

State Dinner in Honor of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel, 3/7/77

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DINNER TO BE GIVEN BY THE PRESIDENT IN HONOR
OF HIS EXCELLENCY YITZHAK RABIN, PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL

The Guests:

The President
His Excellency Yitzhak Rabin
Prime Minister of Israel
His Excellency Simcha Dinitz
Ambassador of Israel
Mr. Amos Eiran
Director General, Prime Minister's Office
Mr. Hanan Bar-On
Minister, Embassy of Israel
Mr. Eli Mizrahi
Director, Prime Minister's Bureau and
Political Secretary to the Prime Minister
Major General Avraham Adan
Defense and Armed Forces Attache
Brigadier General Ephraim Poran
Military Secretary to the Prime Minister
Mr. Dan Pattir
Public Affairs Advisory to the Prime Minister
Mr. Yehuda Avner
Diaspora Affairs Advisor to the Prime Minister
Mr. Zvi Rafiah
Counselor
Mr. Ze'ev Sher
Economic Minister
Mr. Joseph Ciechanover
Minister for Economic Affairs (Procurement)
The Vice President (Walter F. Mondale)
The Speaker (Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.)
The Secretary of State (Cyrus R. Vance)
The Secretary of the Treasury (W. Michael Blumenthal)
The Secretary of Defense (Harold Brown)
The Honorable Andrew J. Young
U.S. Representative to the United Nations
The Honorable Zbigniew Brzezinski
Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
The Honorable John J. Sparkman, U.S. Senate (Alabama)
The Honorable Clifford P. Case, U.S. Senate (New Jersey)
The Honorable Jacob K. Javits, U.S. Senate (New York)
The Honorable Howard H. Baker, Jr., U.S. Senate (Tennessee)
The Honorable Abraham A. Ribicoff, U.S. Senate (Connecticut)
The Honorable Richard Stone, U.S. Senate (Florida)
The Honorable Clement J. Zablocki, House of Representatives (Wisconsin)
The Honorable William S. Broomfield, House of Representatives (Michigan)
The Honorable Benjamin S. Rosenthal, House of Representatives (New York)
The Honorable Jonathan B. Bingham, House of Representatives (New York)
The Honorable Lee H. Hamilton, House of Representatives (Indiana)
The Honorable Philip C. Habib
Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs
Mr. Stuart E. Eizenstat
Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs
Mr. Robert J. Lipshutz
Counsel to the President
The Honorable Alfred L. Atherton, Jr.
Assistant Secretary of State for Near East and South Asia
Mr. David Aaron
Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

The Menu:

	Cold Cucumber Soup
	Bread Sticks
Charles Krug	Baked Stripped Bass
Johannisberg Riesling	Eggplant
	Braised Celery
	Hearts of Palm & Watercress Vinaigrette
Almaden Blanc de blancs	Macedoine of Fresh Fruit
	Macaroons

The Alexandria Quartet will perform a brief musical interlude in the Dining Room following the toast.

GUEST LIST FOR THE TEA TO BE GIVEN BY MRS. CARTER FOR
MRS. YITZHAK RABIN, WIFE OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL,
ON MONDAY, MARCH 7, 1977 AT FOUR O'CLOCK

Mrs. Carter

Mrs. Rabin

Mrs. Avraham Adan

Mrs. Hanan Bar-On

Mrs. Norman Bernstein

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MARCH 7, 1977

OFFICE OF THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY

THE WHITE HOUSE

EXCHANGE OF TOASTS
BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT
AND
YITZHAK RABIN
PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL

THE STATE DINING ROOM

8:40 P.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: I think maybe something is expected of me. (Laughter)

First of all, I want to welcome all of you to the White House. When something occurs with which I am not familiar, I call Ambassador Dinitz and ask him what do I do next. He always tells me how my predecessors have performed and what is expected as the next event on the program. I think he was filling very large shoes when he took over as Ambassador himself.

I met Prime Minister Rabin for the first time when he came to Georgia. I was a new Governor and he came down to pay his respects to me, along with his wife Lea. We had an instant friendship.

I had the greatest possible admiration for him because, as a military man myself, I had studied the Six-Day War and recognized his superb courage and leadership in the major test of the military strength and deep personal commitment of the people who live in the heroic nation of Israel.

I have been proud of that friendship ever since. When I went to Israel a few years ago, although Prime Minister Rabin was in temporary retirement from politics at that time, he was already making plans for the future. He didn't tell me about them. I was making plans for the future -- I didn't tell him about them. (Laughter)

But I had spent five or six days driving around in Israel, learning about the country and learning about politics there, and had a whole series of questions that I wanted to ask someone who was knowledgeable. He was gracious enough to return to Tel Aviv a day or two early to meet with me and we spent two or three hours talking about Israeli politics.

I was fairly well impressed with his knowledge of the subject. I was even more impressed a few months later when he became Prime Minister. (Laughter) Since then, we have tried to stay in touch with one another.

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As all of you assemble around this table now, there is a kinship between our Nation and Israel that is almost unique. Our principle of Government is the same -- our principal commitment to individual human rights and to democracy in its purest form; a matter of pride in one's present and in one's past and confidence about the future, even in times of trial and tribulation; and assuring of a religious heritage that to me is very significant.

I was particularly eager for Prime Minister Rabin to come to our country early in my own Administration so that we can renew our friendship and to talk about the future. Many people in our own country have looked on our relationship with Israel as one of support and one of friendship that was to Israel's benefit.

I have never looked on it that way. I consider it to be an equal partnership that has derived for our country and for the cause of freedom tremendous benefits for us. And this is a time of a sharing of plans for the future.

I had a chance this morning, along with some of you around the table, to discuss at length the possibilities in 1977 of helping to carve out for Israel and for Israel's neighbors the time of permanent peace, of mutual respect, trade, better understanding, and of the acceptance of differences that in the past have been divisive. But perhaps in the future, if our prayers are answered, those divisions might be eliminated.

We recognize that the responsibilities fall on the participants themselves in the negotiations that I hope might take place later on this year. We will offer our good offices, if they are requested, in trying to reach some understanding, and provide some common ground on which peace might come in a permanent fashion.

We understand very clearly in our own country -- strong and powerful and secure -- that security is important, and is the essence of what Israel can expect from us and from the rest of the world -- a recognition of their existence now and in the future.

I have a lot to learn as a new President. I will spend as much time as I can on this brief visit with Prime Minister Rabin, learning from him about the special yearnings in Israel for recognition and for peace in the future, and learning about the strengths and capabilities and needs of that great country.

I think it was about 29 years ago that Israel became a nation, and my understanding is that 12 minutes later, President Truman recognized Israel. And that recognition and that friendship has never wavered, and as long as I have any influence on our own Government, as long as these other gentlemen from our Government have any influence, that recognition and that strength and that friendship and that sense of mutual purpose will never waver.

I would like to propose a toast to the brave and courageous leader of a brave and courageous country -- our friend, the people of Israel -- Prime Minister Rabin.

PRIME MINISTER RABIN: Mr. President, distinguished members of the Senate, the House of Representatives, members of the Administration, my colleagues from Israel: I would like to thank you, Mr. President, very much for your kind words, for your kind invitation, for the time that you have spent with me, and the attention that you have paid for the problems that we have brought to you as the President of the United States, as the leader of the great democratic country of the world.

You mentioned our first meeting. I think it was in 1971. I don't know if you remember, but I remember what you did say then to me. You said that we started from a different beginning and we each went in the opposite direction.

You mentioned that I started by studying agriculture and became a soldier; and you started at the Academy, the Naval Academy, and became a farmer. (Laughter)

Then I didn't know that I would be a Prime Minister. I don't know if you knew that you would become President. (Laughter)

The second meeting, of course, was three and a half years ago, the middle of 1973. I was a newcomer to politics. Only then I decided then to enter politics. Before I left Israel somebody asked me if I would go to meet President Carter to learn how to succeed quickly in the elections as a newcomer to politics. (Laughter)

But beyond all this, Mr. President, we in Israel appreciate, appreciate very much your understanding and the understanding of the United States towards Israel, towards what we represent, towards what we aspire to achieve. And I believe there is something unique in the relations between our two countries.

Sometimes I feel almost ashamed to mention the two countries together -- over 220 million, the biggest, the largest, the strongest country on earth, and a tiny, small Israel of three and a half million.

But I believe that there are certain values, certain beliefs, a certain heritage, certain faith, certain traditions that are beyond question of size. I believe that there is something that brings us together. It is the spirit of freedom, the belief in democracy and the permanent search for peace and happiness.

I believe that only these values can explain the unique relationship that has been developed between our two countries. Mr. President, you mentioned that with President Truman, the United States was the first country on earth to recognize the independence of the Jewish people in its own country, in Israel. I don't believe it is just by sheer coincidence.

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Then three decades, almost, these relationships have been developed, have been strengthened, have to my opinion brought tranquility and hope of a better life and peace, at least not only to Israel, but I believe to the regions as a whole.

I am sure that the understanding and the cooperation between our two countries is the basis and the hope for peace in the area. I am sure that the talks that we have started today and I am sure that our understandings that will be reached will serve and will help bring meaningful negotiations, agreements, and in the long run -- let's hope shorter than long -- world peace to the area.

I have said to you, Mr. President, this morning that it might be this is the first visit of a Prime Minister of Israel that has come to the United States without a shopping list, without the need to make imminent decision because of the pressure of events.

I believe that your initiative to start these talks and to invite me, this time will allow us to build the kind of thinking and I hope also action with coordination with other leaders of the area that will bring about an end to a long futile war and will start a new beginning to Israel and to all the countries in that area.

We trust that you and the United States under your leadership will do whatever is possible on the one hand to pursue the course of peace, but at the same time, to make sure that Israel's strengths will allow it to defend itself until peace will be achieved.

Allow me to raise my glass, Mr. President. To you, Mr. President, and to whatever you want to achieve for your country, for the welfare of the world and I hope for peace in the Middle East.

To the President.

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(AT 8:53 P.M. EST)

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR MRS. CARTER

FROM: GRETCHEN POSTON

DATE: 4 March 1977

SUBJECT: HIGH TEA FOR MRS. RABIN

Attached please find the scenario for the above-described function.

cc: Madeline MacBean
Carol Benefield
Mary Hoyt ✓
Jane Fenderson
Paul Reason
Rex Scouten

ON THE OCCASION OF
THE VISIT OF
MRS. RABIN

TEA SCENARIO

- 3:45 P.M. Guests begin arriving North Portico via Northwest Gate, and are to remain in Grand Hall.
- 3:58 P.M. Mrs. Carter arrives Grand Hall.
- 3:59 P.M. Mrs. Carter moves to North Portico.
- 4:00 P.M. Mrs. Rabin arrives North Portico via Northwest Gate, is greeted by Mrs. Carter and moves to south side of Grand Hall for receiving line.

(Joseph Kalichstein plays piano in background.)

Guests to mix and mingle - coffee, tea, sandwiches and pastries.

- 5:00 P.M. Mrs. Carter escorts Mrs. Rabin to North Portico for departure to Blair House.

Mrs. Carter departs Grand Hall.

TEA - Monday, March 7, 1977 for Mrs. Rabin of Israel at 4:00 p.m.

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No response

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February 28, 1977

Ms. Faith Collins
The First Lady's Press Office
The White House
Washington

Dear Ms. Collins:

As we discussed at the State Dinner for the Trudeaus, I am writing to request that my name be placed on your list for after-dinner coverage for the next two State Dinners.

I will be handling the Rabin (March 7) and Callaghan (March 10) affairs, and will have my State Department press clearance, as usual.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frederick Casoni".

FREDERICK CASONI
News Editor

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WASHINGTON

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Rabin Dinner

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For further information, please contact Faith Collins --
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DINNER SCENARIO

7:15 P.M. Dinner guests (list attached) begin arrival North Portico via Northwest Gate. Are escorted to Blue Room.

(Wine and juice to be served.)

7:28 P.M. The President arrives Grand Hall.

7:29 P.M. The President moves to North Portico.

7:30 P.M. Prime Minister Rabin enters Northwest Gate to North Portico, is greeted by The President, and escorted to Blue Room.

7:45 P.M. Dinner is served in State Dining Room.

8:45 P.M. Dessert is served. Coffee service begins.

(String artist performing with Smithsonian Institution
to present a 10-minute work by Shubert.)

8:55 P.M. Coffee service continues.

(Working time.)

9:15 P.M. The President escorts Prime Minister Rabin to North Portico for departure to Blair House.

The President departs Grand Hall.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Carte -
Kabin -

Rigny -
Vance

Robelle

Bar-on

Sisco

Brown ^{Harold}
Eisenstadt

Minister
of Embassy

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mfm

Annie
Grand scene

7:30 - Eisenhower Theater
- Grand scene

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CORRESPONDENTS:

MRS. CARTER WILL ACCOMPANY MRS. RABIN TO THE KENNEDY CENTER TONIGHT. CONTACT: FAITH COLLINS, 456-2164.
UPI 03-07 03:48 PES

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(NO FRILLS DIPLOMACY)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT CARTER, FACING A SERIES OF VISITS BY MIDDLE EAST LEADERS, TODAY INITIATED HIS NO-FRILLS WHITE HOUSE WELCOME WITH A 12 MINUTE GREETING FOR ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER YITZHAK RABIN.

GONE WERE MOST OF THE IMPERIAL TRAPPINGS FROM THE SOUTH LAWN: THE TROOPS FROM THE FIVE MILITARY SERVICES, THE HERALD TRUMPETS, THE HONOR GUARD AND THE PEOPLE WAVING LITTLE FLAGS OF THE VISITING DIGNITARY'S HOMELAND.

GOVERNMENT WORKERS WHO USUALLY SWELL THE VISITORS RANKS BEHIND THE ROPES ON THE SOUTH LAWN WERE NOT INVITED THIS TIME.

THE EXTENT OF THE AUSTERITY CAME AS A SURPRISE TO SOME OBSERVERS. BUT IT APPARENTLY HAS SET THE PATTERN FOR THE PARADE OF ARAB GOVERNMENT LEADERS WHO WILL BE MAKING THE TREK TO WASHINGTON WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. AN EXCEPTION IS SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD, WHO WAS EXPECTED TO CONFER WITH CARTER IN LONDON IN MAY.

THERE WAS MUCH MORE FANFARE FOR CARTER'S TWO PREVIOUS STATE VISITORS, MEXICAN PRESIDENT JOSE PORTILLO LOPEZ AND CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER PIERRE TRUDEAU, ALTHOUGH SOME CUSTOMARY FRILLS WERE DROPPED.

CARTER TOOK NOTE OF THE AUSTERE CEREMONY FOR RABIN IN HIS OPENING REMARKS ON THE BUNTING-DRAPED PLATFORM ON THE SOUTH LAWN.

"THIS IS A DIFFERENT KIND OF VISIT," HE SAID. "THIS IS GOING TO BE A SERIES OF WORKING SESSIONS. BECAUSE OF THE CRUCIAL NATURE OF THE PROBLEMS THAT FACE THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE CLOSE HISTORIC TIES BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES, WE HAVE DECIDED TO MINIMIZE THE AMOUNT OF TIME SPENT IN CEREMONY. WE WILL HAVE A MEETING TONIGHT AT A BANQUET, BUT IT WILL BE A WORKING BANQUET."

INSTEAD OF A STATE DINNER, CARTER HOSTED A STAG DINNER, WITH BUSINESS SUITS AS THE ATTIRE. NONE OF THE SPOUSES WERE INVITED ALTHOUGH MRS. RABIN ACCOMPANIED HER HUSBAND TO WASHINGTON.

ROSALYNN CARTER INVITED MRS. RABIN TO TEA ALONG WITH MANY OF THE WASHINGTON FRIENDS SHE GOT TO KNOW WHEN RABIN WAS AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON.

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