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AT 40
REALITY & VISION

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Chair

July 7, 1987

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

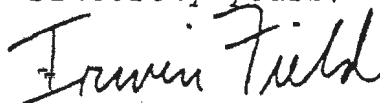
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Kobi Leket
Bernie Weisberg

From the Desk of STEVEN F. WINDMUELLER, Ph.D.

July 14, 1987

Dear Max:

As per your request, I am herewith sending
you a copy of this letter.

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Jewish Federation-Council
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Los Angeles, California 90048
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CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS
OF MAJOR AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

Morris B. Abram
Chairman

Malcolm I. Hoenlein
Executive Director

June 29, 1987

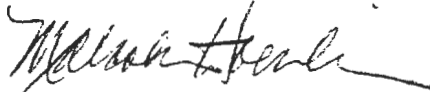
Mr. Max Green
Room 196
Old Executive Office Building
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Max,

We are writing pursuant to our conversation to reiterate our assurance that the President's name will not be used in conjunction with any fund raising efforts for the 40th Anniversary Committee. Moreover, no fund raising campaigns or dinners are planned.

We appreciate your assistance and look forward to a positive reply.

Sincerely yours,



Malcolm Hoenlein
Executive Director



Morris B. Abram
Chairman

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March 6, 1987

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 23, 1987

NOTE TO C. CHRISTOPHER COX

FROM: MAX GREEN

Attached is a letter about the request for the President to serve as chairman of the 40th Anniversary Committee. I think that the letter addresses your major concerns. If you have any further questions or reservations, please call me. Thanks.

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March 19, 1987

RESPONSE DUE DATE: March 25, 1987

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PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 11, 1987

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE MORRIS B. ABRAM

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR THE PRESIDENT TO SERVE AS
NATIONAL HONORARY CHAIRMAN FOR THE
CELEBRATION OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Matt:

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July 30, 1987

Mr. Max Green
The White House
Room 196
OEOB
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Green:

Earlier we shared with you a letter of invitation to the President of the United States to serve as honorary co-chair for a Sunday, November 1, 1987, conference in Los Angeles on the occasion of Israel's 40th anniversary. To date, we have not received word as to the President's acceptance of this request.

We would appreciate your kind intervention in the matter of helping us secure the President's endorsement. We are enclosing a copy of our original note of July 7.

Sincerely yours,

STEVEN F. WINDMUELLER, Ph.D.
Executive Director
Community Relations Committee
Jewish Federation Council of Greater
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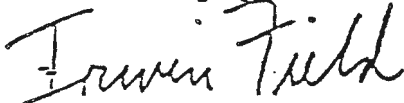
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The Social Service Council of The
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Max Green

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Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Glickstein
CO-CHAIRMEN

March 1, 1988

Cindy Goldberg Newman, M.A.
PROGRAM & SERVICES
DIRECTOR

Ronald Reagan
The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed please find an example of a proclamation for Israel's 40th Birthday Celebration. We would appreciate any effort you could make to create a proclamation for our 1988 event commemorating Israel's achievements since its birth in 1948.

Thank you.

Cordially,

Cindy Newman, M.A.

CINDY G. NEWMAN, M. A.
Program & Services Director

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-PROCLAMATION ON ISRAEL'S 40TH INDEPENDENCE DAY

WHEREAS: The State of Israel redeems the Biblical promise of a homeland for the Jewish people--a land which affirms Jewish freedom and independence and underscores the extraordinary relationship between a people, its faith and its homeland ~~from~~ ^{from} which it was exiled for 2,000 years;

WHEREAS: Since its establishment 40 years ago in 1948, Israel has rebuilt a nation, forged a new society, created an economic, cultural, academic and military infrastructure and emerged as a symbol of democracy and freedom;

WHEREAS: Despite the heavy costs of war, terrorism and economic boycott, the people of Israel have never relinquished their fervent desire to live in peace with their neighbors and with all nations of the world;

WHEREAS: Israel is a model for democratic nations, guaranteeing freedom of speech, press, assembly, and religion, and freely electing a Parliament representing a politically diverse population;

WHEREAS: The many faiths for whom the Land of Israel is holy are free to practice their religion and to worship at the holy sites;

WHEREAS: The State of Israel has redeemed and absorbed hundreds of thousands of Jews from disparate countries and cultures, many of them survivors of the Holocaust or refugees driven from Arab countries, and integrated them into a society whose roots extend back thousands of years;

WHEREAS: Israel has shared the benefits of industrial, agricultural and medical achievements with many nations helping them combat hunger, poverty, illiteracy and underdevelopment;

WHEREAS: The American people recognize our country's affinity for Israel and regard her as a stalwart ally and strategic asset;

WHEREAS: The American people salute Israel's historic achievement ^{ie} on her 40th anniversary, support her search for freedom and peace and join her in celebration;

Now, therefore, I _____ do hereby proclaim the 22nd of April, corresponding to the Fifth of Iyar in _____ as

ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY

This is not POTUS just Israel?

One Hundredth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the twenty-fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight

Joint Resolution

Commending the State of Israel and its people on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the reestablishment of the independent State of Israel.

Whereas the State of Israel redeems the Biblical promise to the Jewish people of the homeland from which they were exiled for 2,000 years;

Whereas the establishment of the State of Israel as a homeland for the Jews followed the slaughter of more than 6,000,000 Jews during the Holocaust;

Whereas the United States helped in the creation of the State of Israel by extending diplomatic relations to the State of Israel upon its proclamation of independence on May 14, 1948;

Whereas since its establishment 40 years ago, Israel has rebuilt a nation, forged a new society, and created an economic, cultural, and intellectual infrastructure that is nothing short of miraculous;

Whereas despite the heavy costs of six wars, terrorism, international ostracism, and economic boycotts, the people of Israel have relinquished neither their desire to live in peace with their neighbors nor their democratic ideals;

Whereas at great social and financial costs, Israel has absorbed hundreds of thousands of Jews from countries throughout the world, many of them refugees from Arab countries, and fully integrated them into Israeli society;

Whereas the world, particularly the less developed countries of Latin America and Africa, has benefited tremendously from Israeli advances in agriculture, medicine, and industry;

Whereas the United States and Israel have always maintained a special relationship based on mutually shared democratic values, strategic interests, and moral bonds of friendship and respect; and

Whereas the American people have shared an affinity with the people of Israel and regard Israel as a strong and trusted ally and important strategic partner: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the United States—

(1) hails the historic milestone of 40 years of existence of the reestablished, independent State of Israel;

(2) praises the people of Israel for their remarkable achievements in building a new state and society and maintaining the only democracy in the Middle East in the face of constant belligerence by her neighbors;

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(3) notes with deep satisfaction the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the United States and the State of Israel which have meant so much to both countries; and

(4) extends the warmest congratulations and best wishes to the State of Israel and its people for a peaceful and successful future.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*