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UNITED JEWISH APPEAL DINNER, COLONIE HILL
RESTAURANT, HAUPPAUGE, LONG ISLAND,
NEW YORK, 8:15 P.M. MONDAY, NOV. 26, 1973.

*Delighted to be here - first & foremost - to pay tribute to
gallant Israel & to thank
all of you who are helping in this
bleed - our
hearing there in hour of crisis.*

*Telephone
Steve*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT IS A
SPECIAL PLEASURE TO ADDRESS YOU AT A TIME
WHEN THE WORLD SEEMS FINALLY READY, AFTER
SO MANY TRAGIC YEARS OF BLOODSHED AND
SENSELESS PROCRASTINATION, TO ACKNOWLEDGE
AN UNAVOIDABLE REALITY.



THAT REALITY IS THE REALITY OF
ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE. THE UNITED STATES HAS

*Gov. Wilson
Sec. Bill Casey
Ambassador
Rosen
Gross
W. J. Hall
Rosen
T. Meyer
Halperin*

WORKED LONG AND HARD -- AND OFTEN ALONE --
TO UPHOLD ISRAEL'S SECURITY. IN THE PEACE
NEGOTIATIONS THAT ARE AT LONG LAST ABOUT
TO BEGIN BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE ARABS, WE
WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE
AND HER RIGHT TO LIVE IN SECURITY.



THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE
UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL HAS ALWAYS BEEN A
UNIQUE ONE, AND AS I WORKED ON THESE
REMARKS I TRIED TO COME TO SOME CONCLUSIONS
ABOUT WHY THIS SHOULD BE SO. I THINK I'VE

WORKED LONG AND HARD -- AND OFTEN ALONE --
TO UPHOLD ISRAEL'S SECURITY. IN THE PEACE
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UNIQUE ONE, AND AS I WORKED ON THESE
REMARKS I TRIED TO COME TO SOME CONCLUSIONS
ABOUT WHY THIS SHOULD BE SO. I THINK I'VE

COME UP WITH AT LEAST A PARTIAL ANSWER, AN
ANSWER INVOLVING THE BIBLE, A POET, A STATUE,
AND THE WORK THE UJA IS DOING TO ASSIST
RUSSIAN EMIGRANTS. THE PLIGHT OF SOVIET
JEWRY, INCIDENTALLY, IS ONE THAT HAS LONG
CONCERNED ME, AND I'M SURE SOME OF YOU HERE
TONIGHT REMEMBER THAT I ADDRESSED THIS
SUBJECT AT A RALLY FOR SOVIET JEWRY IN
MADISON SQUARE GARDEN IN 1971.



THE PASSAGE IN THE BIBLE TO WHICH
I REFERRED COMES FROM ISAIAH. I'D LIKE TO
READ A FEW BRIEF EXCERPTS. ACCORDING TO
THE PROPHET, THE MISSION OF ISRAEL WAS,
AND I QUOTE, " . . . TO LOOSE THE BANDS OF
WICKEDNESS, TO UNDO THE HEAVY BURDENS, AND
TO LET THE OPPRESSED GO FREE . . . TO DEAL
THY BREAD TO THE HUNGRY AND . . . BRING THE
POOR THAT ARE CAST OUT TO THY HOUSE . . .
THEN SHALL THIS LIGHT BREAK FORTH AS THE
MORNING. . . .



AS YOU ARE WELL AWARE, THE HISTORICAL PARALLELS BETWEEN OUR AGE AND THE AGE OF ISAIAH ARE STRIKING. THEN, AS NOW, FOR EXAMPLE, THE JEWISH PEOPLE WERE RETURNING TO ZION TO REBUILD THEIR NATION.

BUT THERE IS ANOTHER CONTEMPORARY HISTORIC PARALLEL THAT I FIND EVEN MORE STRIKING. LISTEN TO THE FOLLOWING LINES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. I AM SURE YOU KNOW THEM BY HEART.



11 GIVE ME YOUR TIRED, YOUR POOR,
YOUR HUDDLED MASSES YEARNING TO BREATHE FREE,
THE WRETCHED REFUSE OF YOUR TEEMING SHORE,
SEND THESE, THE HOMELESS, THE TEMPEST-TOSSED
TO ME:

I LIFT UP MY LAMP BESIDE THE GOLDEN DOOR. 11

THOSE ARE, OF COURSE, THE FAMOUS
LINES ENGRAVED ON THE PEDESTAL OF THE
GREATEST SYMBOL OF HUMAN FREEDOM IN THE
WORLD -- THE STATUE OF LIBERTY. THEY ARE
ALSO THE CLOSING LINES OF A POEM THAT



CELEBRATES AMERICA AS THE HAVEN FOR THE
WORLD'S OPPRESSED. THE POEM IS ENTITLED
"THE NEW COLOSSUS." THE AUTHOR WAS
EMMA LAZARUS, A JEWISH WOMAN WHO ORGANIZED
RELIEF FOR JEWISH REFUGEES WHO HAD FLED
THE OPPRESSION OF 19TH CENTURY RUSSIA.



THE RING OF ISAIAH IS IN THOSE
LINES. I THINK THOSE WORDS ON THE STATUE
OF LIBERTY CAPTURE THE ESSENTIAL SPIRIT OF
BOTH AMERICA AND ISRAEL -- ALMOST UNIQUELY
AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD --

HAVENS FOR THE PERSECUTED, THE HOMELESS,
THE OPPRESSED.

AND IT IS BECAUSE OF THIS UNIQUE
COMMON TRADITION, I BELIEVE, THAT THE BONDS
BETWEEN AMERICA AND ISRAEL ARE SO VERY CLOSE.
THERE IS NO CONTRADICTION WHATSOEVER
BETWEEN THE SUPPORT YOU OFFER TO ISRAEL AND
THE LOYALTY YOU FEEL TOWARD AMERICA.



THERE ARE MANY OF YOU IN THIS
AUDIENCE TONIGHT WHOSE PARENTS CAME TO

THESE SHORES FLEEING OPPRESSION. SOME OF
YOU CAME UNDER THOSE CONDITIONS YOURSELVES.
AND AS YOU ALL KNOW, THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF
THE UJA IN ASSISTING SUCH IMMIGRANTS HAVE
BEEN NOTHING SHORT OF PHENOMENAL. AND
WHAT YOU AND YOUR PARENTS FOUND HERE WAS
SOMETHING YOU COULD NOT FIND IN THE NATIONS
YOU LEFT -- THE PROMISE THAT YOU COULD RISE
JUST AS HIGH AND TRAVEL JUST AS FAR AS YOUR
ABILITIES AND DEDICATION COULD CARRY YOU.



ALL OF YOU HERE TONIGHT HAVE
REALIZED THAT PROMISE, AND YOUR LIVES ARE
TANGIBLE TESTIMONIALS TO A VERY SIMPLE BUT
OFTEN OVERLOOKED TRUTH -- THE AMERICAN
SYSTEM IS ALIVE AND HEALTHY. THE SYSTEM
DOES WORK. *V* YOU HAVE PROVED THAT IT WORKS.

By your accomplishments

STILL ANOTHER TRUTH ABOUT OUR
SOCIETY IS THAT IT IS DIVERSE, A
PLURALISTIC SOCIETY STRENGTHENED SOCIALLY
AND CULTURALLY BY THE BELIEFS AND CUSTOMS
OF THE VARIOUS NATIONALITIES AND RELIGIONS
THAT FOUND SANCTUARY AND OPPORTUNITY HERE.



THE MELTING POT THEORY STILL
HOLDS. THE MELTING PROCESS, OF COURSE,
DISTILLS DIFFERENT SOCIAL AND PHILOSOPHIC
VIEWS DOWN INTO COMMON NATIONAL GOALS AND
PURPOSES. THAT MELTING PROCESS SHOULD NOT,
HOWEVER, ATTEMPT TO BOIL OUT THOSE UNIQUE
THINGS WE BRING TO AMERICA AS MEMBERS OF
DISTINCT CULTURAL GROUPS, QUALITIES WHICH
HELP TO ENRICH OUR SOCIETY AS A WHOLE.

TOO OFTEN, I BELIEVE, WE STRESS
THE SAMENESS, THE HOMOGENEITY OF AMERICAN
LIFE WHILE IGNORING THE HEALTHY DIFFERENCES

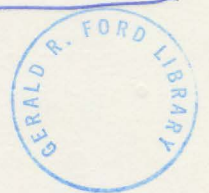


AND VARIATIONS THAT GIVE SUCH RICHNESS TO
THE AMERICAN FABRIC.

THE TEXTURE OF OUR NATION, WHICH
HAS CONTRIBUTED TO ITS UNPARALLELED
GREATNESS, COMES FROM MANY ETHNIC, RELIGIOUS
AND NATIONALITY STRAINS. AMERICA, AS WE
KNOW IT AND LOVE IT, IS LIKE A GOOD SOUP.
ITS FULL FLAVOR COMES FROM THE BLENDING
OF MANY INGREDIENTS.



YET FROM MANY QUARTERS WE HEAR
A GREAT DEAL OF TALK ABOUT ASSIMILATION --
ESPECIALLY FROM THE YOUNGER GENERATION.
AND, OF COURSE, IT IS NECESSARY THAT WE
SHOULD BE ALIKE IN SOME WAYS -- IN OUR
STANDARD OF JUSTICE, OUR CONCEPT OF
DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT, OUR COMMON IDEAL OF
LIBERTY AND FREEDOM.



BUT, WE MUST ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT
WE CAN PAY TOO HIGH A PRICE FOR SAMENESS.
WE CAN MAKE OUR SOUP ^{Too} BLAND. THERE ARE
DIFFERENCES THAT WE CANNOT AFFORD TO LOSE.

I DO NOT LIKE TO BELIEVE AND DO NOT CONCEDE THAT IN THIS COUNTRY WE HAVE ITALIAN-AMERICANS, IRISH-AMERICANS, AFRO-AMERICANS OR JEWISH-AMERICANS BECAUSE THE HYPHEN IMPLIES THAT DIFFERENT GROUPS SHOULD BE TREATED DIFFERENTLY. THIS IS
WRONG.



ON THE OTHER HAND, IT IS NECESSARY TO UNDERSTAND THAT DIFFERENT GROUPS HAVE ADDED IMMEASURABLY TO AMERICAN LIFE BECAUSE THEY ARE DIFFERENT.

OUT OF THEIR DIFFERENCES HAVE GROWN IDEAS,
A FULLER CULTURAL LIFE, AND A MORE
INTERESTING AND STIMULATING AMERICA. OUR
NATIONAL OUTLOOK IS BROADER; OUR CHARACTER
STIFFER.



RATHER THAN QUESTION IN ANY WAY
THOSE WHO FEEL DEEP EMOTIONAL TIES TO
OTHER COUNTRIES -- WHETHER IT BE ISRAEL OR
IRELAND OR ITALY OR AFRICA -- WE SHOULD
SALUTE THIS AS A MANIFESTATION OF THE GENIUS
OF OUR NATION. THIS IS PART OF WHAT WE CALL

AMERICANISM. IT IS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT
MAKE BOTH ISRAEL AND AMERICA UNIQUE IN THE
WORLD. THE BEAUTY OF JOSEPH'S COAT WAS THAT
IT WAS OF MANY COLORS.



IT IS PERFECTLY POSSIBLE FOR
AMERICANS TO HOLD ON PROUDLY TO THE BEST
ELEMENTS OF THEIR DIFFERENT NATIONAL
HERITAGES -- AND YET BE UNITED IN COMMON
LOVE FOR OUR COUNTRY. AND LET ME ADD HERE
THAT NO SINGLE GROUP OF AMERICANS HAS BEEN
MORE STEADFAST IN STANDING UP FOR OUR
COUNTRY THAN OUR JEWISH CITIZENS.

FINALLY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
LET ME MENTION ONE MORE BASIC AMERICAN
QUALITY, PERHAPS THE FINEST OF ALL -- THE
WILLINGNESS OF SACRIFICE TO HELP YOUR
FELLOW MAN.



IT'S AN OLD CONCEPT, ONE OF THE
FINEST EMBODIED IN THE JUDEO-CHRISTIAN
TRADITION, THE CONCEPT OF CHARITY. AND
PERHAPS NO GROUP IN AMERICA HAS MORE
DISTINGUISHED ITSELF FOR ITS GENEROSITY AND

ITS PHILANTHROPY THAN THE AMERICAN JEWISH
COMMUNITY. THE GREEK ROOT OF THE TERM
"PHILANTHROPY" MEANS LOVE OF MANKIND. AND
I KNOW OF NO PEOPLE WHO BETTER PERSONIFY
THIS LOVE THAN THOSE WHO GIVE TO THE
UNITED JEWISH APPEAL.



YOU CAN TAKE PROFOUND PRIDE IN
YOUR RECORD. SINCE 1938, UJA FUNDS HAVE
SAVED OVER 3 MILLION LIVES AND HAVE HELPED
MAKE POSSIBLE THE TRANSFORMATION OF ISRAEL
INTO A DYNAMIC AND PROGRESSIVE LAND.

AS YOU ALL KNOW, THE RECENT FIGHTING IN THE MIDDLE EAST TOOK A TRAGIC TOLL. IN FACT, GIVEN POPULATION RATIOS, THE NUMBER OF ISRAELIS WHO DIED EACH DAY DURING THE RECENT FIGHTING WAS EQUIVALENT TO APPROXIMATELY 7,000 AMERICAN DEATHS PER DAY. THUS YOUR EFFORTS TO HELP ISRAEL "BIND UP THE WOUNDS OF WAR" SEEM ESPECIALLY APPROPRIATE AT THIS MOMENT IN HISTORY.

AT THE SAME TIME, OTHER NEEDS ALSO PRESS IN ISRAEL. FOR EXAMPLE, IMMIGRATION



TO ISRAEL CONTINUES AND SPENDING ON
IMMIGRATION ALONE WAS OVER \$1 BILLION BEFORE
THE HOSTILITIES BROKE OUT.

THIS IS A TIME OF TESTING, AND
THE ROAD AHEAD WILL NOT BE AN EASY ONE.
BUT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN DECADES, THE
ROAD DOES SEEM PASSABLE WITH SOME OF THE
ROADBLOCKS REMOVED. THIS ADMINISTRATION
HAS SPENT FIVE YEARS IN ATTEMPTING TO CLEAR
AWAY INTERNATIONAL OBSTRUCTIONS TO PEACE
BY BUILDING BRIDGES TO THOSE NATIONS WITH
WHOM WE ONCE HAD NO DIALOGUE.



AND THE INDICATIONS ARE THAT NOW SUCH BRIDGE BUILDING MAY BE POSSIBLE BETWEEN TEL AVIV, CAIRO, AND DAMASCUS. PERHAPS FINALLY THE WAY MAY BE CLEAR. RICHARD TUCKER HAS GIVEN US AN INSPIRATIONAL RENDITION OF THE ISRAELI NATIONAL ANTHEM HERE TONIGHT, AND IT IS IN THE CLOSING LINES OF THAT ANTHEM THAT WE FIND THE HOPE OF THE FUTURE EXPRESSED SO CLEARLY.



"THE HOPE OF TWO THOUSAND YEARS,
TO BE A FREE PEOPLE IN OUR LAND,
IN THE LAND OF ZION . . ."

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I BELIEVE
WE WILL MAKE THAT HOPE A REALITY.

AND SO I SALUTE YOU -- SALUTE YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF A WORTHWHILE CAUSE --
AND SALUTE YOU, MY FELLOW AMERICANS, BECAUSE
YOU HAVE UNSELFISHLY HELPED PAVE THE ROAD
TO SELF-RELIANCE FOR THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL.



WITH PRIDE YOU CAN SAY YOU HAVE PLAYED A
MAJOR ROLE IN ISRAEL'S PROGRESS. WITH YOUR
HEAD HIGH, YOU KNOW YOU HAVE PERSONALLY
SHARED IN AN ENTERPRISE OF HISTORIC
SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE SURVIVAL OF THE JEWISH
PEOPLE AND OF THE SPIRIT OF HUMAN FREEDOM
AND DIGNITY TO WHICH IT IS DEDICATED.
SHALOM.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

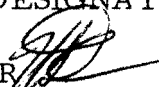
WASHINGTON

November 26, 1973

12:30 pm



MEMORANDUM FOR: VICE PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE GERALD FORD

FROM: W. DEWEY CLOWER 

SUBJECT: YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THE "DINNER FOR LIFE" (Long Island, New York)
Monday, November 26, 1973

Attached at TAB A is your schedule for participation in the subject event this evening at the Colonie Hill in Hauppauge, New York. Attached at TAB B is a dinner platform guest list.

BACKGROUND

"Dinner for Life" is sponsored by the United Jewish Appeal Emergency Fund, to whom the proceeds of this \$250-a-plate dinner will be delivered. Dinner attendance at this politically non-partisan event will be almost 2,500 persons. Since the banquet costs have been absorbed by several large donors, principally builders in the Long Island area, all of the receipts will be available for charitable purposes --- medicines, bandages, and hospital beds for the Israelis. Black Tie attire for dais guests, dark business suits for all others.

GUESTS

The following have accepted invitations to accompany you to New York and return onboard your aircraft:

Congressman James R. Grover, Jr. (R-NY)
Congressman Angelo Roncallo (R-NY)
Under-Secretary William Casey

COCKTAIL PARTY

This informal affair is for all guests who have purchased tickets for the dinner. It will be held in the Lower Level Ballroom, running from 6:45 pm to 7:45 pm. Your attendance will be in the earlier portion of the cocktail party.

VIP RECEPTION

This reception is informal and will consist of a gathering of all of the head table guests and the ten principal donors, who have absorbed all of the costs for the dinner. Total attendance should not exceed sixty persons, including wives.

At the end of the reception, the head table guests will be lined-up in preparation for the announcement sequence and their entry into the Empire State Ballroom to begin the dinner and program portion of the evening's activities.

DINNER / PROGRAM

The schedule is a fairly accurate reflection of the dinner and program. One important note is that you will be leaving the ballroom with your guests prior to the end of the program. Upon conclusion of your remarks, one of the dinner co-chairmen will step to the podium and offer "thanks" for your participation and explain to the audience that you must depart in order to return to Washington.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE

VICE PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE GERALD FORD'S ATTENDANCE
AT THE "DINNER FOR LIFE"

Long Island, New York
Monday, November 26, 1973

ATTIRE: Black Tie (Dais) WEATHER: Partly cloudy, mid-50's,
Business Suit (all others) slight chance of evening showers.

4:25 pm
(EST)

ARRIVE Andrews AFB and board Convair.

4:30 pm

DEPART Andrews AFB via Convair en
route MacArthur Airport, Islip, New York.

[Flying time: 1 hour]
[No time change]

5:30 pm

ARRIVE MacArthur Airport and board
motorcade. (Phone: 516-981-7500)

5:40 pm

DEPART via motorcade en route The
Colonie Hill, Hauppauge, New York.

[Driving time: 15 minutes]

5:55 pm

ARRIVE The Colonie Hill

You will be met by:
John Smythe, Colonie Hill General
Manager
Andrew DeLillo, Colonie Hill Owner

PRESS POOL PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

NOTE: You will be escorted to your Suite by Mr. Smythe and Mr. DeLillo.

6:00 pm

ARRIVE Suite - Room #301 (Phone: 516/582-3724).

NOTE: Staff Lounge is Room #306, while Guest Hospitality Room is #308.

PERSONAL/STAFF TIME
[1 hour]

7:00 pm

Mr. Murray Barbash and Mr. Jerry Kramer, Dinner Co-chairmen, will arrive at your Suite to escort you to the Cocktail Party.

Proceed to lower level Ballroom for Cocktail Party.

7:05 pm

ARRIVE lower level Ballroom and meet with dinner guests. (Phone: 516/582-3714)

7:35 pm

DEPART lower level Ballroom en route Executive Room to attend VIP Reception, escorted by Murray Barbash and Jerry Kramer.

7:40 pm

ARRIVE VIP Reception and meet with guests. (Phone: 516/582-3714)

8:20 pm

Welcoming remarks by Murray Barbash, Dinner Co-chairman.

8:23 pm

Introduction of John Klein, Executive Supervisor of Suffolk County, who will introduce the head table.

8:25 pm

DEPART VIP Reception en route Empire State Ballroom (Phone: 516/582-3715)

NOTE: Each head table guest will be announced onto dais at five-second intervals, entering the ballroom as John Klein announces the name from the podium. You will be the last guest announced.

8:30 pm	"National Anthem" and "Hatikva" (Israeli National Anthem) sung by Richard Tucker.
8:34 pm	Invocation by Rabbi Morris Friedman, Temple Hillel.
8:36 pm	Dinner begins.
9:20 pm	Selected musical pieces by the Island Orchestra Society.
9:32 pm	Songs by Aliza Kashi, Israeli Folk Singer.
9:40 pm	Remarks and introduction of Congressman Grover by Ralph Caso, County Executive of Nassau County.
9:42 pm	Remarks and introduction of Vice President-Designate Ford by Congressman James R. Grover, Jr. (R-N. Y.).
9:45 pm	Vice President-Designate Gerald Ford remarks.
	FULL PRESS COVERAGE
10:05 pm	Remarks conclude.
	DEPART Stage en route motorcade for boarding.
	<u>NOTE:</u> The program will continue for approximately twenty more minutes. An announcement will be made to the audience concerning your departure and offering "thanks."
10:10 pm	DEPART The Colonie Hill via motorcade en route MacArthur Airport.

[Driving time: 10 minutes]

10:20 pm

ARRIVE MacArthur Airport and board
Convair. (Phone: 516/981-7500)

10:25 pm

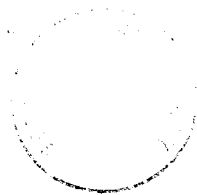
DEPART MacArthur Airport via Convair
en route Andrews AFB.

[Flying time: 1 hour, 10 minutes]
[No time change]

11:35 pm

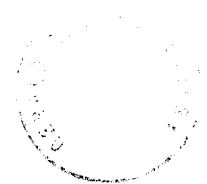
ARRIVE Andrews AFB.

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DINNER FOR LIFE

HEAD TABLE GUESTS



Vice President-Designate Gerald Ford

William Casey

Leon Lazar

James R. Grover, Jr

Angelo D. Roncallo

Herbert Tenzer

John Wydler

Perry Duryea

Malcolm Wilson

John Klein

Ralph Caso

Stanley Harwood

Joseph Marggiotta

Edwin "Bud" Schwenk

Domenick Barinello

William Cahn

George Aspland

Louis Lefkowitz

Rev John R. MacGann

David Rivlin

Gerald Benstock

Michael Grant

Jerry Kramer

Murray Barbash

Rabbi Morris Friedman

Richard Tucker

George Babcock

Samuel Hausman

Under Secretary of State

Suffolk County Supreme Court Justice

Congressman (2nd District)-R

Congressman (3rd District)-R

Former Congressman

Congressman (5th District)-R

Speaker, New York State Assembly

Lt. Governor of New York

Exec. Supervisor of Suffolk County

Exec. Supervisor of Nassau County

Nassau County Democratic Party Chair

Nassau County GOP Party Chair

Suffolk County GOP Party Chair

Suffolk County Democratic Party Chair

District Attorney, Nassau County

District Attorney, Suffolk County

Attorney General, New York

Episcopal Vicar of New York

Suffolk County UJA President

Presiding Officer of Suffolk County

Legislature

Dinner Co-Chairman

Dinner Co-Chairman

Temple Hillel

Metropolitan Opera Singer

President, Long Island Building &

Trades Union, AFL-CIO

Dinner Donor

November 20, 1973
2:00 pm

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

VICE PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE GERALD FORD'S ATTENDANCE
AT THE "DINNER FOR LIFE"

Long Island, New York
Monday, November 26, 1973

5:40 pm
(EST)

ARRIVE Andrews AFB and board Convair.

5:45 pm

5 p.m.

DEPART Andrews AFB via Convair en
route MacArthur Airport, Islip, New York.

[Flying time: 1 hour]
[No time change]

6:45 pm

6 p.m.

ARRIVE MacArthur Airport and board
motorcade.

6:50 pm

6:05

DEPART via motorcade en route The
Colonie Hill, Hauppauge, New York.

[Driving time: 10 minutes]

7:00 pm

6:15 p.m.

ARRIVE The Colonie Hill.

You will be met by:
Dinner Welcoming Committee

PRESS POOL PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

Proceed to lower level Ballroom for
Cocktail Party.

7:05 pm

ARRIVE lower level Ballroom and meet
with dinner guests.

7:35 pm

DEPART lower level Ballroom en route Executive Room to attend VIP Reception.

7:40 pm

ARRIVE VIP Reception and meet with guests.

8:10 pm

DEPART VIP Reception en route Empire State Ballroom.

NOTE: You will be accompanied by other members of the dais.

8:15 pm

ARRIVE Empire State Ballroom and be seated at head table.

8:20 pm

Welcoming remarks by Murray Barbash, Dinner Co-chairman.

8:23 pm

"National Anthem" and "Hatikva" (Israeli National Anthem) sung by Richard Tucker.

8:30 pm

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9:45 pm

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9:50 pm

Remarks and introduction of Vice President-Designate Ford by Congressman James R. Grover, Jr. (R-N. Y.).

9:55 pm

Vice President-Designate Gerald Ford
remarks.

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

10:15 pm

Remarks conclude.

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NOTE: The program will continue
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[Driving time: 10 minutes]

10:30 pm

ARRIVE MacArthur Airport and board
Convair.

10:35 pm

DEPART MacArthur Airport via Convair
en route Andrews AFB.

[Flying time: 1 hour, 10 minutes]
[No time change]

11:45 pm

ARRIVE Andrews AFB.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 20, 1973

2:30 pm



MEMORANDUM FOR: VICE PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE GERALD FORD

FROM: W. DEWEY CLOWER

SUBJECT: YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THE "DINNER FOR LIFE" (Long Island, New York)
Monday, November 26, 1973

Attached at TAB A is the proposed schedule for your participation in the subject event on Monday, November 26, 1973.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

BACKGROUND

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GUESTS

It was noted that the following Congressmen are going to be in attendance at the dinner:

James R. Grover, Jr (R-NY)
John Wydler (R-NY)
Angelo Roncallo (R-NY)



Do you desire me to extend them an invitation to join you onboard the Convair?

Yes _____ No _____

Also included in the guest list for the head table is William Casey, Under Secretary of State. Shall an invitation to join you on the Convair be extended to Mr. Casey?

Yes _____ No _____

SCHEDULE

The proposed schedule reflects three planned activities: Cocktail Party for all guests (7:00 pm-7:50 pm), VIP Cocktail Party (7:00 pm-8:10), and the dinner (8:20 pm-10:35 pm). No press conference is scheduled, nor do the event planners seem enthusiastic about such an undertaking.

The schedule does not reflect a press conference nor staff time, however either can be inserted into your schedule by departing earlier from Andrews AFB. With invitations mailed, the program times are fixed, and a minimum staff time of 90 minutes would be necessary to schedule a press conference at a time (5:00 pm) to gain exposure on the evening news.

Desire Press Conference: Yes _____ No _____

Desire Personal/Staff Time: Yes _____ No _____

If a press conference is desired, WSNL-TV (UHF) has offered the use of their studio, which is on the route from the airport to the Colonie Hill.

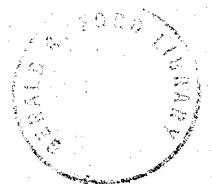
RECEPTION

Both receptions are informal. All 3,000 guests are invited to the general Cocktail Party, while only head table guests and a few notables will be at the VIP Reception. TAB B contains a list of head table guests.

cc: Dave Gergen

DINNER FOR LIFE

HEAD TABLE GUESTS



Vice President-Designate Gerald Ford

William Casey

Leon Lazar

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Ladies and gentlemen, it is a special pleasure to address you at a time when the world seems finally ready, after so many tragic years of bloodshed and senseless procrastination, to acknowledge an unavoidable reality.

That reality is the reality of Israel's existence. The United States has worked long and hard -- and often alone -- to uphold Israel's security. In the peace negotiations that are at long last about to begin between Israel and the Arabs, we will continue to support Israel's existence and her right to live in security.

The relationship between the United States and Israel has always been a unique one, and as I worked on these remarks I tried to come to some conclusions about why this should be so. I think I've come up with at least a partial answer, an answer involving the Bible, a poet, a statue, and the work the UJA is doing to assist Russian emigrants. The plight of Soviet Jewry, incidentally, is one that has long concerned me, and I'm sure some of you here tonight remember that I addressed this subject at a rally for Soviet Jewry in Madison Square Garden in 1971.

The passage in the Bible to which I referred comes from Isaiah. I'd like to read a few brief excerpts. According to the prophet, the mission of Israel was, and I quote, "...to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free...to deal thy bread to the hungry and... bring the poor that are cast out to thy house... Then shall this light break forth as the morning..."

As you are well aware, the historical parallels between our age and the age of Isaiah are striking. Then, as now, for example, the Jewish people were returning to Zion to rebuild their nation.

But there is another contemporary historic parallel that I find even more striking. Listen to the following lines, ladies

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and gentlemen. I am sure you know them by heart.

Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,
Send these, the homeless, the tempest-tossed to me:
I lift up my lamp beside the golden door.

Those are, of course, the famous lines engraved on the pedestal of the greatest symbol of human freedom in the world -- the Statue of Liberty. They are also the closing lines of a poem that celebrates America as the haven for the world's oppressed. The poem is entitled "The New Colossus." The author was Emma Lazarus, a Jewish woman who organized relief for Jewish refugees who had fled the oppression of 19th century Russia.

The ring of Isaiah is in those lines. I think those words on the Statue of Liberty capture the essential spirit of both America and Israel -- almost uniquely among the nations of the world -- havens for the persecuted, the homeless, the oppressed.

And it is because of this unique common tradition, I believe, that the bonds between America and Israel are so very close. There is no contradiction whatsoever between the support you offer to Israel and the loyalty you feel toward America.

There are many of you in this audience tonight whose parents came to these shores fleeing oppression. Some of you came under those conditions yourselves. And as you all know, the accomplishments of the UJA in assisting such immigrants have been nothing short of phenomenal. And what you and your parents found here was something you could not find in the nations you left -- the promise that you could rise just as high and travel just as far as your abilities and dedication could carry you.

All of you here tonight have realized that promise, and your lives are tangible testimonials to a very simple but often overlooked truth -- the American system is alive and healthy. The system does work. You have proved that it works.

Still another truth about our society is that it is diverse, a pluralistic society strengthened socially and culturally by the beliefs and customs of the various nationalities and religions that found sanctuary and opportunity here.

The melting pot theory still holds. The melting process,

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of course, distills different social and philosophic views down into common national goals and purposes. That melting process should not, however, attempt to boil out those unique things we bring to America as members of distinct cultural groups, qualities which help to enrich our society as a whole.

Too often, I believe, we stress the sameness, the homogeneity of American life while ignoring the healthy differences and variations that give such richness to the American fabric.

The texture of our Nation, which has contributed to its unparalleled greatness, comes from many ethnic, religious and nationality strains. America, as we know it and love it, is like a good soup. Its full flavor comes from the blending of many ingredients.

Yet from many quarters we hear a great deal of talk about assimilation -- especially from the younger generation. And, of course, it is necessary that we should be alike in some ways -- in our standard of justice, our concept of democratic government, our common ideal of liberty and freedom.

But, we must also recognize that we can pay too high a price for sameness. We can make our soup bland. There are differences that we cannot afford to lose.

I do not like to believe and do not concede that in this country we have Italian-Americans, Irish-Americans, Afro-Americans or Jewish-Americans because the hyphen implies that different groups should be treated differently. This is wrong.

On the other hand, it is necessary to understand that different groups have added immeasurably to American life because they are different. Out of their differences have grown ideas, a fuller cultural life, and a more interesting and stimulating America. Our national outlook is broader; our character stiffer.

Rather than question in any way those who feel deep emotional ties to other countries -- whether it be Israel or Ireland or Italy or Africa -- we should salute this as a manifestation of the genius of our Nation. This is part of what we call Americanism. It is one of the things that make both Israel and America unique in the world. The beauty of Joseph's coat was that it was of many colors.

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It is perfectly possible for Americans to hold on proudly to the best elements of their different national heritages -- and yet be united in common love for our country. And let me add here that no single group of Americans has been more steadfast in standing up for our country than our Jewish citizens.

Finally, ladies and gentlemen, let me mention one more basic American quality, perhaps the finest of all -- the willingness to sacrifice to help your fellow man.

It's an old concept, one of the finest embodied in the Judeo-Christian tradition, the concept of charity. And perhaps no group in America has more distinguished itself for its generosity and its philanthropy than the American Jewish community. The Greek root of the term "philanthropy" means love of mankind. And I know of no people who better personify this love than those who give to the United Jewish Appeal.

You can take profound pride in your record. Since 1938, UJA funds have saved over 3 million lives and have helped make possible the transformation of Israel into a dynamic and progressive land.

As you all know, the recent fighting in the Middle East took a tragic toll. In fact, given population ratios, the number of Israelis who died each day during the recent fighting was equivalent to approximately 7,000 American deaths per day. Thus your efforts to help Israel "bind up the wounds of war" seem especially appropriate at this moment in history.

At the same time, other needs also press in Israel. For example, immigration to Israel continues and spending on immigration alone was over \$1 billion before the hostilities broke out.

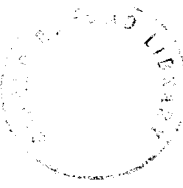
This is a time of testing, and the road ahead will not be an easy one. But for the first time in decades, the road does seem passable with some of the roadblocks removed. This Administration has spent five years in attempting to clear away international obstructions to peace by building bridges to those nations with whom we once had no dialogue.

And the indications are that now such bridge building may be possible between Tel Aviv, Cairo, and Damascus. Perhaps finally the way may be clear. Richard Tucker has given us an

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inspirational rendition of the Israeli national anthem here tonight, and it is in the closing lines of that anthem that we find the hope of the future expressed so clearly:

"The hope of two thousand years,
To be a free people in our land,
In the land of Zion..."



Ladies and gentlemen, I believe we will make that hope a reality.

And so I salute you -- salute you for your support of a worthwhile cause -- and salute you, my fellow Americans, because you have unselfishly helped pave the road to self-reliance for the people of Israel. With pride you can say you have played a major role in Israel's progress. With your head high, you know you have personally shared in an enterprise of historic significance for the survival of the Jewish people and of the spirit of human freedom and dignity to which it is dedicated. Shalom.

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