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**HANUKKAH CEREMONY \ ROOM 450  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1990 \ 11:30 A.M.**

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GLORY OF GOD IN OUR OWN LIVES AND THE POWER OF MIRACLES  
IN THE WORLD. LAST YEAR AT THIS CEREMONY, WE SPOKE OF  
OUR EFFORTS TO HELP VLADIMIR RAIZ [RY-EEZ] AND OTHER  
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**BUT THE STORY DOESN'T STOP THERE -- IN ADDITION TO  
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IN FACT, I UNDERSTAND TWO CHILDREN WITH US TODAY FROM THE GESHER JEWISH DAY SCHOOL, LIDIA [LID-JA] SHESTOPALOVA [SHESS-TOE-PA-LOW-VA] AND ALEX VEYTSMAN [VITES-MAN] HAVE RECENTLY ARRIVED FROM THE SOVIET UNION. AS WE WELCOME YOU TO THIS COUNTRY, WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ALL THOSE STILL SEEKING FREEDOM.

THE ANCIENT STORY OF THE FIRST HANUKKAH IS ONE OF VICTORY OVER PERSECUTION, AGGRESSION, AND INTOLERANCE -- BUT THE STRUGGLE HAS CONTINUED FOR YOUR PEOPLE THROUGH THE CENTURIES. IN FACT, THE FIRST WAVE OF JEWISH IMMIGRANTS CAME TO THIS COUNTRY -- AS EARLY AS 1654 -- TO LIVE A LIFE FREE FROM INTOLERANCE AND PERSECUTION.

TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO, GEORGE WASHINGTON WROTE A LETTER TO A JEWISH CONGREGATION IN NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND, IN WHICH HE SAID THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WOULD GIVE "TO BIGOTRY NO SANCTION, TO PERSECUTION NO ASSISTANCE." IN THIS NEW COUNTRY, WASHINGTON SAID, "EVERY ONE SHALL SIT IN SAFETY UNDER HIS OWN VINE AND FIG TREE, AND THERE SHALL BE NONE TO MAKE HIM AFRAID."

THESE WORDS EMBODY THE AMERICAN IDEAL OF FREEDOM OF WORSHIP, AN IDEAL THAT WE REAFFIRM HERE TODAY AND THAT WE PASS ON TO THE GENERATIONS TO FOLLOW US.

I UNDERSTAND THESE CHILDREN ARE READY TO SING FOR US, AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT. ONE WORD OF WARNING: I WAS PRETTY GOOD LAST YEAR WITH THE DREYDEL -- PURELY BEGINNER'S LUCK. THIS YEAR, HOWEVER, I'VE BEEN PRACTICING.

SO LET'S HEAR A FEW SONGS AND THEN, I'LL TAKE ON ALL COMERS. // AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR COMING TO THE WHITE HOUSE, AND THANKS TO THE GESHER JEWISH DAY SCHOOL FOR ENTERTAINING US. HAPPY HANUKKAH TO EVERYONE.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 11, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:           CHRISS WINSTON *cw*  
FROM:               MARY KATE GRANT *mkg*  
SUBJECT:            HANUKKAH CEREMONY

I. SUMMARY

Attached for your review are draft brief remarks for the White House Hanukkah ceremony in Room 450, to be held Wednesday, December 12 at 11:30 a.m.

II. DISCUSSION

Your remarks (4 minutes/speechcards) will be followed by singing with the Geshur school students from Northern Virginia and a game of draedel with the children. The Vice President and Mrs. Quayle will be on stage with you. Approximately 200 Jewish community leaders and White House staff with their children will attend.

Grant/Grossman  
December 7, 1990  
9 a.m.  
A:HANUKKAH

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**ROOM 450**  
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Barbara and I would like to welcome everyone to the White House again this year for our Hanukkah celebration. And it's wonderful to see that the students of Gesher <sup>JEWISH DAY</sup> School could join us today to sing for us. [Tradition is very important to our family, and this ceremony is one tradition we've started that I hope to see continued for many years at the White House.] ?

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But the story doesn't stop there -- in addition to Zev Raiz, more than 150,000 Soviet Jews emigrated this year, to new homes and new lives of liberty and dignity. In fact, I understand two children with us today from the Gesher <sup>JEWISH DAY</sup> School, Lidia [LID-ja] Shestopalova [SHESS-toe-pa-low-va] and Alex Veytsman [VITES-man] have recently arrived from the Soviet Union. As we welcome you to this country, we continue to pray for all those still seeking freedom.

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

James W. Cicconi  
Assistant to the President  
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff  
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DATE: 12/10/90

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REMARKS:

Please forward any comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 10:00 AM, Tuesday, December 11, with a copy to my office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

*NC-AD*

James W. Cicconi  
Assistant to the President  
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff  
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FROM: MARY KATE GRANT *meq*  
RE: COMMENTS ON THE HANUKKAH CEREMONY

Bobbie Kilberg gave me her comments on the remarks:

Page 1, paragraph 1, line 1: Should read, "Thank you, Rabbis, for the gift ..." (She doesn't want to single out any one Rabbi for thanks.) Bobbie would like the second sentence to read, "And it's good to see that the students of the Geshur school could join us today to sing for us." Third sentence: "Barbara and I - as well as the Vice President and Mrs. Quayle -- would like to welcome everyone to the White House for the second year of our White House Hanukka celebrations." Rest of the paragraph stands.

Paragraph 3, line 4: The names of the two kids from the Geshur school who are Soviet emigres are: Lidia [LID-ja] Shestopalova [SHESS-toe-pa-low-va] and Alex Veytsman [VITES-man].

Page 2, last paragraph, line 1: Should read: "I understand these children are ready to sing for us, and I'm looking forward to it." Bobbie thought we shouldn't call it a "show."

Page 3, last line: Should read: "Let's hear a few songs and then, I'm happy to take on all comers." (or something close to that -- she just didn't like "let the games begin.") Also FYI: the draedel that the President will spin has been weighted by the children so that he will win every time.

Jennifer Grossman also has a few comments from fact-checking:

Page 2, second full paragraph, line 1: In this letter, George Washington assured the Jews that the U.S. Government would give "to bigotry no sanction ..." He was not just speaking for himself. Also, in the second quote by Washington in the same paragraph, put a comma after the fig tree.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Christina -

Please change "Gesher  
School" to "Gesher Jewish  
Day School" in the  
Hannukkah speech  
(all references.)

Call me if there's  
a problem.

Thx,

Kathy J.

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RESPONSE:

*No Comment 12/11/90*

James W. Cicconi  
Assistant to the President  
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff  
Ext. 2702

Grant/Grossman  
December 7, 1990  
9 a.m.  
A:HANUKKAH

**BRIEF REMARKS: HANUKKAH CEREMONY**  
**ROOM 450**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1990**  
**11:30 A.M.**

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 10, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Hanukkah Ceremony

We have reviewed the attached draft and have no suggested changes from a policy standpoint. We approve of the draft remarks in their current form.

cc: James W. Cicconi

90 OCT 10 4:33

# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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**RESPONSE:**

James W. Cicconi  
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 Ext. 2702

90 DEC 10 PM 12:19

Grant/Grossman  
December 7, 1990  
9 a.m.  
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Bobbie - All comments appreciated - M.K.

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RESPONSE:

NO COMMENTS. THANKS.

HOLLY WILLIAMSON  
12-11-90



James W. Cicconi  
Assistant to the President  
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff  
Ext. 2702

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**RESPONSE:**

December 11, 1990

David Welch clears for Richard Haass on Presidential remarks for Hanukkah Ceremony with changes as indicated.

*B. Scowcroft*  
Brent Scowcroft

cc: James W. Cicconi  
Assistant to the President  
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff  
Ext. 2702

90 DEC 10 PM 12:19

Grant/Grossman  
December 7, 1990  
9 a.m.  
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90 OCT 10 11:28

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9 a.m.  
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AT HANUKKAH CELEBRATION

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Old Executive Office Building

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THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Rabbis, for those lovely words and for the gift of this lovely Menorah. It's wonderful to see the students -- the Geshur Jewish Day School. I'm so glad you could join us all here today to sing.

You haven't sung yet, have you? (Laughter.) Oh, good, because I didn't want to miss that.

Let me say that Barbara and I and Marilyn and Dan Quayle want to just welcome everybody here to the White House, for the second year of these Hanukkah celebrations. It's a holiday of hope, for it shows us the glory of God in our own lives and the power of miracles in the world. Last year at this ceremony, we spoke of our efforts to help Vladimir Raiz and other brave Refuseniks -- help them leave the Soviet Union. By Passover, Vladimir was a free man.

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In fact, I am told that one kid, one child with us today from the Geshur Jewish Day School, Lidia Shestopalova -- where's Lidia? Here she is, right there. Now, Lidia, if that's -- oh, I'm so glad you're here. But she recently arrived from the Soviet Union. And so we welcome you to this country and we continue to pray for all those who are seeking freedom. Thank you Lidia. Now, sit down and be relaxed here. We're so glad you're here. And you're so beautiful. (Applause.)

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I understand that these kids -- I guess you're next -- are going to sing for us. I'm looking forward to it. I know Barbara is, and I know Marilyn and I know Dan are as well. I was pretty good last year at this game, Dreydel. Some said it was beginner's luck, but I'm ready for that. Also, I'm relying heavily on my partner here to prevail. (Laughter.) He's a pro in this. So why don't we just have a few songs and then we'll have a little match here.

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But the main thing is, thank you for coming. Thank you for coming here to the White House at this very special time of year. And thank you, Rabbis, for your inspirational words, your prayers, and being with us here today, too. And Happy Hanukkah to everyone. Now, let the show begin. (Applause.)

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