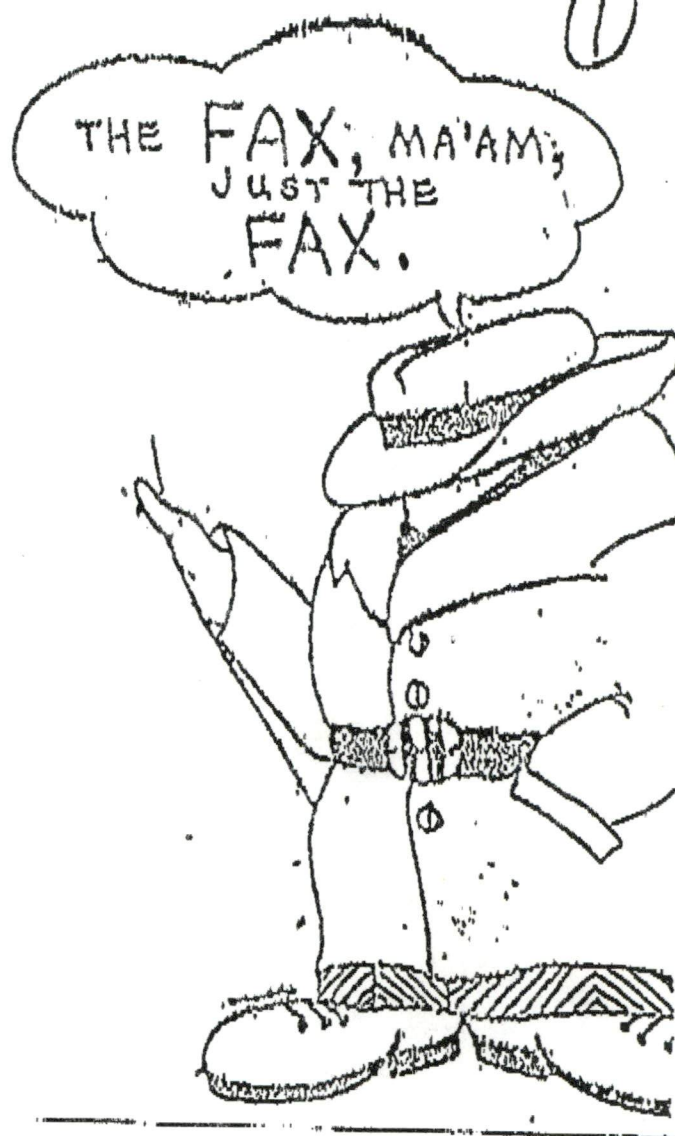
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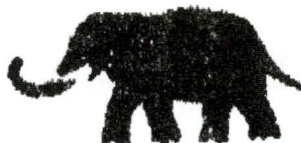
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In the time period from the foundation of Israel in 1948 through the beginning of the Bush Administration in 1989, total immigration to Israel from the Soviet Union amounted to fewer than 183,588 people. With the advent of the Administration and its new refugee policies, these numbers jumped dramatically. The total immigration from the former Soviet Union to Israel during the less than four years of the Administration has totaled 377,717 (through August, 1992). The immigration to Israel during the single year 1990 equaled the total from 1948 through 1988.

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YEAR	NUMBER	
1948-63	Fewer than 8,850*	
1964-65	1,900	
1965-67	4,498	
1968	229	
1969	2,979	
1970	999	
1971	12,819	
1972	31,652	
1973	33,477	
1974	16,816	
1975	8,531	
1976	7,279	
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1979	17,614	
1980	7,387	
1981	1,758	
1982	734	
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1984	340	
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1986	206	
1987	2,072	
1988	2,173	
Sub-total, 1948-1988	183,588	(32.7%)
1989	12,101	
1990	183,400	
1991	145,005	
Jan-Aug, 1992	37,211	
Sub-total, 1989-1992	377,717	(67.3%)
Total, 1948-1992	561,305	

Source for all figures: The Jewish Agency
 *Figures for before 1963 were so low that they were not kept precisely, except for 1956 (1350). To be conservative, they were assumed to be 500 per year, although the actual figures were lower.

Sons of the Covenant
Bnai Brach

The Hebrew scripture portion read this week
is taken from Isaiah

In one brief moment I have forsaken you, but with great
compassion I will take you back...For the mountains may
move and the hills be shaken, but my loyalty shall never
move from you nor my covenant of friendship be
shaken.

--Isaiah Chapter 54 verse 10

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SOMETIMES darkness seems very impressive to us. As if we were looking at a starry sky, we accept that our lives contain only pinpricks of light breaking through a daunting night of sickness, fear, vulnerability, monotony. Then even religious conviction may be more like a moon than a sun--providing only a bright place in the darkness, rather than lighting up everything around it.

I recall a dark time. I was feeling gloomy about my identity and my prospects. Nothing promising seemed to be visible on--or beyond--the horizon. But this dark time turned into a time for spiritual learning that has changed my life!

I discovered that there is more than just human hope available for us--there is spiritual promise. From the Bible I learned that God made man in His image and likeness, and that God is Spirit. I began to see that God is truly the creator of spiritual man--my genuine identity. As I prayed, I progressively glimpsed more of the fact that a material man--happy or unhappy!--is not the intention or outcome of God's creative plan.

It began to dawn on me that an individual's preciousness is his very being, not his having or doing. That is, what man truly is, as the individual spiritual idea of God, is what makes him valuable. At one point, as though to reinforce this new recognition of my identity, my mother said to me, "We love you for what you are! And as I have deepened that realization, my whole life has improved.

The New Testament writer St. John assures us that "God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. God's being is unblemished spiritual light that can know no darkness. And, in reality, man's being is the outcome of God's being. This is the nature of man that the Messiah, Christ Jesus, evidenced for us. By his healing works and inspired words, the Master pointed to the truth that man's individual identity is constantly and wholly derived directly from divine Life, from God.

In reality, then, man is vital, radiant, beautiful, just as our heavenly creator, divine Spirit, is, whom we each fully exemplify. Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, explains in Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures: "Man, in the likeness of his Maker, reflects the central light of being, the invisible God.

An uninspired belief of life as wholly or partially material would seem to veil this wonderful view of the true nature of each and every one of us. To the degree that we accept a mortal, material view of existence as the reality, darkness can seem intimidating.

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But we can break through personal doubts as we prayerfully perceive and demonstrate even a little of the divine reality. Then the human heart gets more and more used to the solid light of spiritual awareness. We no longer perceive hope and faith as minuscule pinpricks of light in a universe of darkness. Rather, by letting our thought be spiritualized and our lives be Christianized, we gain irrefutable evidence of the true universe of divine light, God's creation. And though we may not be able to prove it all at once, nevertheless it's true that within that real, spiritual universe of unlimited light even pinpricks of darkness do not actually have a place!

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HEADLINE: Loving New Relatives

BODY:

IT'S not always easy welcoming new relatives into the family. It sometimes seems as if the old fable of fighting in-laws has to be true--as if it's inevitable that there will be an uncomfortable waiting period for sizing up and getting to know an addition to the family before the new member is fully embraced. When a family enlarges or changes shape, adjustments on all sides are the order of the day. But we make these changes more easily--and more quickly--when we remember that in reality we are all children of God, and that each child of God is equally loved and cared for by God.

What do we do, then, when a son- or daughter-in-law doesn't meet the new parents' expectations? Or when children can't seem to accept a new sibling? It's situations like these that require us to gain a better spiritual understanding of God's man. God made man in His own image and likeness, the Bible tells us. He created man good, loving, joyful. Through prayer these can be the qualities that we see and express as our family grows.

Man's true, spiritual identity is established by and reflected from God. Man, as God's image, expresses only Godlike qualities. This spiritual identity is the identity we can all embrace as the reality of our being. And we can pray to live more fully what we understand of spiritual reality.

It seems, however, that people can often be difficult to get along with or unloving in their behavior. Sometimes, even though we're beginning to see that God didn't create these unhappy situations, it's hard to see that others also reflect God! While we never have to love hatred or ugly, unloving thoughts and actions in either ourselves or others, we do need to love the spiritual identity of God's man. This accurate, spiritual perspective enables us to perceive the good that is always expressed in man, God's creation. Spiritually viewing goodness as God-given doesn't ignore the awful thoughts and actions, but rather heals them by helping us to understand more fully the reality of God and His wholly good creation. Prayerfully recognizing good and its manifestations as God-sustained opens new channels of communication and shuts the door on egotistical criticism. Prayer enriches our experience and frees our thought from limitation and condemnation.

The Bible offers an example, in the book of Ruth, of how in-laws can get along well. After Ruth's husband died she chose to stay with her mother-in-law, Naomi, although Naomi encouraged her to return to her own people and the gods they worshiped. I like to think that Ruth must have learned something of the allness of God, for she replied: "Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God. And

isn't this unity--as all children of the one God, divine Love--the soundest basis for happy family relations anywhere?

Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, writes in Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures: "Human affection is not poured forth vainly, even though it meet no return. Love enriches the nature, enlarging, purifying, and elevating it. As we pray to pour forth our affection and care we will find our family experience enriched, enlarged, and purified. We'll be less likely to condemn or criticize others.

Christ Jesus taught his followers the great need to love mankind. And his teachings can be the basis of our everyday lives; His example a map of salvation as we spiritually progress. It doesn't matter how much our family grows. As we prayerfully acknowledge man's spiritual identity we come to see that God is truly the Father of all!

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS:

B'NAI B'RITH
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SEPTEMBER 8, 1992
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It is a great honor to be here with you today.

[Acknowledgements.]

We've witnessed a world of change. Across Europe, across continents, from Panama City to Prague, millions of men and women now celebrate a new birth of freedom -- a new world of hope.

With change comes new challenges. For America, the end of the Cold War means the beginning of a new era -- a new era of economic competition that America simply must and will win. We must recognize the new reality about domestic, economic and foreign policies. In our world today, these three topics have become one issue. In order to prevail, the United States must be not only a military superpower, but an economic superpower -- an export superpower as well. //

Yet you and I both know that America is about more than the GNP. Our strength as a people cannot only be measured by per capita income. The state of our American union reflects not simply the productivity of our economy but the character of our society: How well we care for one another, in the wake of natural tragedies like Hurricane Andrew -- in the face of all-too-human tragedies of hate and unreason and violence. This is

what defines us. This is the true measure of what America means, to ourselves -- to the world.

This willingness to reach out, to help those in need -- to recognize across all the divides of color and culture and creed our shared human spirit -- this is what B'Nai B'rith is all about. For 150 years, the members of this organization have served as the nation's conscience. And part of America's conscience must always be to fight anti-semitism wherever and whenever it appears.

I wish that I could stand before you today and say that anti-semitism is history, but it is not. Not when there are hate crimes here and brown shirts abroad. And let's call the ^{them} thing by ^{their} its right name -- not neo-Nazis, but Nazis. That's a sorry commentary on human nature.

And let's all be clear: Neither Jew nor Gentiles ^{lives.} is safe so long as anti-semitism ~~fosters~~. WC fosters: verb:

But we're not helpless. And we're doing something about it. Continue to
// In this country, we will aggressively employ the Hate Crimes Act to bring to justice those who traffic in the gutter. And I give you this pledge: I will continue to do my utmost, here and abroad, so that this prejudice is finally / finally, finally, banished from the human heart. //

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In the end, anti-semitism and prejudice mock and threaten the basic principle upon which the United States is founded. They mock our belief in individual rights and in the human being, created as the Bible tells us, in the image of God. And because of that powerful belief in basic humanity, nothing is more sacred to Americans than the principle of religious liberty.

In the words of George Washington, ~~whose letter we~~ ~~rededicate today?~~ "...the government of the United States... gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance.... While everyone shall sit in safety under his own vine and figtree, and there shall be none to make him afraid." And here's the difference, the vital difference between this American creed and others. Because for us that freedom of religion is no gift of government -- no privilege to be granted or withheld -- it is a fundamental human right. //

Let's take heart that this American creed is spreading, that people in our time are demanding and getting those rights they have been denied so long. And changes in our world have come so fast that I say they are nothing short of Biblical -- and by that I mean just plain old-fashioned miraculous.

Just think about it. Just a few years ago, who would have thought we would no longer live under the threat of nuclear conflagration? Who would have thought the scarring symbol of an era -- the Berlin Wall -- would be found only in museums and

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We said no to them.

GW letter to Hebrew Congregation Rhode Island Aug 1790

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chipped into paperweights? Above all, who would have predicted the Soviet Union would be found only in the pages of history?

And know this: the miracles aren't only confined to Europe. Even in the Middle East, events have defied all the predictions. For today, direct, bilateral talks are taking place between Israel and her neighbors.

You may recall we were told we couldn't succeed -- we couldn't bring the parties together. But we did.

I want to dwell for a moment on this breakthrough, because I know it matters deeply to everyone in this hall. Let me take you back nearly a year ago to another hall, in Madrid. There, gathered around the table were representatives of Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, Egypt, Palestinians -- and Israel. For nearly half a century they had not met outside the battlefield. But for the first time they came together not to fight -- but to talk.

Then, as now, the goal is not just a ceasefire or a truce, but peace, real peace. Not simply the end of war -- but genuine reconciliation. A peace both broad and deep, a peace codified by treaties, and given life by trade and tourism, by open borders - the fabric of peace knit together even more tightly by the simple human contact of peoples who've known each other far too long as enemies. A comprehensive peace, rooted in Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. A peace that at long last will allow the peoples of the Middle East to turn their energies,

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their resources, their lives to creation rather than destruction -- to great works rather than great wars.

Today, as we speak, the parties that met first at Madrid are mid-way through the sixth round of bilateral negotiations. There has been progress. Delegations are exchanging not only handshakes, but for the first time -- written proposals. Public posturing has decreased -- and meaningful private dialogue has increased.

Of course, major hurdles remain. It will take time and effort and courage and trust. But there is clearly a way -- and increasingly, a will.

The evidence is mounting: The many positive steps taken by Israel's new government that improve day-to-day life for Palestinians and signal its seriousness about peace -- Egypt's invitation that made it possible for Prime Minister Rabin to make his first trip outside Israel to an Arab country -- Syria's relaxation of travel restrictions affecting its Jewish citizens. Further gestures, such as an end to the Arab boycott, can only help in bringing about an environment conducive for negotiation and reconciliation.

I am proud of the role we've played in breaking the long-standing taboo against direct talks between Israel and her neighbors. Israel sought direct talks for 43 years -- and it was right to do so. If you do not talk -- you can have no hope of making peace. Now, there is such a hope.

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I'm also proud of what we have done to end Israel's diplomatic isolation internationally. Thanks to our efforts, we succeeded -- after 17 years -- in getting the UN General Assembly to repeal what should never have been enacted in the first place.

Zionism is not racism -- not before / not now / not ever. //

And thanks to our efforts, China and India and Turkey and many other nations -- countries representing 2 billion people -- now have full diplomatic relations with Israel. Already this has created not only greater contact for Israel worldwide, but new economic opportunities.

And I know this audience knows of our efforts to open the gates in the former Soviet Union and ^{also} rescue Ethiopian Jews. Now ~~hundreds of thousands of~~ Jewish men, women and children who only a few years ago lived in fear or neglect in the Soviet Union or Ethiopia now live in Israel, free to live, work and worship as their heart tells them they must.

Persuading parties to talk peace / ending Israel's international isolation / assisting in the in-gathering of Jews into Israel: These are the three great aims that have guided Israel from its founding. And we didn't just talk about helping Israel in these areas -- we delivered. That's a fact of which every American can be proud.

And here's another fact. When the chips were down, when Israel and many other countries were threatened by the most brutal aggression, America was there. We stopped Saddam Hussein.

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And that terrible time when the world feared that the Cold War would be replaced by a new age of Saddam -- that's over, too. Let's recall some simple facts. Saddam Hussein's rise to power and aggression were not caused by the United States.

We were not the reason Saddam Hussein was on the verge of acquiring nuclear weapons. We were not the reason Saddam Hussein had ~~more than~~ 5000 tanks -- ~~more than~~ 5000 pieces of artillery -- or the 4th largest army in the world. This was his own doing.

And whatever differences I had with my critics -- and with some would-be revisionists who want to rewrite history -- cannot obscure this fact: After August 2, while my critics stood by and second guessed -- I acted to take care of that threat.

Ask yourself where the Middle East would be today -- where Israel's security would be today -- if we had followed the counsel of my critics. Ask yourself where we would be if we had someone in the Oval Office who would have ~~faltered?~~ WC!!! -- who would have wavered and wanted to have it both ways. Where would we be? I'll tell you: We'd be facing a nuclear-armed Iraq, with a choke-hold on the world's oil supplies -- and threatening Israel's very existence. Israel's very survival would be at stake -- and we'd be talking about whether there was any chance to avoid nuclear Armageddon in the Middle East.

Well, Desert Storm swept away that nightmare and because of America's courage today, we see the dawn of peace.

There is still work to be done. The Middle East -- indeed, the world -- is still a dangerous place. Terrorists continue to

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target the innocent. The proliferation of conventional arms as well as weapons of mass destruction casts a cloud over the region's future; Iraq's Saddam Hussein, however much weaker and defeated, still brutalizes his own people and resists the will of the international community. The need for Israel to remain strong is beyond question, and it clearly includes having a defensive capability against missile attack. The importance of that was demonstrated by the Gulf War. And that's the reason that I've proposed to Israel that it participate in our development of a global protection system! So, the need for US-Israeli strategic partnership and cooperation remains stronger than ever.

And we're also going to see that partnership at work this week. Because I am happy to tell you that I am sending to the Congress legislation requesting up to \$10 billion in loan guarantees to aid Israel's government in the absorption of ^{immigrants.} ~~these newcomers.~~ And I know I can count on the support of every one in this room to make sure that this proposal becomes law.

I am glad that Prime Minister Rabin and I were able to reach an understanding on loan guarantees when we met in Kennebunkport last month. He outlined for me the new Israeli government's ^{new} priorities, committed to investing in Israel itself, and ^{stood} determined to avoid steps that could hamper progress toward peace. I share that commitment. And, as a result, we will be able to promote peace and welcome new immigrants at one and the same time. Both are humanitarian undertakings; both deserve our

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"These newcomers" needs to refer back to immigrants. There's no mention close by.

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full support. It was important not to choose between them, and I am glad that we are now in a position to promote both objectives.

As for the future, I am confident that on most issues, on most occasions, we and Israel will find ourselves in agreement. I, for one, am committed to revitalizing the tradition of full consultations between the United States and Israel on the entire range of issues affecting stability in the Middle East. I know the Prime Minister shares this commitment. And let me emphasize this point: There will be no surprises.

Let me be clear:
I pledge to you that we will work hard to keep any divide to a minimum. Our support for Israel and its security is not simply a policy. It is a principle. As I said after Prime Minister Rabin and I met in Maine, "this is a relationship based on a shared commitment to democracy and common values, as well as a shared commitment to Israel's security, including its qualitative military edge. This is a special relationship, one specially built to endure."

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No doubt there will be times when we disagree. Even friends disagree. Even democratic governments like Israel and the United States disagree. But here's the point: These are disagreements between friends and I emphasize that word, friends.

There may even be issues where you and I will take opposing sides. And things may get hot and words, hurtful words, may be exchanged. // In the past, some remarks of mine were misinterpreted. I have gone on the record expressing my sorrow for any pain this may have caused and I'll go on the record again

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-- right here and now again. But let me also express the hope that some of the critics who've been a little quick to use words like "anti-semitism" will also rethink what they've said.

Let's be clear about this: I support, I endorse, and I deeply believe in the God-given right of every American to promote what they believe. It is your right as an individual. It's more than a right. It's a duty as an American citizen. //

But let me also say that it is important that we learn how to disagree. ~~How~~ a debate ~~is~~ conducted in a democracy is not careless, it's a mark of civility and freedom. I hardly need to tell anyone in this room just what anti-semitism is. As my friend Abe Foxman pointed out, to accuse those who may come to different conclusions on one or another public issue of harboring anti-semitism is to cheapen the term. That is dangerous. That

is deeply wrong. And when those words, without justice, have been aimed at me -- I can tell you: They cut to the heart. //

But let's put all of this aside now and look to the future. I've talked to you here about my optimism for that future. We come ^{together} at a blessed time. The Cold War is over. And Israeli peace talks have begun.

There is another reason to be optimistic. The American people will soon exercise their unbroken ^{more than} ~~two~~ ^{more than} ~~hundred~~ ³⁰⁰ ~~year~~ ^{years} ~~old~~ democratic right to elect a President. And I'm optimistic too about the identity of that new President ~~but~~ ^{so} there I go again in the Harry Truman mode. But, let me leave you with this.

~~However it turns out, commitment to freedom and democracy, to~~

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"dilutes the value & the meaning of the word & the experience and its impact"

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tolerance and opportunity in America and around the world will not change.

You are members of a community that has long and great tradition of political participation. B'nai B'rith stands for opportunity, for tolerance, for opposing anti-semitism and the ugly face of hate in all its forms. You stand too for stalwart support for America's close friend and ally, Israel.

And, let me simply say that on all these issues, I am proud to stand with you. //

Thank you -- and may God bless the United States of America.

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BROTHERS

Dwight David Eisenhower was the third of seven sons.

Children of David Jacob Eisenhower and Ida Elizabeth Stover Eisenhower

Arthur Bradford Eisenhower, b. Nov. 11, 1886; d. Jan. 26, 1958
 Edgar Newton Eisenhower, b. Jan. 19, 1889; d. July 12, 1971
 Dwight David Eisenhower, b. Oct. 14, 1890; d. Mar. 28, 1969
 Roy Jacob Eisenhower, b. Aug. 9, 1892; d. June 17, 1942
 Paul A. Eisenhower, b. May 12, 1894; d. Mar. 16, 1895
 Earl Dewey Eisenhower, b. Feb. 1, 1898; d. Dec. 18, 1968
 Milton Stover Eisenhower, b. Sept. 15, 1899, d. May 2, 1985, Baltimore, Md.

CHILDREN

Dwight Doud Eisenhower, b. Sept. 24, 1917, Denver, Colo.; d. Jan. 2, 1920, Camp Meade, Md.
 John Sheldon Doud Eisenhower, b. Aug. 3, 1923, Denver, Colo.; m. June 10, 1947, Barbara Jean Thompson, Fort Monroe, Va.

MRS. DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER

NAME Mamie (Marie) Geneva Doud Eisenhower
 BORN Nov. 14, 1896
 BIRTHPLACE Boone, Iowa
 AGE AT MARRIAGE 19 years, 229 days
 CHILDREN 2 sons
 MOTHER Elivera Carlson Doud
 FATHER John Sheldon Doud
 HIS OCCUPATION Meat packer
 YEARS YOUNGER THAN THE PRESIDENT 6 years, 30 days
 DATE OF DEATH Nov. 1, 1979
 AGE AT DEATH 82 years, 350 days
 PLACE OF DEATH Washington, D.C.
 BURIAL PLACE Abilene, Kan.
 YEARS SHE SURVIVED THE PRESIDENT 10 years, 218 days

THE ELECTION OF 1952

NOMINATIONS FOR TERM 1953-1957

Republican Party Convention (25th)

July 7-11, 1952, International Amphitheatre, Chicago, Ill.

Nominated for President—Dwight David Eisenhower, N.Y.

Nominated for Vice President—Richard Milhous Nixon, Calif.

Eisenhower was nominated on the first ballot. Candidates for nomination and the votes they received:

Dwight David Eisenhower, N.Y., 845

Robert Alphonso Taft, Ohio, 280

Earl Warren, Calif., 77

Douglas MacArthur, Wis., 4

Total number of votes: 1,206

Number necessary for nomination: 604

Nomination made unanimous

Democratic Party Convention (31st)

July 21-26, 1952, International Amphitheatre, Chicago, Ill.

Nominated for President—Adlai Ewing Stevenson, Ill.

Nominated for Vice President—John Jackson Sparkman, Ala.

Stevenson was nominated on the third ballot. Candidates for nomination and the votes they received on the first and third ballots:

Estes Kefauver, Tenn., 340, 2751

Adlai Ewing Stevenson, Ill., 273, 6171

Richard Brevard Russell, Ga., 268, 261

William Averell Harriman, N.Y., 1231, 0

Robert Samuel Kerr, Okla., 65, 0

Alben William Barkley, Ky., 481, 671

Paul Andrew Dever, Mass., 371, 1

Hubert Horatio Humphrey, Minn., 26, 0

James William Fulbright, Ark., 22, 0

James Edward Murray, Mont., 12, 0

Harry S. Truman, Mo., 6, 0

Oscar Ross Ewing, Ind., 4, 3
 Paul Howard Douglas, Ill., 3, 3
 William Orville Douglas, Va., 1, 0

Total number of votes:

First ballot: 1,229

Third ballot: 1,228

Number necessary for nomination: 616

Nomination made unanimous

Progressive Party Convention

July 4-6, 1952, International Amphitheatre, Chicago, Ill.

Nominated for President—Vincent William Hallinan, Calif.

Nominated for Vice President—Charlotta A. Bass, N.Y.

Prohibition Party Convention (21st)

Nov. 13-15, 1951, Indianapolis, Ind.

Nominated for President—Stuart Hamblen, Calif.

Nominated for Vice President—Enoch Arden Holtwick, Ill.

Socialist Labor Party Convention

May 3-5, 1952, Henry Hudson Hotel, New York, N.Y.

Nominated for President—Eric Hass, N.Y.

Nominated for Vice President—Stephen Emery, N.Y.

Socialist Party Convention

May 30, June 1-2, 1952, Hotel Hollenden, Cleveland, Ohio

Nominated for President—Darlington Hoopes, Pa.

Nominated for Vice President—Samuel Herman Friedman, N.Y.

Socialist Workers Party Convention

July 20, 1952, New York, N.Y.

Nominated for President—Farrell Dobbs, N.Y.

Nominated for Vice President—Myra Tanner Weiss, N.Y.

America First Party Convention

Aug. 25, 1952, Kansas City, Mo.

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Excerpts of Remarks by VICE PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH

SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
October 27, 1988

Thank you all. Ladies and gentlemen, thank you very, very much. Thank you all for that warm welcome. Rabbi Marvin Hier, Steve Merksamer, William and Samuel Belzberg, Alan Casden, Marshall Ezralow, Rosalie, Roland, my friend Jerry, thank you all.

I am honored to join you here before this symbol of our proud, common purpose. This American flag, made from scraps by Mr. Wiesel and other inmates at Mauthausen concentration camp and presented in 1945 to the liberating U.S. troops. Into the fabric of this flag, and into the fabric of this great nation it represents, is sewn the very spirit of the Jewish people.

And I am pleased as well to have seen your plans for a new museum of tolerance. Marvin just briefed Barbara and me on these ambitious and wonderful plans. The Belzbergs were telling me earlier of their dreams for this as well. I know that its exhibits, dedicated to the memory of this century's most terrible prejudice and evil, will make an important contribution to the Wiesel Center's ongoing effort.

Simon Wiesel's commitment to the protection and promise of Jewish life and human decency will be eloquently maintained in this museum. To that we can look forward and for that we should be very grateful.

This courtyard contains a simple message. By gathering here, we assert that human life has a purpose, that humanity has a mission. A mission of moral excellence. A mission to follow and celebrate the commandments of a kind and just God, and above all, a mission of survival.

Today, this mission belongs to all of us together, but it's belonged with special force as a constant companion, as blessing and as curse, for the better part of four millennia, to the Jewish people. You have contributed many of our world's greatest glories, its highest ideals and aspirations, its finest achievements of culture, law and enlightenment. You have exemplified these glories for generations on end. Here in Los Angeles and across America and on the hallowed soil of a reborn Israel, Jewish purpose and accomplishment have indeed survived.

But at what cost.

In our lifetime, in an age famous for science and discovery, we've witnessed mankind's greatest savagery. It's moment of descent into darkest spiritual night. We've seen the Jewish people besieged by unparalleled hatred and violence, and we've seen the obscenity of Nazism and the horror it unleashed. And we call this bureaucracy of genocide the Holocaust. Isn't that well named?

Last year Barbara and I visited Auschwitz and saw with our own eyes the nightmare that took six million lives. And what lessons can be drawn from such ghastly deeds? What debt do we the living owe those who perished at Auschwitz, Belsen, Buchenwald? There are two.

The first is remembrance and comprehension. So that their suffering may have meaning, we must know and understand it. We must see the poison of anti-Semitism for what it is. We must teach ourselves and our children, again and again, what this most insane and virulent of human passions looks like, how it sounds and where it leads when left unacknowledged or unchecked. This much at minimum.

But there is more. We owe the dead and surviving alike a promise of vigilance, an assurance that we will speak and act on our knowledge of the past and that we will never tolerate or permit its repetition.

Last month, fifty years ago, a fearful and uncertain Europe met in Munich to sell its soul to Adolf Hitler. England's prime minister -- we all remember this history -- returned to London to proclaim peace for our time. And not six weeks later, fifty years ago, came the Nazi kristallnacht: the breaking of the synagogue glass, the looting of the shops and the homes, the transfer of 20,000 Jewish men and women and children to the concentration camps and their doom.

That was November 9th. This year, on November 8th, the United States is going to elect a president. As a candidate for that office, I have an urgent message to convey, and I'd like you to hear it now. And I want it heard across this country.

My party is sworn on record, in its platform, to condemn and oppose anti-Semitism in its every manifestation, here and around the globe.

Bigotry is not welcome. Our America is a land where, as never before in history, the security of Jewish opportunity and identity is a guarantee and a reality. And it must remain this way, always and forever.

We have no room in our communities for hidden Nazi fugitives or war criminals. Every last one of them must be found, brought to justice.

A Bush Administration will continue to give full budgetary and political support to the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations. As President, I will raise my voice and the full force of federal law, when it is violated, against every hate group, desecrator and demagogue, brown shirt, white sheet or bowtie, in Skokie, Brooklyn, Chicago -- wherever it is -- the villain is the same. And so we must stay watchful here at home.

But at the same time we know too well that today's most immediate and perilous threats to Jewish life lie beyond our shores. These too are an American concern. For we are the only nation in the world whose principles and power are sufficient to help deter them.

In the Soviet Union live untold tens of thousands of Jews. And for all the recent talk of glasnost, these Jews still fear to practice their religion openly, to study Hebrew, indeed to pray in the synagogues. And many, maybe most, are held captive against their will, denied permission to emigrate to the Jewish homeland.

I've said before and let me repeat here today, let those who choose to stay behind live in peace and in pride. And for the rest, I say to the Soviets, "Let them go!"

My Administration will continue to press our human rights agenda on the Soviet Union until every refusenik has been released, until every oppression of Soviet Jewry has been erased.

Of the Jewish homeland, of the State of Israel, let me say this: no better proof exists of the principle that freedom and security are best won through strength. It counts for little if left defenseless in a dangerous world.

For forty years, as its democracy blossomed in the desert, Israel has been assaulted and libeled by the anti-Semitism that is anti-Zionism. And it is assaulted and libeled still today by an infamous United Nations resolution and by terrorists and hostile neighbors committed to Israel's destruction. But Israel has survived, and Israel has flourished, by effective use of arms when necessary, and then, in uneasy peace, by the deterrence that comes of well-known military and diplomatic resolve.

I make this solemn pledge: Israel will continue to survive -- independent, strong, secure. That America will continue to stand beside her, never wavering in our support, and that the full strategic and economic partnership we've newly forged in the past eight years will be maintained and extended. That nothing will come between us. And that we will together seek a just and lasting peace for the Middle East and for the Jewish people.

Ladies and gentlemen, I thank you again for your kind attention and hospitality. May Jewish life be preserved and protected for another 4000 years and more. And may God bless you all. Thank you very much. Barbara and I are delighted to have been with you.

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Excerpts of remarks from VICE PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH B'NAI B'RITH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

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It's a great honor to address this convention. The B'nai B'rith are children of the covenant, a covenant that has bound together the Jewish people throughout their long history -- through tragedy and through triumph. Through the Holocaust to be reborn in the State of Israel!

This year Israel is celebrating her fortieth birthday. Middle age to most people but just the beginning in the life of one of the world's most creative nations. Over these years, the Israelis have shown the world how to build a new society, how to give old values new life. And the best thing I could say was what I wrote to Prime Minister Shamir on Israel's Independence Day: "I want you to know that I, the President, and the American people stand with you and your country. We shall never falter or waver in our support." Israel has won a special place in America's heart and Israel has given America a new perspective on history. It's a perspective that only a people who know how to beat the odds of history, can provide.

We've got to take that long view as a nation. That's why we have pursued a policy of peace through strength. Of keeping our guard up but also our readiness to parlay. And that's how we were able to negotiate an arms control treaty with the Soviet Union to eliminate a whole class of nuclear weapons.

In doing so, we were symbolizing the hopes of mankind. But we didn't do this as a unilateral concession, or at the expense of our security. We must never do that and, as President, I'll never do that!

Truly, the lesson for our times is that deployments work better than freezes if you want to get the Soviet Union to the table, if you want to get equitable arms reduction. That strength works better than weakness if you want to get both peace and security.

The members of B'nai B'rith know this lesson, too. Not so long ago, the Jewish people paid a horrible price for the weakness of the Western democracies. I say, never again. Never again!

The members of B'nai B'rith also know something else. Your covenant begins with the Jewish people but doesn't stop there. You know that a good community consists of families caring for each other, not only for themselves. You know that a good nation consists of those communities extending the reach of their goodness.

I like that idea and I believe in it. I believe in an America strong and prosperous, and an America that lives by standards. An America of honorable public service. An America that takes its idealism and makes it concrete by acts of goodness. A kinder, gentler nation. A tolerant America, enriched by the contributions of many peoples and many cultures.

We may disagree in this country about many things, but we have a lot in common. Reverence for education. Reverence for human life. Reverence for law. Reverence for the principle of separation of church and state. And reverence for the duty of human kindness, to help those less fortunate.

There's another thing we share. We are concerned about the wider world, about the fate of humanity. You know as Jews, and we all know as Americans, that we must take our place in the ranks, alongside those struggling for freedom. Soviet Jews, seeking to emigrate. Ethiopian Jews seeking to find their real home. The State of Israel searching for peace. Our own freedom is diminished as theirs is diminished.

My friends, these are the hard truths of history. We should not have to relearn them.

I mentioned earlier that idealism must be translated into concrete acts. Let me take just a few minutes to discuss some very concrete acts that our Administration has taken with respect to Israel and the search for peace.

[I just noticed the banner on the wall: "Where do Soviet Jews apply for Glasnost?"]

[I fully endorse the question. We cannot stop caring about the plight of others around the world.]

Back in 1980, we had an idea and it was called "Israel, strategic ally." It was a simple idea and a big one. We believed that Israel was not just the object of our sympathy and our goodwill but a full-fledged partner with the United States. A partner fully capable of contributing to our security.

Well, that caused a revolution in Washington. Lots of people were aghast. We were told that our interests in the region would be jeopardized. That even the use of the expression would set off drastic diplomatic repercussions. Well, they were wrong and we were right!

Even as strategic cooperation with Israel has gone forward, we have forged a stronger relationship with Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and other Gulf states. Today, it is clear that we can have an alliance with Israel and still pursue better relations with other countries in the area. We can work constructively with those states and not diminish our relations with Israel.

And despite this some people still have trouble saying the words, "Israel, strategic ally." Well, I don't. Israel, strategic ally. It's got a nice ring to it. The ring of hard, enduring reality.

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Today, the United States and Israel are engaged in joint planning on mutual threats in the Mediterranean. Eight years ago, joint planning was not even in the dictionary of U.S.-Israeli relations.

Today, the United States and Israel have prepositioned supplies and are building an infrastructure to deal with emergencies. Eight years ago, a former President regarded Israel as a strategic liability -- can you figure that? -- not an asset to U.S. action in the Middle East.

Today, the United States and Israel engage in joint military exercises. Eight years ago, the ships of the sixth fleet were often forbidden even to buy fruits and vegetables from Israel.

Today, we have a model free-trade agreement with Israel, of benefit to both countries. Eight years ago, this idea hadn't even been discussed, much less put on the agenda for action.

Today, the United States and Israel are partners in developing new technology, whether it be drones to gather intelligence at less risk to our pilots or the new, urgent project of defense against tactical missiles, part of the Strategic Defense Initiative. Eight years ago, we could only admire Israel's technological achievements from afar, not be partners in their development.

When someone tells you that missile defense is a fantasy, just think of Israel. Israelis know something about military technology and they know something about real threats. In a region where missiles are dangerously proliferating into the hands of radical regimes, where we've seen the horrors of chemical warfare, missile defense is no fantasy. It's a necessity.

Israel understands that. Israel understands it is facing a threat like none it's faced before. That's why it was the first country to sign up on our joint research and development on SDI. And that's why I am proud that we are working with Israel today on the Arrow project, and anti-tactical ballistic missile to counter this new danger.

A word on chemical weapons. You know, I've seen a few things in my time. But I thought we had banished forever the sight of human beings tortured by chemical warfare. The sight of a mother trying desperately to shield her child against the drifting winds of death.

That's why an international effort to make sure chemical weapons are never, never used again will be at the top of my agenda as President!

Let me sum it up. Eight years ago, strategic partnership with Israel was a dream of many of those who came into the Reagan-Bush Administration. Today, we've translated it into reality. And this is my pledge: the American-Israeli strategic partnership is going to be even stronger tomorrow!

We need that partnership. It is in our self interest as well as America's, not least to deter a Soviet Union still building its military strength in the area. Talk to the sailors and the pilots of our sixth fleet as they contemplate the expansion of a Soviet sea power, recently reinforced by the Soviet development of a base at Tartus, in Syria. They know Israel as a friendly place -- these Sixth Fleet boys -- and they are reassured knowing better knowing that Israel and the United States are always on the same side!

The U.S.-Israeli partnership is fundamental for another reason. As Foreign Minister Peres said, "Israel has never asked the United States for its soldiers, only for its diplomats and peacemakers." Our partnership holds the key to peace in the Middle East.

We all know that the peace process is at a difficult stage. No one can foretell where the tragic events of recent months will lead. Yet I believe that we can make progress toward peace if we follow these principles.

First, U.S.-Israeli cooperation is fundamental to our strategic interests. No threat, no stone thrown, is strong enough to divide us. No wedge will be driven between us.

Second, peace will be achieved through direct negotiations by the parties. It cannot be imposed. It cannot be evaded. The United States stands ready to help such a negotiation, as we have done on a bipartisan basis since the early seventies. But we shall not be party to a proceeding by the U.N. or any other international group to deny Israel's legitimacy or to force her to accept a bad deal. We are not going to do that. As far as I'm concerned, when it comes to the Middle East, the U.N. General Assembly renders itself irrelevant because of the infamous "Zionism is Racism" resolution. It is wrong.

Third, the purpose of a negotiation is real peace. Peace for Israel. Peace for her neighbors. That's what it is all about. We have stood together for too long through too many crises with too many lives sacrificed to settle for an armistice, or a temporary truce or a false peace. Egypt has shown the way. It's time for others to follow.

Fourth, as George Shultz has said, the Palestinians must be involved at every step in the negotiations. It is their choice to help end the misery. There will be no peace without them. It's their choice to help end the misery into which this region has been plunged.

As for the PLO, I will insist that unless the PLO accept U.N. Resolutions 242 and 338, recognize Israel's existence, abandon terrorism and change its covenant calling for Israel's destruction, the U.S. will not recognize or have any discussions with that organization. I will insist not only because we have made a promise to Israel, but because it is the right thing to do.

If the PLO cannot meet these principled conditions, then it is obviously not capable of either negotiating or delivering peace.

The stakes are just too high to be satisfied by ambiguous formulations. We need plain talk. No nonsense. No equivocations.

And one other thing. I have made very clear that I am opposed to an independent Palestinian state for a simple reason. Such a state would be a threat to the security of Israel and of Jordan, which is crucial to any lasting settlement of the conflict. And, I would add, it would also be contrary to American interests.

Anyone who has trouble making up his mind on this issue, or who proposes to leave it open, just doesn't understand the dangers to Israel and to the United States; just doesn't understand the very real threats that continue to exist. My Administration would not support the creation of any Palestinian entity that would jeopardize Israel's security -- our strategic ally.

The creation of a Palestinian state will not lead to peace. But we must be clear on another matter, too. Neither will annexation of the territories by Israel or their permanent control by military occupation.

There has got to be another way, a better way, and that's what the peace process is all about.

I understand something about security, and in a Bush Administration we're not going to relax our vigilance on threats to the United States or to Israel. And I understand something about diplomacy, too. That's why I pledge to you here and now that we're going to find a way to peace, we're going to keep it, it's going to be a priority for me as President!

Let me conclude on this note. In a few days, the Jewish people will be marking a new year. That begins the period of repentance, which concludes with Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement.

It's a time of soul-searching, something we should all do on occasion, even in Washington.

It's also a time for rededication to God and to our fellow human beings. To realize that our ideals are worked out here on earth, between each other.

Perhaps it would not be too much to say that in a democracy, an election serves a similar purpose. At its best, the process reminds us of what our country is all about. Of our traditions, the principles that guide us in everyday life. Of our future and how to make the best of it.

That's what this election is all about. Building on the peace and prosperity of these last eight years, expanding it to those who deserve more of it, here in America and in the Middle East and other areas of a disturbed world.

And it's about something more. At the Republican convention, I declared that I hoped to stand for a new harmony, a greater tolerance. We're on the way to a new century and it's time at last to leave the tired old baggage of bigotry behind us. There is no room in this country for racism or for anti-Semitism. Not in New York, not in Chicago, not anywhere in this great country! It's the duty of every American, especially those who aspire to leadership to condemn it wherever and whenever it appears. I condemn anti-Semitism now and I will always condemn it.

That's why the Reagan-Bush Administration supports OSI -- the Nazi-hunting Office of Special Investigations, and I will support it as President. Over the last eight years the OSI budget has been raised, and as President I will continue to support its investigations against Nazi war criminals residing in America.

So, I've come here today to tell you of my determination to eradicate bigotry, my dedication to spreading prosperity, my determination to spread the peace, to energize the peace process in the Middle East, so that Israel and her neighbors can fulfill at last the vision of turning swords into plowshares.

That's why I'm here today. To define that mission and to declare my dedication.

I ask for your help as I work for a better America.

Thank you.

May you be inscribed in the book of life.