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Gala National Bicentennial Dinner/June 22, 1976

Your Bicentennial Park is an outstanding example of the marvelous projects spawned by our ~~Bicentennial~~ birthday celebration. I'm especially excited by those projects ~~that~~ in other Nations that help ~~them~~ tell our very special story of democracy to other peoples.

Perhaps in the future generations will remember the bicentennial forest as we now remember the gift of the french people---our lady of liberty.

Israel like ~~the~~ America believes in the spirit of welcoming the oppressed. I'm very ~~pleased~~ pleased to share be here tonight and especially happy to present this key to the





**Guest Speaker**  
**The Honorable Simcha Dinitz**  
**Israeli Ambassador to the United States**

Mr. Simcha Dinitz was born in Israel in 1929. Graduated B.S. (Cum Laude) in Foreign Service from Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and obtained an M.S. Degree in International Law as well. Since 1958 he has served in the Foreign Ministry in various capacities. Represented Israel in the United Nations between 1963-66. In 1966 he was Minister at the Embassy in Rome and in 1968 Minister in Washington. In 1969 he served as political advisor to former Prime Minister Golda Meir. Since 1973 serves his country with dignity in the United States.

The Religious Zionists of America is proud to have Ambassador Dinitz grace its platform.

for use for all purposes in a large number of countries, and permitted for use in most (as in U.S. and Great Britain). The basic units are the meter (39.37 inches) for length, and the gram (15.432 grains) for mass or weight. Derived units are the liter (0.908 U.S. dry quart, or 1.0567 U.S. liquid quart) for capacity, being the volume of 1000 grams of water under specified conditions; the are (119.6 square yards) for area being the area of a square 10 meters on a side; and the stère (35.315 cubic feet) for volume, being the volume of a cube 1 meter on a side, the term stère being, however, usually restricted to measuring firewood. Names for units larger and smaller than these are formed from the above names by the use of the following prefixes:

kilo 1000 deca 10 centi 0.01  
hecto 100 deci 0.1 milli 0.001

To these are often added mega = 1,000,000, myria = 10,000, and micro = 0.000 001. Not all of the possible units are in common use. In many countries names of old units are applied to roughly similar metric units. **metric ton**, a unit of 1000 kilograms, equivalent to 2204.62 avoirdupois pounds.

**met-rify** (mĕt'rifĕn'), *v.t.*, -fied, -fying, to put into meter; compose in verse. [t. F: m. *métrifier*, t. ML: m.s. *metrificare* put in meter, f. *metri-* (comb. form of *metrum* meter) + *-ficare* -fy] —**met'ri-fi'er**, *n.*

**met-ris't** (mĕt'rĭst, mĕt'rĭst'), *n.* one versed in the use of poetic meters. [t. ML: s. *metrista*, der. L *metrum* METER<sup>2</sup>]

**met-ri-tis** (mĕt'rĭtĭs), *n.* *Pathol.* inflammation of the uterus. [t. NL, f. Gk.: s. *mĕtra* uterus + *-itis* -ITIS]

**me-trol-o-gy** (mĕtrŏl'ŏjĭ), *n.*, *pl.* -gies, the science of measures and weights. [f. Gk. *mĕtro*(n) measure + *-logĭ*] —**me-tro-log-i-cal** (mĕt'rŏlŏj'kŏl), *adj.* —**me-trol'o-gist**, *n.*

**me-tro-nome** (mĕt'rŏnŏm'), *n.* a mechanical contrivance for marking time, as for music.

[f. Gk.: *mĕtro*(n) measure + *m.s. nŏmos* law] —**me-tro-nom-ic** (mĕt'rŏnŏm'ĭk), *adj.*

**me-tro-nym-ic** (mĕt'rŏnĭm'ĭk), *adj.* 1. derived from the name of a mother or other female ancestor. —*n.* 2. a metronymic name. [t. Gk.: s. *mĕtrŏnymĭkŏs* named after one's mother]

**me-trop-olis** (mĕtrŏp'ŏlĭs), *n.*, *pl.* -lises (-lĭsĭz), -leis (-lĭs')

1. the chief city (not necessarily the capital) of a country, state, or region. 2. a central or principal point, as of some activity. 3. the mother city or parent state of an ancient Greek (or other) colony. 4. the chief see of an ecclesiastical province. [t. LL, t. Gk.: a mother state or city]

**me-tro-pol-i-tan** (mĕt'rŏpŏl'ĭtŏn), *adj.* 1. characteristic of a metropolis or chief city, or of its inhabitants. 2. pertaining to or constituting a mother country. 3. pertaining to an ecclesiastical metropolis. —*n.* 4. an inhabitant of a metropolis or chief city. 5. one having metropolitan manners, etc. 6. the next highest rank to Patriarch in the Russian Orthodox Church. 7. a citizen of the mother city or parent state of a colony.

**me-tro-rha-gi-a** (mĕtrŏrŏj'ĭŏ, mĕt'rŏ-), *n.* *Pathol.* nonmenstrual discharge of blood from the uterus; uterine hemorrhage. [t. NL, f. Gk.: m.s. *mĕtra* uterus + *-rrhagĭa* -RRHAGIA]

**-metry**, a word element denoting the process of measuring, abstract for *-meter*, as in anthropometry, chronometry. [t. Gk.: m.s. *mĕtria*, der. *-metros* measuring]

**Met-ter-nich** (mĕt'grnĭkĭn'), *n.* Klemens Wenzel Nepomuk Lothar (klĕ'mĕns vĕn'tsŏl nŏpŏmŏk lŏ'tŏr'), Prince von, 1773-1859, Austrian statesman.

**met-tle** (mĕt'ŏl), *n.* 1. the characteristic disposition or temper: to try a man's mettle. 2. spirit; courage. 3. on one's mettle, incited to do one's best. [var. of METAL]

**met-tle-some** (mĕt'ŏl sŏm), *adj.* spirited; courageous. Also, **met-tled** (mĕt'ŏld).

**Metz** (mĕts; Fr. mĕs), *n.* a fortress city in NE France: battles, 1870, 1918, 1940, 1944. 85,701 (1954).

**me-um et tu-um** (mĕ'am ɛt tŭ'am, tŭŏŏ'), *Latin*. mine and thine.

**Meuse** (mŭz; Fr. mŏz), *n.* a river flowing from NE France through E Belgium and S Netherlands into the North Sea. 575 mi. Dutch, *Maas*.

**mew<sup>1</sup>** (mŭ), *n.* 1. the sound a cat makes. —*v.i.* 2. to make this sound. [imit.]

**mew<sup>2</sup>** (mŭ), *n.* a sea gull, esp. the common gull, *Larus canus*, of Europe. [OE, c. G *mŭwe*]

**mew<sup>3</sup>** (mŭ), *n.* 1. a cage for hawks, esp. while molting. 2. a place of retirement or concealment. 3. (usually pl.) Brit. a set of stables about a court or alley. —*v.t.* 4. to shut up in or as in a mew; to confine; conceal (often fol. by up). [ME *mue*, t. OF, der. *mur mew*]

**Mexican hairless**, a very small dog which grows very little hair.

**Mex-i-ca-no** (mĕk'sŏkŏ'nŏ), *n.* any Nahuatl language.

**Mexican War**, the war between the United States and Mexico, 1846-48.

**Mex-i-co** (mĕk'sŏkŏ'; Sp. mĕ'hĕkŏ'), *n.* 1. a republic in S North America. 30,538,000 pop. (est. 1956); 760,373 sq. mi. *Cap.*: Mexico City. 2. a state in central Mexico. 1,448,431 (est. 1952); 8268 sq. mi. *Cap.*: Toluca. 3. Gulf of, an arm of the Atlantic between the U.S., Cuba, and Mexico. ab. 716,000 sq. mi.; greatest depth, 12,714 ft.

**Mexico City**, the capital of the republic of Mexico, in the central part. 2,233,914 pop. (1950). ab. 7400 ft. high. Official name, **México, D. F.**

**Mey-er-beer** (mĕ'ar'bĕr'), *n.* Giacomo (jŏ'kŏmŏ'), (Jakob Liebmänn Beer) 1791-1864, German composer.

**Meyn-ell** (mĕn'el), *n.* Alice, (Alice Christiana Thompson, Mrs. Wilfred Meynell) 1850-1922, British poet and essayist.

**mez-ca-line** (mĕz'kŏlĕn', -lĭn), *n.* mescaline.

**me-zo-re-on** (mĕz'rĕ'ŏn'), *n.* an Old World thymelaeaceous shrub, *Daphne Mezereum*, cultivated for its fragrant purplish-pink flowers, which appear in early spring. [t. ML, t. Ar.: m. *māzariyŭn* the camellia]

**me-zu-zah** (mĕzŏ'zŏ), *n.*, *pl.* -zoth (-zŏth). *Jewish Rel.* a piece of parchment inscribed on one side with the passages Deut. 6:4-9 and 11:13-21, and on the other with the word "Shaddai" (a name applied to God), and so placed in a case that the divine name is visible from the outside, the case being attached to the doorpost of a house in fulfillment of the injunction in each of the passages. Also, **me-zu'za**. [t. Heb.: doorpost (see Deut. 6:9, 11:20)]

**mez-a-nine** (mĕz'ŏnĕn', -nĭn), *n.* a low story between two other stories of greater height, esp. when the low story and the one beneath it form part of one composition; an entresol. [t. F, t. It.: m. *mezzanino*, dim. of *mezzano* middle, g. L *mediŭnus* MEDIAN]

**mez-zo** (mĕt'sŏ, mĕz'ŏ; It. mĕd'zŏ), *adj.* middle; medium; half. [t. It., g. L *medius* middle]

**mez-zo-re-lie-vo** (mĕt'sŏrĭĕ'vŏ), *n.*, *pl.* -vos (-vŏz), middle relief, between alto-relievo and bas-relief. Also, *Italian*, **mez-zo-ri-lie-vo** (mĕd'zŏ rĕ'lĭŏ'vŏ). [t. It.]

**mez-zo-so-pran-o** (mĕt'sŏsŏ prŏn'ŏ, prŏ'nŏ, mĕz'ŏ-), *n.*, *pl.* -pranos, -prani (-prŏ'nĕ). *Music.* 1. a voice or voice part intermediate in compass between soprano and contralto. 2. a person having such a voice. [t. It.]

**mez-zo-tint** (mĕt'sŏ tĭnt', mĕz'ŏ-), *n.* 1. a method of engraving on copper or steel by burnishing or scraping away a uniformly roughened surface. 2. a print produced by this method. —*v.t.* 3. to engrave in mezzotint. [t. It.: m. *mezzotinto* half-tint]

**MF**, Middle French. Also, **M.F.**

**mf.**, 1. *Music.* (It. *mezzo forte*). moderately loud. 2. microfarad.

**mfg.**, manufacturing.

**mfr.**, 1. manufacture. 2. (*pl. mfrs.*) manufacturer.

**Mg**, *Chem.* magnesium.

**mg.**, milligram; milligrams.

**mgr.**, 1. manager. 2. Monseigneur. 3. Monsignor.

**MHG**, Middle High German.

**mho** (mŏ), *n.* *Elect.* a unit of electrical conductivity, equal to the conductivity of a body whose resistance is one ohm; a reciprocal ohm. [coined by Lord Kelvin (1824-1907); reversed spelling of *ohm*]

**M.H.R.**, Member of the House of Representatives.

**ml** (mĕ), *n.* *Music.* the syllable used for the third tone of a scale, and sometimes for the tone E. See *sol-fa* (def. 1). [See *GAMUT*]

**mi.**, 1. mile; miles. 2. mill; mills.

**Mi-am-i** (mi'ŏm'ĭ, -ŏ), *n.* 1. a city in SE Florida: seaside winter resort. 291,688 (1960). 2. a river flowing S through W Ohio into the Ohio river. ab. 160 mi.

**Mi-am-i-an** (mi'ŏm'ĭ-an), *n.*, *pl.* Miami. 1. (*pl.*) a North American Indian tribe of the Algonquian family, formerly located in N Indiana, S Michigan, perhaps Illinois; now extinct as a tribe. 2. a member of this tribe.

**Miami Beach**, a city in SE Florida. 63,145 (1960).

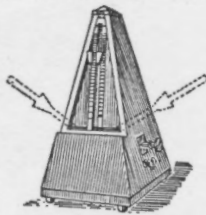
**mi-aow** (mi'ou', myou), *n.*, *v.i.* meow. Also **mi-aou'**, **mi-aul** (mi'ou'l', mi'ŏl'). [imit.]

**mi-as-ma** (mi'ŏz'mŏ, mi-), *n.*, *pl.* -mata (-mŏtŏ), -mas. noxious exhalations from putrescent organic matter; poisonous effluvia or germs infecting the atmosphere. [t. NL, t. Gk.: pollution] —**mi-as-mal**, **mi-as-matic** (mi'ŏz mŏt'ĭk), **mi-as-mat'i-cal**, **mi-as-mic**, *adj.*

**mi-b** (mĭb), *n.* *Dial.* 1. marble (def. 7a). 2. (*pl. construed as sing.*) the game of marbles.

**Mic.**, Micah.

**mi-ca** (mi'kŏ), *n.* any member of a group of minerals, hydrous silicates of aluminum with other bases, chiefly potassium, magnesium, iron, and lithium, that separate readily into thin, tough, often transparent, and usually elastic laminae. [t. NL, special use of L *mica*



Metronome  
(The dotted lines show the extent of vibration of the pendulum)

this apparently studied rebuff to the great heroes of the Maccabean revolt who saved Judaism by their marvelous exploits on the battlefield. But the Rabbis left little doubt as to their religious motivation. For they turned to the book of Zechariah to furnish the prophetic commentary, the *Haftarah*, on the Sabbath of Hanucchah: "Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

The distinctiveness of the Jewish religion is not confined to its sacred calendar or its religious-historic institutions. The nature of Judaism is equally revealed in the daily religious practices, in the ethical studies prescribed for everyday living, in the laws of social justice, and in the emulation of holiness which is the heart of the Jewish religious system. Rabbinic law is co-extensive with life itself. Talmudic law, known under the name of *Halakah*, draws its inspiration as well as its etymological origin from the phrase "to walk in the ways of God." Every phase of life and every human relationship is treated from this standpoint in Judaism, both in its sacred literature and in the detailed system of law and practice.

Only a fleeting view of the duties that circumscribe the life of the religious Jew can be conveyed within the compass of this chapter. Jewish piety begins and concludes the day with prayer. "I accept upon myself the fulfillment of the commandment: 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself,'" is a preliminary to the morning devotions. And the last words recited before the eyes close in sleep are:

I place my soul within His palm,  
 Before I sleep as when I awake,  
 And though my body I forsake,  
 Rest in the Lord in fearless calm.

On the threshold of the Jewish home, in an encased bit of parchment known as the *Mezuzah* is inscribed Israel's creed of faith, "Hear, Oh Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is One"; also the following verses: "And thou shalt love thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul and with all thy might." Whatever possible talismanic association the *Mezuzah* may have had,

Maimonides voiced its true meaning in Judaism: "Every time one enters or leaves the house, he meets the name of God inscribed on the door post, recalling to him His love and thereby teaching him that there is nothing true and enduring but the recognition of the Creator. Then he will walk in the paths of uprightness."

Within the home, the feeling of spiritual dedication is accentuated through many precepts and religious practices. Food is treated as a symbol of God's providence. Therefore, to express gratitude to God, the recital of blessings are punctiliously prescribed before and after partaking of food. It is a popular Jewish concept that the table where food is eaten partakes of the sanctity of the altar of ancient days. The laws separating "clean" and "unclean" beasts, fowl and fish, permitting the one and forbidding the other species to be eaten, are the foundation of the elaborate dietary laws which under Talmudic and rabbinic development became one of the most distinguishing marks of personal and home life in traditional Judaism. The rationalist view that those laws were devised as hygienic measures cannot be maintained seriously. In the Bible, they are clearly part of the code of holiness: "I am the Lord your God, who have set you apart from the peoples. Ye shall therefore separate between the clean beast and the unclean, and between the unclean fowl and the clean. . . . And ye shall be holy unto Me; for I the Lord your God am holy, and have set you apart from the peoples that ye should be Mine." The ideal of "separation" for the sake of holiness was immeasurably strengthened under the influence of the Pharisees in their heroic struggle to preserve Judaism against the attacks of Hellenism and the antinomianism of the Christian sects of the times. To the Talmudic rabbis, therefore, the sole purpose of these laws which separated the Jews was moral purification and voluntary submission to the will of "our Father in heaven." They were part of the moral discipline of a priestly people whose eyes were upon the kingdom of God. Morally and physically the need for this spiritual discipline was accentuated during the Middle Ages both as a

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## MEMORANDUM

## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

CONFIDENTIAL (GDS) ATTACHMENTACTION

June 18, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR SUSAN PORTER

FROM: JEANNE W. DAVIS *JW*SUBJECT: *JW* Mrs. Ford's Attendance at the Jewish National Fund Bicentennial Gala June 22 -- Background

Attached is a background paper on the regular activities of the Jewish National Fund which is sponsoring the Bicentennial Gala on June 22 which Mrs. Ford will attend. This material is provided so that Mrs. Ford will be aware of JNF programs in the Occupied Territories which have implications for our Middle East policy and the Arab/Israeli negotiations.

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BACKGROUND ON JEWISH NATIONAL FUND  
BICENTENNIAL DINNER - JUNE 22

The Jewish National Fund (JNF) dinner will highlight interest in the Park which the JNF is sponsoring inside Israel proper in honor of our Bicentennial. The JNF, however, has at times been involved in controversial activities with implications for our Middle East policy, and the background of the organization is worth noting.

The JNF is the largest and most important organization involved in land reclamation and development in the Occupied Territories [territories occupied by Israel as a result of the 1967 war]. These activities are preparatory to the establishment of Israeli settlements in these areas -- one of the most sensitive issues of the Arab-Israeli dispute because it signifies in Arab eyes an unwillingness to withdraw from these areas as part of an overall settlement. The President has made clear that US policy with respect to the status of the Occupied Territories remains unchanged from what it has been since the 1967 war -- that the status of these areas must be decided in negotiations among the parties themselves. As a matter of policy, we do not recognize the activities of any party in these areas as prejudging the outcome of their future status. The Israeli Government is well aware of US policy opposing settlements in the Occupied Territories and other related activities.

Because of our policy on the Occupied Territories, the USG has carefully refrained from giving any appearance of support for activities whose primary objective is to raise funds for the planting of trees and other development in these areas and particularly on the West Bank. Thus, JNF requests for Presidential and other messages for its annual brochure seeking support for its tree-planting and land reclamation activities have regularly been turned down, as have requests that trees be planted in the President's name in specific areas in the Occupied Territories.

However, this year the JNF is sponsoring the development of a Park in honor of our Bicentennial and it is located in Israel proper or pre-1967 Israel. Since its location is not in the sensitive Occupied Territories, it was accorded official recognition by our Bicentennial

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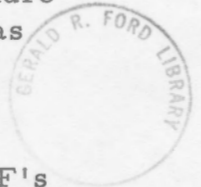
Commission, ARBA. [Because of the Park, a Presidential message of an exclusively Bicentennial nature has been sent to the JNF brochure but no reference was made to other JNF activities and the request was treated as an exception for the Bicentennial].

This year's dinner will dramatize the Park. At the same time, it cannot be ruled out that there may be some attendant publicity of JNF's regular programs (which extend into the Occupied Territories) in an environment which could suggest official USG endorsement. It would therefore be appropriate to focus any remarks exclusively on the Bicentennial Park and avoid reference to JNF's general activities or to future JNF projects.

Appropriate conversational points might include the following:

- Relations between Israel and the US remain especially close. Symbolic of this is the fact that Prime Minister Rabin was the first head of government to visit Washington in our Bicentennial year.
- We are proud of our long history of close relations with Israel and all that the people of Israel are doing to help us celebrate our Nation's birthday.
- Israel and the US have an affinity not only for each other but also for the basic principles of democratic self-government which distinguish our two nations from most other nations.
- We are very grateful for all who are participating in the Bicentennial effort this year. We especially appreciate the Bicentennial Park being celebrated here tonight. It will serve as a permanent reminder of the friendship between our two peoples.
- I hope that all who visit the Park will enjoy it in the spirit of the true and lasting friendship between our two countries.

[Attachment: Background materials on the Park]





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Mr. Abram Salomon  
Executive Vice President  
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Dear Mr. Salomon:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration has accorded Official Recognition to the American Bicentennial National Park for its contribution to the national Bicentennial effort.

To insure that we, as a nation, appropriately observe our Bicentennial it is essential that recognition be given to those select projects which best commemorate this Anniversary. In according such recognition, the ARBA is charged by the Congress to be particularly mindful of those events which are of "significance in the development of our national heritage of individual liberty, representative government, and the attainment of equal and inalienable rights." The Bicentennial is not only an occasion to review the events of our heritage but to bring to the challenges of our third century of national life the same vitality and vision which has characterized our 200 year growth.

One of the primary objectives for Heritage '76 in the Bicentennial is to give special emphasis to those activities which involve the largest number of people or highlight established standards consistent with a particular form of historical interpretation. To this end, we particularly commend you for providing the opportunity for individuals as well as organizations and institutions to focus on the ideals which clearly demonstrate the purposes of the Bicentennial and the principles which the Bicentennial commemorates.

A member of our staff will advise you on the use of the ARBA logo with respect to your program. We will appreciate hearing from you with regard to arranging an occasion suitable for presentation of the Certificate of Official Recognition.

In the Spirit of '76,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John W. Warner".

John W. Warner  
Administrator

Please note:

NEW ADDRESS:  
AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL  
ADMINISTRATION  
2401 E Street, N. W.

# Bicentennial News

American Revolution  
Bicentennial Administration  
2401 E. St., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20276

John W. Warner, Administrator



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
April 30, 1975

## BICENTENNIAL PARK IN ISRAEL

Washington, D.C.--A proposed American Bicentennial Park in Israel has been given national recognition by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA).

The \$6,000,000 project is sponsored by the Jewish National Fund which expects to raise the money through its normal contributory process, primarily donations no larger than \$3.00.

The park will link a large region southwest of Jerusalem with 200 years of American Independence.

The project includes the planting of a million trees and a system of recreation services, picnic areas, hiking routes, observation posts, and tourist sites. An observation gallery atop Mt. Ayalah, the highest peak in the southern Judean mountains, and a forestry museum are also planned.

A Hall of Honor symbolizing the friendship between the United States and Israel will be designed by a noted American or Israeli architect.

The Park will center on the immigrant township of Beit Shemesh. Arterial roads will be opened and access improved between the area and Jerusalem.



The region chosen for the American Bicentennial Park is Biblically historical. It is where the tribe of Dan fought the Philistines, where King David hid from his persecutors, and near the battlefield where David won his victory over Goliath.

John W. Warner, Administrator of ARBA, presented a national Bicentennial flag and certificate of recognition to JNF officials on April 15.

During presentation ceremonies, Mr. Warner said: "The American Bicentennial Park is an outstanding way to honor America and enhance the ecological growth of Israel."

The ARBA grants national recognition to selected major Bicentennial projects "to encourage support for these events and insure public awareness of those events which are of regional, national, or international significance."

For additional information, contact:

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*Short in 1975*



# Our New Bicentennial Project

A new \$6,000,000 Bicentennial Project linking a large region southwest of Jerusalem with 200 years of American Independence was formally initiated at the recent National Assembly of the Jewish National Fund of America. The project will also mark the 75th Anniversary of the Fund's creation.

This project has as its objective the development of the Southern Judean Mountains. These settlements • Mahsiya • Nes Harim • Bar Giora • Tsur Hadassah • Mevo Betar • Mata • Zanoach • are among the major objectives of the plan.

The region to be improved over a period of three years beginning in 1974, will develop an ecological and forestry infrastructure in the area located within 25 miles of Jerusalem, with the immigrant township of Beit Shemesh as its center. Beit Shemesh serves the surrounding network of settlements

including Mahsiya, Nes Harim, Bar Giora, Tsur Hadassah, Mevo Betar, Mata and Zanoach.

- The opening of arterial roads with the improvement of access between the area and Jerusalem
- A system of recreation services, picnic areas, hiking routes
- The creation of special tourist sites and the planting of 1,000,000 trees

Other highlights include a forestry museum and an observation gallery atop Mt. Ayalah, the highest peak in the southern Judean mountain chain. Also projected is a Hall of Honor to be designed by an outstanding American or Israeli architect and which will symbolize the bonds of friendship between the 200-year old United States of America and the young State of Israel.

*(w/ps. 1969 Israel)*

## BRIEF SHEET

Proj No. 4943

## 1. TITLE

American Bicentennial National Park

## 2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Jewish National Fund is proposing a \$6,000,000. Bicentennial Park which will link a large region southwest of Jerusalem in honor of the observance of America's Bicentennial. The Park will be the site of memorials and exhibits commemorating American-Israeli friendship since 1948 and the strong attraction American institutions and ideals have held for the young State of Israel. Money will be raised through the regular JNF contributory process -- small contributions, generally no larger than \$3.00; such as the process that produced the John F. Kennedy Memorial Forest. Also money would be raised from road building projects and land development.

## 3. SPONSORING ORGANIZATION AND PRINCIPAL CONTACT (Address and telephone number)

Mr. Milton Jacoby, Director of Public Relations  
 Jewish National Fund  
 42 East 69th Street  
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## 4. THEME AREA(S)

Heritage '76     Festival USA     Horizons '76     Special Projects

## 5. STAFF ANALYSIS (Relevance to Program Criteria; assessment of impact; policy implications, if any; and other significant factors to be considered) Concurrence of Sime Adelman, Int'l Div has been rec

This Bicentennial project is, in simple terms, a program of reforestation involving the undisputed land in the Southern Judean mountain region in central Israel. For many years the JNF plantings and reforestation projects have honored Americans whose work has contributed to international cooperation and brotherhood. The JNF Park project involves similar endeavors and meets the criteria.

## 6. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation for official recognition at the next meeting of the ARBA Board.

7. PROGRAM OFFICER: Martin S. Goldman 634-1761

Telephone Number

8. DATE PREPARED: January 8, 1975

ASSY OF ISRAEL  
ASHINGTON, D.C.

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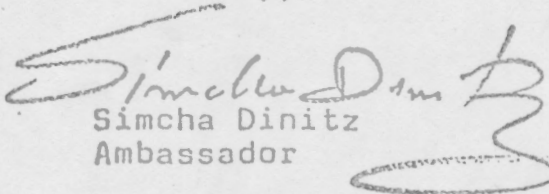


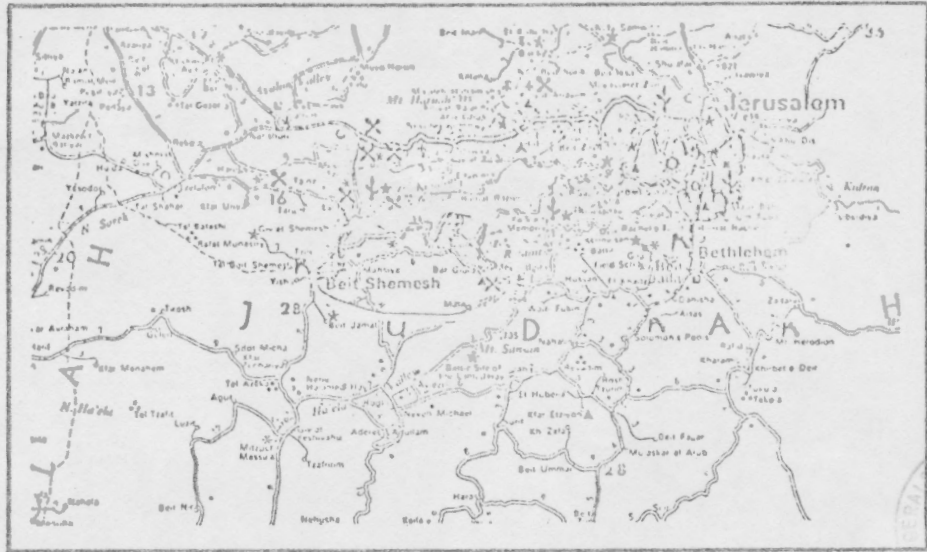
Dear Mr. Salomon:

I was very pleased to learn of the launching of the Jewish National Fund American Bicentennial project linking the rehabilitation of an important region southwest of Jerusalem with the anniversary of the American Revolution.

I wish to assure you of my wholehearted support for this great undertaking, which will also serve as a living monument to the close ties of friendship between the two peoples.

Sincerely,

  
Simcha Dinitz  
Ambassador



## Two Centuries of Freedom 75 Years of Growth

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This unique bicentennial project will strengthen the bonds of friendship between the United States and Israel for generations to come.



Yes. I endorse the JNF Bicentennial Project as an expression of American-Israel friendship. Please keep me informed on progress of this project when further information is available.

MRS. FORD'S REMARKS  
GALA NATIONAL BICENTENNIAL DINNER  
JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

New York Hilton Hotel  
June 22, 1976





IN ONLY A FEW DAYS,

WE WILL CELEBRATE THE FOURTH OF JULY ●

FOR MANY YEARS TO COME,

THE EVENTS OF THAT DAY

WILL BE REMEMBERED WITH PLEASURE AND PRIDE }  
←

BY AMERICANS AND OUR FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD ●



I'VE BEEN ESPECIALLY EXCITED THIS YEAR

2.

BY THE <sup>MANY</sup> PROJECTS I'VE SEEN  
^

THAT WILL KEEP THE SPIRIT

OF THIS BICENTENNIAL YEAR ALIVE.



THE RESTORATION PROJECTS,  
NOT ONLY IN THE ORIGINAL 13 COLONIES,  
BUT ALL ACROSS AMERICA  
WILL BE A PERMANENT REMINDER OF THIS SPECIAL YEAR.



BUT I THINK THE CELEBRATION

4.

OF THE BICENTENNIAL BY ISRAEL AND OTHER COUNTRIES

IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT.

AMERICA TRULY IS AN EXAMPLE

TO THE FREE WORLD.

OF THE SURVIVAL AND STRENGTH OF DEMOCRACY.



I KNOW THE BICENTENNIAL NATIONAL FOREST IN ISRAEL

5.

WILL BE ENJOYED BY MANY PEOPLE

FOR IT IS A SYMBOL OF AMERICA

AND HER FRIENDSHIP WITH ISRAEL



I'M DELIGHTED I COULD BE HERE TONIGHT

6.

TO PRESENT THIS KEY TO THE FOREST

TO AN OLD FRIEND OF OUR FAMILY---

MILTON HOFFMAN.



TO ALL OF YOU

THIS BICENTENNIAL WISH: I PRAY

"MAY YOUR FOURTH OF JULY

BE ONE OF JOY, PRIDE

AND EXPECTATION FOR THE FUTURE."

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MRS FORD'S REMARKS  
DEDICATION OF THE  
MARTIN STEINBERG CENTER

New York City

June 22, 1976



THE DEDICATION OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE

I.

THROUGHOUT THE CENTURIES

TO THE CREATIVE ARTS

HAS ENLIVENED THE MUSIC, LITERATURE AND THEATRE

OF MANY LANDS.



MANY AMERICAN ARTISTS

2.

HAVE BEEN NURTURED BY THE JEWISH HERITAGE.

THIS INFLUENCE HAS CONTRIBUTED

TO THE DIVERSITY OF OUR CULTURE.



BECAUSE THE MARTIN STEINBERG CENTER  
WILL HELP KEEP ALIVE  
THE LEGACY OF JEWISH CREATIVITY,  
I'M VERY PLEASED TO SHARE  
IN THIS ANCIENT CEREMONY OF BLESSING --- THE MEZUZAH---  
WHICH SYMBOLIZES YOUR FAITH.



I KNOW THIS CENTER WILL HELP CONTINUE

4.

THE LIVELY HISTORY OF JEWISH CULTURAL CONTRIBUTIONS,  
WHICH BRING SO MUCH JOY TO SO MANY.

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GALA JNF NATIONAL BICENTENNIAL DINNER

Inaugurating the

AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL NATIONAL PARK IN ISRAEL

of the

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF AMERICA

Tuesday Evening, June 22nd, 1976

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THE NEW YORK HILTON  
New York City



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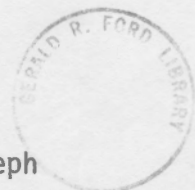
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# Betty Ford Offers a Prayer as Jewish Leader Collapses



By EDITH EVANS-ASBURY

Dr. Maurice S. Sage, president of the Jewish National Fund of America, collapsed at the New York Hilton Hotel last night just after introducing Betty Ford, who then stepped to the microphone and called on the audience of 2,500 to pray for him, because "he is going to the hospital."

In a trembling voice Mrs. Ford delivered a prayer for Dr. Sage's recovery before a audience in the grand ballroom.

Behind her, efforts were being made to resuscitate the elderly rabbi, who was stretched out on the stage, and Secret Service men who had accompanied Mrs. Ford were pounding on his chest.

As soon as Rabbi Sage's collapse was noticed, one of the men on the dais stepped to the microphone and called for a doctor. With increasing urgency in his voice, he called for oxygen and an ambulance.

As this was going on, Martin Hoffman, one of the men on the

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# RITES SET TODAY FOR MAURICE SAGE

## Jewish Fund Leader Died at 59 at Group's Dinner

Funeral services for Dr. Maurice S. Sage, president of the Jewish National Fund of America, who suffered a fatal heart attack Tuesday night at the organization's dinner at the New York Hilton Hotel, will be held today at 12:15 at the Fifth Avenue Synagogue, 5 East 62d Street.

Minutes before the 59-year-old Jewish leader was stricken, he had introduced Betty Ford to a gathering of 2,500 persons in the grand ballroom.

As efforts were made to revive Dr. Sage, Mrs. Ford stepped to the microphone and asked those present to "bow our heads



Dr. Maurice S. Sage

his family migrated to Paris. His family migrated to Paris when he was ordained as a rabbi at the Rabbinical Seminary in Paris. Dr. Sage's father was a chief rabbi of Paris. The younger Sage later graduated from the Faculty of Science of the University of Paris. During his

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