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Talk to me about this

April 2, 2000

Ms. Melanne Vermeer
Office of the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500
USA

Dear Melanne,

I am pleased to present to you a published copy of the 1999 Annual Yitzhak Rabin Lecture: the First Lady's informative and inspirational address "Building a Secure Peace."

Ms. Clinton's address was as informative as it was inspirational, and will be well remembered by the hundreds of friends and supporters who gathered at Tel Aviv's Center for Performing Arts last November on the four-year commemoration of the assassination.

The First Lady succinctly and brilliantly expressed our goal in establishing the Yitzhak Rabin Center: "His life was Israel's history and his legacy much be Israel's future." That sentence could serve as the Yitzhak Rabin Center's organizational credo, for it is exactly what the center is all about commemorating the past while building for a better future.

Let me also take this opportunity to mention what a pleasure it was to meet and to work with you – at both our reception at the White House in March, 1999, and during your November visit to Israel. I hope we will have the pleasure of welcoming you again to future events of the Yitzhak Rabin Center for Israel Studies.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Neal Levy
Director of International Development

Send another
Spoke to them -
they will
Send another



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RABBI SHMUEL RABINOWITZ
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הרב שמואל רבינוביץ
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December 29, 1999

Mrs. Hilary Rodham Clinton
White House

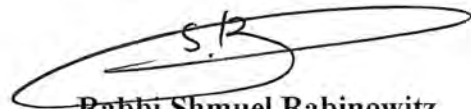
Dear Mrs. Clinton,

I wish to express my sincere apologies for being unable to greet you at the Wailing Wall when you visited Mrs. Barak during your stay in Israel. At that time, I was on a tour of the United States on behalf of Jewish education. This trip was scheduled many months in advance and, unfortunately, could not be changed.

There is no doubt that your visit to the Wailing Wall was very significant to the people of Israel. As First Lady, and a prominent public figure, your taking the time to see the Wailing Wall expresses the special importance of this historic monument to the Jewish people. As a place for prayer, I hope that your prayers and requests will be accepted by G-d to your fullest satisfaction.

I hope that you enjoyed your stay in Israel. Perhaps, in the future, we will have the opportunity to greet one another.

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Shmuel Rabinowitz
Rabbi of Holy Places in Israel

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December 12, 1998

Dear Hillary,

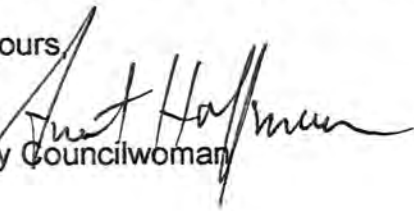
Shalom and Welcome to Israel. My name is Anat Hoffman. I am a Member of the Jerusalem City Council. During the past ten years I have been focusing on disentangling bureaucratic snafus. I have often succeeded in helping Jewish residents of West Jerusalem but I have been of little help to Arab residents of East Jerusalem. Through these failures I have come to realize that the forces of bureaucracy can be no less oppressive or destructive than physical violence.

I would like to share with you the bureaucratic net entangling Fouza, a 16 year old Arab girl in East Jerusalem. She is about to be forced to leave the city for lack of an ID card. Fouza is a talented young woman, born in Jerusalem, like her parents and grandparents before her. There is no reasonable explanation for refusing to grant her a Jerusalem ID other than the "silent transfer", a covert policy designed to force Arabs from Jerusalem by making them aliens in their native town.

Everyone that I have turned to on behalf of Fouza has been sympathetic, but none have offered any real help. I ask your help in bringing Fouza's case before your hosts. Fouza has poured her plight into a poem, which I enclose. I can be contacted for further details at 051-345-502.

Respectfully yours,

Anat Hoffman
Jerusalem City Councilwoman



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ROBERT WEXLER

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
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19TH DISTRICT, FLORIDA

December 7, 1998

Ms. Betty Ehrenberg
International Director
Int'l Affairs and Communal Relations
Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations
333 Seventh Avenue
New York, NY 10001

Dear Ms. Ehrenberg:

Thank you again for providing my office with important information concerning missing Israeli-American soldier Zachary Baumel and the other missing Israeli soldiers, Ron Arad, Zvi Feldman and Yehuda Katz. You should be commended for your tremendous effort on behalf of the families of the missing soldiers.

Late in October, I had the opportunity to speak with the President about the status of the soldiers and their well-being. On November 2, 1998, I sent a personal letter along with the packet of information you sent to my office to President Clinton asking for his assistance in locating the whereabouts of the Israeli soldiers missing in action. On November 13, President Clinton responded to my letter. I have enclosed a copy of his response for your review which discusses his commitment to find the soldiers and his intention to raise this matter during his upcoming trip to the Middle East.

Please be assured that I will continue to do all that I can to help locate these soldiers and secure their release. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any additional information with respect to the missing soldiers.

With warm regards,

Robert Wexler

cc: Dr. Mandell Ganchrow, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations
Enclosures

JOHN MCCAIN
ARIZONA

CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE,
SCIENCE AND TRANSPORTATION
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United States Senate

December 8, 1998

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

Dear Mr. President:

Later this week, you will be meeting with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat as part of the Administration's effort at securing a lasting peace between Israel and the Palestinians. There are two issues that I feel must be resolved in order to establish the atmosphere necessary to ensure that the Wye Plantation Agreement survives the periods of tension and conflict that will inevitably arise over the next several years.

The first issue, and one that is particularly close to my heart, involves the fate of Israeli soldiers missing-in-action. While the United States does not bear responsibility for these individuals, it cannot be denied that their welfare and that of their families is vitally important to Israeli society and, consequently, cannot be ignored. The status of one missing soldier in particular should be a topic of discussion when you meet with Chairman Arafat. That individual is Zachary Baumel, a U.S. citizen serving in the Israeli Army as a tank crewman. Baumel was captured, along with the other four members of the crew, by the Syrian Army during the June 1982 war in Lebanon. Two of the members of the crew were released, but the other three, including Baumel, remain unaccounted for, despite evidence that they were probably captured alive.

Efforts by Baumel's family and others to ascertain the missing soldier's status have run into a brick wall over the years. A Freedom-of-Information Act request filed with the U.S. Department of State on Baumel's behalf was devoid of useful information, despite the certainty that the Department has more information than it has disclosed. As the sponsor earlier this decade of legislation, which became law, designed to compel federal agencies to disclose information on the fate of U.S. military personnel missing in action, I am entirely sympathetic with the plight of the Baumel family.

That, however, is an internal matter that I will address in another forum. More immediate is the need to raise the issue of Baumel's fate with Chairman Arafat, who must, and no doubt does, understand the importance of this issue to Israel. During a period when demonstrations of good faith are essential, progress in determining the fate of missing Israeli soldiers known to have been captured alive should assume a higher profile in your Administration's approach to the peace process.

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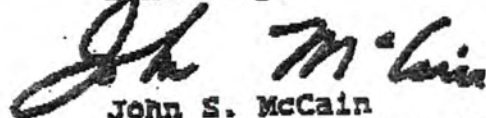
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The President
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The second issue I wish to address involves Palestinian Authority propaganda that is, inarguably, racist in its portrayal of Israel's majority Jewish population. Palestinian Authority official statements are reminiscent of those disseminated by the propaganda machine of Joseph Goebbels during the 1930s and should be strenuously condemned by all nations. Quite simply, there can be no long-lasting peace in the Middle East as long as the Arab populations are inculcated from the highest levels of their governments with the most vile anti-Semitic vituperation. I cannot emphasize enough the importance that the United States convey that message to the Palestinian Authority. Anti-Semitic propaganda cannot but have a deleterious effect on the prospects for establishing a lasting peace in that region.

Mr. President, your upcoming meeting with Yasser Arafat is an important opportunity to make progress on these key issues. I urge you to take this request to heart and to incorporate the issues raised in this letter into your agenda for that meeting.

Sincerely,



John S. McCain
United States Senator

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 13, 1998

Dear Robert:

Thank you for your letter regarding the fate of Israeli soldiers missing in action. The information you provided is very useful.

My Administration and I remain determined to pursue every possible lead to ascertain their fate. We are in close contact with the Israeli government and the soldiers' families to help resolve this issue. The Vice President, Secretary of State and I have raised this matter repeatedly, both with Syrian and Palestinian officials.

You can rest assured that our efforts will continue. In particular, I intend to raise this matter during my upcoming trip to the region.

Again, thank you for writing and for your interest in this issue.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

The Honorable Robert Wexler
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-0919

*I know how
important this
is to you - I'll be
on it.*



Dear Mrs. Clinton

with great appreciation

Yours truly
Arad



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Summer Stickers from Elem

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Youth in Distress in Israel

[in Hebrew]

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Strip of Stickers from Elem

Youth in Distress in Israel

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ולחמלים

הם חיים בשטחי ההפקר, בצד האפל של העיר הם קשורים רק אל הצל של עצמם, המרצד על הקיר. בלילה בלי ירח, לילה נטול כוכבים. בוא תראה איפה הם מסתובבים. הם מוצאים מקלט במרתף, במסתור השיחים שבגן כך כל לילה הפחד רודף, הם חיים במרחב לא מוגן. על סף התהום עוד אפשר לעצור, ילדי הלילה מבקשים אור. אני פרפר בקופסא, מנסה לעוף אל העולם, אני כל-כך זקוקה לחיבוק חם. כשהשמש שוקעת, אז הכוכבים נותנים ניצוצות חיים, ואצלי אין ניצוץ אין קרן אור, הכל חשוך לי בפנים. הם מוכרים את עצמם בזול, בעבור תשומת לב, ובתוכם פצע גדול פתוח וכואב. על סף התהום עוד אפשר לעצור, ילדי הלילה מבקשים אור. רוצה שיהיו לי חוגים בספרות ובדרמה, רוצה שתהיה משפחה עם אמא ואבא, שידליקו שלהבת קטנטונת, שתבוא ותביס את השחור, ופתאום מראה מחזה איזה יופי, אני עף ועולה מן הבור. על סף התהום עוד אפשר לעצור ילדי הלילה מבקשים אור.

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Elem - Youth in Distress in Israel

Organizational Background and History:

Elem - Youth in Distress in Israel, was established in 1982 by a group of professionals and lay volunteers in Israel and America in order to help troubled Israeli teenagers become productive adults. Elem deals with the initiation, development and operation of outreach, educational and consultation programs for the support of youth at risk, and for the treatment and rehabilitation of under - privileged, neglected, abused, alienated and delinquent Youth.

Since its formation Elem has gone a long way. What has been achieved to date has been an extraordinary collaborative effort by volunteers, both professional and lay, paid staff and an equally unparalleled cooperative venture with Israel's various Ministries, municipalities and many other public agencies. Together, the government of Israel and Elem, have launched a series of initiatives to reach out to alienated youth, to house, treat, educate and support troubled youth in more practical and broadly successful ways than any of the parties might have achieved acting alone. In its early years Elem devoted much of its resources to the development of out of home settings in Israel and championed the development of Community Based Hostels for severely neglected and delinquent youth. Gradually Elem expanded, initiating, encouraging and supporting a long list of innovative programs in response to the growing needs of alienated youth, including homeless, runaway/throwaway and other anomie youth who have left families and communities and migrated to the streets of Israel's major cities. Elem has opened Crisis Shelters for homeless youth in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, and has mobilised outreach vans and street teams and operates counselling centres for youth. Elem has placed special emphasis in the last few years on the problem of immigrant youth at risk - both from the former USSR and from Ethiopia.

Mission and Goals:

When founded, Elem articulated a three-fold mission: First, to, design and model effective treatment and rehabilitation services for troubled, neglected, abused and adjudicated delinquent youth. Secondly; to measure outcomes and disseminate information about effective interventions (via publications, seminars, conferences and forums) to professionals involved with youth and

youth related services in both governmental and public agencies. And last but not least to advance public awareness of the various problem concerning youth at risk and in distress. Inherent in Elem's approach is the importance of promoting and maintaining the value of volunteer action for youth in distress.

Elem's goals:

- To develop intervention and treatment programs that enable the return of adjudicated, alienated, exploited and abused youth to a productive self-satisfying role in Israeli society.
- To design prototypical programs that demonstrate effective outreach, treatment and rehabilitation methodologies.
- To advance preventive programs for youth at risk.
- To develop and disseminate knowledge and information about youth programs for replication by other service providers, and for the teaching and training of professionals involved with youth and youth related services in both governmental and public agencies, (through research, publications, seminars, conferences, round table forums and other practical academic activities).
- To take part in the design and development of national prevention strategies that will enable Israel to more effectively prevent the further alienation of its most precious resource, its youth.
- To promote public awareness of the various issues concerning youth at risk, and to advocate their cause in the public and political arena.
- To maintain and promote the values of volunteering for adolescents at risk.
- To advance its mission and its goals through developing partnerships and collaborative endeavors with all public youth agencies and NGOs', with professionals and volunteers, and development of public, financial and professional support throughout the Jewish world.

Youth Target Groups;

As a group, the population of alienated youth, including unemployed adolescent school drop-outs, adjudicated delinquents, and homeless runaway / throwaway street youth is estimated to be as high as 11.8 % of all Israeli youth. Accordingly, Over 60,000 adolescents (between the ages of 13 – 18) are defined as youth in distress and at high risk.

Today, a large and growing number of Israel's alienated youth are the children of its most recent immigrants from the former Soviet Union and Ethiopia (estimated between 20 - 25 % of all alienated youth).

Many of the adolescent children of these families are trapped between two worlds. They are embarrassed and resentful of their family's poverty, dependence on government and concomitant low social status. They reject the values of their parents as part of their intransigent "old ways". At the same time they feel rejected by their adolescent peers from Israel's "mainstream" society and often by the educational system as well. Many dropout of school. Some form into gangs. Some steal and commit other petty crimes. Other children become prey for exploiting adults. Among these "street people" Elem staff have encountered a high number of young girls, runaways or throwaways from home, they arrive in the large cities with little money, few if any friends, and little in the way of skills to enable them to get a job. Homeless and soon hungry, they become vulnerable in every respect. Elem, to address this newly emerging phenomenon, is now of initiating programs designed specifically for young women at risk.

Program development:

Elem, in 1982, initiated what was to become the first of six community-based residential homes for adjudicated youth in Kiryat Gat. Over the years others were opened in Ashkelon, Beersheva, Tiberias, Jerusalem and Ashdod, Ashdod being the first facility designed exclusively for girls. Each of these homes caters for 12-16 boys or girls at a time. Elem's success, evidenced by the fact that 85 % of the "graduates" of its community-based residences were found to be able to mainstream into the broader Israeli society as self-supporting, productive citizens, led to a request by the Ministry of Welfare for Elem to provide and develop educational enrichment programs, new therapeutic interventions and vocational education services for the youthful residents in the 40 Hostels and Institutional facilities for adjudicated, neglected and abused youth operated by the Ministry.

Elem initiated crisis centers, jointly with the Ministry of Welfare and the Municipalities of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, designed to outreach, and treat an array of homeless, runaway/ throwaway alienated street youth in both cities. Outreach Vans cruise the streets throughout the night, locating street youth and providing them with emergency food, medical attention and informal counseling and refer them to the Crisis Drop-in Centers that serve to connect those youth ready to

leave their destructive, exploitive street life to a network of social service youth provider agencies. Over 1200 youth have been treated in both centers in the last three and a half years. Hundreds more have been supported directly in the street.

In 1994, in recognition of the special needs for support evidenced by growing numbers of young women from the Russian immigrant communities experiencing difficulties in adjusting to life in their new country, Elem initiated an outreach and community support program for Russian girls. In 1994, Elem also began a program to assist troubled and acting out Ethiopian youth in the town of Netanya, and in 1996 Elem initiated a major enterprise in order to aid Ethiopian troubled and often abused girls. Last year Elem opened in The New Central Bus Station in Tel Aviv, the first of what has now to become a National Net-Work of "Youth Counseling and Support Centers" focusing on the needs of new immigrant youth. The center was opened in May 1997 as a Youth "Coffee Shop" which functions as a counseling, information and support center for youth from Ethiopia, Russia, Caucasus and veteran Israeli Youth in crisis, at risk and in transient situations. During the first year of operation over 1000 youth have been helped at the new center. 54 % of them new immigrants.

Policy making and program evaluation: In support of these activities, as changing needs dictate, Elem carries out a program of social research to review outcomes, develop long-term strategies and stimulate scholarly, publication -worthy professional studies by Israeli social service professionals that can help municipalities and agencies experiencing similar problems with alienated and/or delinquent youth in their communities. Elem sponsors forums and exchanges between and among social service professionals from voluntary agencies, government ministries and academic institutions to develop coherent, holistic strategies and cooperative efforts to combat and prevent delinquency in Israel.

Evaluation of new and innovative programs has been one of Elem's major goals since it was established over 15 years ago. Throughout the years over a dozen of Elem's programs have been evaluated by external research teams, and almost all other programs include an internal evaluation and monitoring component. To inforce both the evaluation process and dissemination of knowledge Elem established in 1993, jointly with the **School of Social Work at Tel Aviv University**, the "**The Forum for Children and Youth Affairs**" a professional academic platform

for the purpose of promoting research, imparting knowledge, formulating field theories and advancing Youth policy in Israel. The Forum operates out of the belief that there is a real need for expanding the existing knowledge about the world of children and youth in general and the populations at risk in particular and with the aim of being a bridge between academia and the field and between knowledge accrued from actual interventions and theory and research.

Voluntarism in Elem:

To date, Elem's Boards, headed in Israel by Mr. Abraham Ben Shoshan and in America headed by Mrs. Ann Bialkein,, are active and involved bodies. Over sixty volunteers serve on both Boards, and a similar number are active on various sub committees. Elem's Board members are highly involved in the on-going running of the association. The Boards meet once a month, and hold two or three retreats a year. Five sub committees in Israel help guide Elem's daily activities: the professional advisory committee, the financial committee, the fund raising and events committee, the field volunteer committee and a planning committee. Many Board members are also in charge of specific areas and projects. As the leading voluntary non-profit organization in the area of Youth in distress in Israel, Elem has in the last few years gradually increased the numbers of volunteers who are directly involved in various settings which treat marginal youth. A few hundred volunteers are now involved in field activities. Based on many years of experience, Elem has initiated opening a national center for promoting direct voluntary activities for children and youth at risk and in distress.

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List of Projects and Programs Elem operates or is involved in during 1998:

- Community Hostels in Jerusalem, Beer Sheva, Ashkelon, Ashdod, Kiryat Gat, Tiberias.
- Drop-In Centers for Homeless Teenagers in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.
- Supportive and Educative programs for Immigrant Youth in High Risk from the former U.S.S.R.
- Out Reach Vans in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and the Shefela District.
- Supportive and Educative Programs for Immigrant Youth in High Risk from Ethiopia.
- Education Programs in Hostels and Institutions.
- Joint Educational Projects with Community Youth Services.
- Volunteer mobilisation and Voluntary Activities in the Hostels & Communities .
- Vocational Training for Inmates & Graduates.
- Follow up of Graduates.
- Staff and Professional Training Programs.
- Research & Development Programs.
- National Counseling and Information Center - Tel Aviv Central Bus Station.
- Programs for Girls in Distress - from Former USSR and from Ethiopia.
- The Forum for Child Youth Affairs - Tel Aviv University.
- Lobbying and Advocacy initiatives.
- Treatment of Youth sex Offenders and Violence Reduction Programs.
- Facing Problems of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Youth.
- Developing a Nation Wide Network of Counseling and Youth Information Centers.

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