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Hillary off to Israel as Jewish vote wavers

Denies taxpayer trip tied to Senate race

By Barbara J. Saffir
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

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First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, who needs Jewish votes to triumph in her expected New York Senate race, plans to fly to Israel Tuesday—her first solo trip there.

Polls show Mrs. Clinton has not held on to an early lead as a Democratic candidate backed by Jewish votes. But the first lady's spokesman said her taxpayer-paid trip is not connected to her \$25 million campaign against New York City Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani.

"It is a visit she had planned to make earlier this year but had to postpone because of the Israeli election," Marsha Berry said.

Mrs. Clinton is averaging less than 50 percent support from Jewish voters.

"That is not a good sign for Hillary. Traditionally, the Jewish vote should be 70 to 75 percent Democratic historically," said John Zogby of the Zogby Group International poll.

Visiting Israel could increase Mrs. Clinton's Jewish support.

"At the very least" it will help her "hold" onto the support she has now, Mr. Zogby said.

"A trip to Israel is mandatory. . . . She could not afford not to do it," he said. "It is a way that New York candidates bond with Jewish voters. It is expected of them."

Mr. Giuliani has visited Israel twice in the past few years, but he has no plans to travel there during this race, his campaign spokesman Bruce Teitelbaum said.

Mr. Zogby said the "important" Jewish vote typically accounts for about "12 or 13 percent of the total" turnout in New York general elections, where the candidates could face each other if they definitely decide to run. Israel also has become a high-profile issue in Mrs. Clinton's and Mr. Giuliani's "exploratory" campaigns.

Right now, the first lady is virtually tied with her likely GOP oppo-

nent for Jewish votes in the Oct. 18 Zogby poll. She trails him 46 percent to 43 percent—a statistical dead-heat when the 4 percentage-points margin of error is considered. She also trails Mr. Giuliani 51 percent to 40 percent among all voters, the figure that obviously counts the most.

Mrs. Clinton was beating Mr. Giuliani among New York's Jewish voters in last month's poll by Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. She captured 53 percent to his 38 percent—a healthy margin "but not by the kind of numbers a Democrat would like to have running statewide in New York," said Lee M. Miringoff, the poll's director.

Democratic Sen. Charles E. Schumer had about 70 percent support from Jewish voters when

he beat Republican Sen. Alfonse M. D'Amato in New York last year, Mr. Miringoff said.

Among all voters in the poll, Mrs. Clinton captured 42 percent compared with Mr. Giuliani's 46 percent—another statistical dead heat.

Democratic strategist Mark Mellman said he expects Mrs. Clinton's numbers to improve before next year's election.

"There is no question the first lady is extremely popular among the Jewish community in New York," he said. "She is going to get enough of the Jewish vote to win the race. Exactly what that is is frankly unclear at the moment."

When Mrs. Clinton visits Israel as first lady, she will have two full days to appeal to Jewish voters. She leaves Tuesday night.

On Wednesday, Miss Berry said, the first lady plans to speak at a conference on children and violence sponsored by the University of Tel Aviv. The next day, she will speak at a dinner lecture. After that, she heads to Jordan and then to Greece to join President Clinton.

Mr. Miringoff said the first lady's trip and all her other extensive foreign and domestic travel could "complicate" matters for her.

"It underscores the fact for voters that she is not from New York," he said. "The carpetbagger issue is still very much alive and kicking here in New York."

In March, Mrs. Clinton spent two weeks touring the Middle East. She visited Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia, but canceled a trip to Israel "because of the election,"

according to a White House statement issued at the time.

Israel already has become a major campaign issue although neither it nor Mrs. Clinton are mentioned in the first TV ad of the campaign, which Mr. Giuliani launched yesterday in the battleground region of upstate New York.

Featuring black and white shots of the Empire State Building and the Statue of Liberty, the 30-second ad says Mr. Giuliani has created 341,000 jobs, cut taxes \$2.4 billion and led \$10,000 off welfare.

Mr. Giuliani already has come out in support of freeing convicted Israeli spy Jonathan Pollard. Mrs. Clinton said she is waiting for the White House to review the case before she will take a public stand.

She irritated some Jewish voters

when she declared that Palestinians deserve a separate homeland.

The first lady differed with her husband and the State Department's official view when she told an Orthodox Jewish group that she considers Jerusalem "the eternal and indivisible capital of Israel."

In her unprecedented position as the first spouse of a sitting president to possibly run for a nationwide office, Mrs. Clinton has appealed to Jewish leaders in ways that ordinary candidates could not.

In July, she helped host a state dinner at the White House for Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak. About 500 guests—double the number who typically attend—were invited, including many powerful leaders in New York Jewish political circles.

Papal protests

New Delhi visit expected to stir up rival religions

By Marion Lloyd
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

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NEW DELHI — When Pope John Paul II arrives in New Delhi today, he will attract more than the usual flock of Roman Catholic faithful.

His visit is the focal point of an increasingly hostile faceoff in India between Hindu revivalists and their Christian rivals, who are locked in an epic battle of the faiths.

The Hindu groups accuse Christian missionaries of stepping up their activities in remote rural areas in a bid to win millions more converts by 2000. Leaders say the purported cam-

paign threatens the future of the world's only Hindu-majority nation.

"We are trying to save our [Hindu] civilization. We don't want to become another Incas or Mayas who end up in a museum," said Shiva Subramanya, a spokesman for the Sanskriti Ranksha Manch, or [Hindu] Cultural Survival Forum. Mr. Subramanya claimed India was "under grave threat" from the "world Christian conversion campaign."

He and other Hindu leaders accuse the missionaries of using force and inducement to convert millions of poor Hindus to Christianity — charges the Christian groups deny. The Hindu groups have seized on the pope's visit to demand that he use his influence to halt so-called "false conversions."

They have also demanded the pope apologize for alleged atrocities committed by Catholic colonizers in the southern state of Goa, a former Portuguese colony. One group, the radical World Hindu Council, claims more than 75,000 Indians were massacred by the Portuguese during the 16th century, when the Inquisition was in full swing.

"He apologized in Israel and South America, why can't he apologize here?" asked Mr. Subramanya.

Christian groups dismiss the charges as ludicrous, noting that after nearly 2,000 years of Christianity in India, Christians comprise only 2.3 percent of India's 1 billion people. They also say there is no question of apologies.

"How far back in history are you going to go? Are you going to ask Macedonia and Greece to apologize for Alexander the Great's invasion of India?" asked Catholic Archbishop Alan de Lastic of New Delhi. "Why should we make him

go through this?"

The pope arrives in New Delhi tonight for a two-day visit, his first to India since 1986. He will participate in a congregation of Asian bishops, meet Indian secular and religious leaders, and celebrate a Mass on Sunday at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in the capital.

But what was intended as a routine visit of the Catholic leader has been transformed into a battle of religious wills. The Nov. 7 Mass coincides with the major Hindu festival of Diwali, a fact that has further fueled tensions in advance of the papal visit.

Hundreds of paramilitary troops have been stationed outside the stadium and in front of the Vatican Embassy, where the pope will be staying. The church declined other security measures, including a bulletproof glass shield in front of the pulpit for the Mass, saying it would detract from the religious ceremony.

Meanwhile, hundreds of Hindu supporters turned out for a protest in the capital yesterday, timed to coincide with the arrival of a group of Hindu zealots who completed a 1,000-mile procession from Goa to

New Delhi.

They arrived in a truck decorated with scenes from the Inquisition and plastered with Hindi-language slogans condemning forced conversions.

The standoff is as much political as religious. Christian groups accuse the governing Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of fueling a surge in attacks on Christians over the past 18 months.

The Hindu nationalist party, which came to power at the head of a governing coalition in March 1998 and was re-elected last month, has close ties with more radical Hindu groups and is accused of fostering communal tensions.

The BJP denies any role in the more than 100 attacks on Christians cited by church and human rights groups, including the rape of several nuns and the murder of two priests.

Home Minister Lal Krishna Advani, the Hindu hard-liner who is in charge of internal security, dismissed the demand by the party's radical allies for a dual apology as "inappropriate" and vowed to make the papal visit a "glittering

success."

Many believe that the focus on the Inquisition is little more than a smoke screen for the real source of conflict — the increasing inroads by Christian missionaries into remote tribal communities in India's volatile northeast. The Hindus accuse Christian groups of preying on vulnerable low-caste Hindus and tribal animists and of sponsoring bloody separatist movements in the northeastern states, several of which are now majority Christian.

The Christian groups deny the charges, saying they are being targeted by high-caste Hindus who feel threatened by the missionaries' message of equality and opposition to the Hindu caste system. Furthermore, they say, the intimidation campaign launched by Hindu groups violates the constitution, which guarantees all religions the right to preach and proselytize freely.

"The pope will go away, but the hate will remain," said John Dayal, president of the United Christian Forum for Human Rights. "This is a concern not only of Christians, but of all religious leaders."

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מוסמך: ניו יורק, רח אילנד, ישראל

August 4, 1999

Hon. Edward S. Walker, Jr.
U.S. Ambassador to Israel
Hayarkon Street
Tel Aviv, Israel
Via Fax & Regular Mail

Melanne

Re: Planned Visit of First Lady Hillary Clinton to Israel

Dear Ambassador Walker,

I am writing to request your assistance in securing an appointment for me to meet with Mrs. Clinton during her upcoming visit to Israel, planned for September 1999.

As you are aware, there has been much disinformation regarding my client Jonathan Pollard's case, and I would welcome the opportunity to present the facts of the case to Mrs. Clinton, to enable her to formulate an informed position on the matter. I believe that your presence at such a meeting, would be of value. If you would be so kind as to facilitate a meeting with the first lady at the earliest possible date, I would be most appreciative.

Very truly yours,

Larry Dub



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FAX COVER SHEET

DATE: August 10, 1999

TO: Patti Solis-Doyle
The White House / Director of Scheduling

FAX #: 202-456-5340

FROM: Mark Cohen
Director, Communications and Information

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Messages/Notes:

The attached letter was sent to the First Lady at her request to our president-elect, Sondra Sokal, when they met at the White House dinner in honor of Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak (July 18th).

Please call me regarding Mrs. Sokal's invitation to Mrs. Clinton to visit one of AMIT's schools in Israel during the First Lady's forthcoming visit there.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Cohen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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*Melanne -
what do
you think? Peter*
July 20, 1999

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Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
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One cannot be at the White House and not be aware of the story of our nation that unfolded in and around the office and residence of its Chief Executives and First Ladies. My husband and I are truly grateful to have had this opportunity.

When I spoke with you, I referred to the title of your book. Yes, it does take a village to raise a child, and AMIT, the organization that I represented at the dinner, has two: two youth villages in Israel for underprivileged adolescents – teenagers at risk – whose lives are changed forever by the ways in which they are nurtured, guided, loved, and taught at these AMIT villages.

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I would be happy to discuss this further with a member of your staff, and can be reached at the AMIT office at (212) 477-4720 or at my home at (516) 538-0363.

Again, my deepest thanks for your hospitality and my sincerest wishes for all you are doing to make the world a better place.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sondra Sokal".

Sondra Sokal
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E.O. 12958: N/A

SUBJECT: ISRAEL MEDIA REACTION

EXCHANGING MESSAGES. THE MEDIATION BID INCLUDES THE SMALLEST DETAILS OF THE EXPECTED SETTLEMENT."

YEDIOT AND MAARIV REPORTED THAT MRS. HILLARY CLINTON HAS ACCEPTED MRS. NAVA BARAK'S INVITATION TO ATTEND A CONFERENCE ON COMMUNITY AND FAMILY VIOLENCE IN ISRAEL IN SEPTEMBER/AFTER THE HIGH HOLIDAYS.

YEDIOT REPORTED ALLEGATIONS BY JONATHAN POLLARD THAT PM BARAK FAILED TO USE THE "GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY" OF HIS VISIT TO THE WHITE HOUSE TO PLEAD FOR HIS RELEASE.

1. MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS:

SUMMARY:

ANALYST AKIVA ELDAR WROTE IN INDEPENDENT HA'ARETZ: "SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON AND JERUSALEM SAID THAT THE U.S. IS SUPPORTING ARAFAT'S POSITION THAT THE WYE AGREEMENT MUST BE IMPLEMENTED AND THAT THE PALESTINIAN TRACK TAKES PRECEDENCE OVER THE SYRIAN TRACK."

ANALYST YOSEF GOELL WROTE IN INDEPENDENT JERUSALEM POST: "BARAK SHOULD CONSIDER EVACUATING NOW ONE OR MORE OF THE TINIEST, IDEOLOGICALLY-PLACED SETTLEMENTS IN EXCHANGE FOR RECIPROCAL PALESTINIAN FLEXIBILITY."

BLOCK QUOTES:

I. "U.S. SIDES WITH PA"

ANALYST AKIVA ELDAR WROTE IN INDEPENDENT HA'ARETZ (8/2): "THE RESULTS OF ARAFAT'S 40- MINUTE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT CLINTON LAST WEEK ... WERE EVIDENT OVER THE WEEKEND IN TALKS WITH SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON AND JERUSALEM: WHY DIDN'T BARAK GIVE ARAFAT SOME SORT OF DOWN PAYMENT? WHY HAS HE NOT ORDERED THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FIRST FURTHER WITHDRAWAL, ABOUT WHICH THERE IS NO DISAGREEMENT? WHAT IS HOLDING UP THE RELEASE OF THE PALESTINIAN PRISONERS? THE AMERICANS ADDED UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 05 TEL AVIV 010961

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

-POTUS trip
why?

Tuesday, June 15

7:00 pm

DEPART Andrews AFB
[flight time: 7 hours, 30 minutes, +6 hours]

Wednesday, June 16

8:30 am

ARRIVE Geneva, Switzerland

9:00 am-
10:45 am

DOWN TIME
Intercontinental Hotel

11:00 am-
11:50 am

POTUS SPEECH TO ILO
United Nations Building

12:15 pm-
12:50 pm

EMBASSY EVENT

1:45 pm

DEPART Geneva
[flight time: 1 hour]

2:45 pm

ARRIVE Paris, France

3:40 pm-
7:00 pm

DOWN TIME
Ambassador's Residence

7:00 pm-
8:00 pm

**EMBASSY EVENT AND FRENCH AMERICAN BUSINESS
COUNCIL**
Ambassador's Residence

8:30 pm-
10:00 pm

DINNER WITH CHIRAC
Local Restaurant tbd

RON

Ambassador's Residence
Paris, France

Thursday, June 17

Paris/Cologne

8:00 pm

POTUS DEPARTS for Cologne

Friday, June 18

Cologne/Paris

Don Palermo?

Speech - French College

tbd

DEPART Paris

tbd

ARRIVE Palermo

Lunch w/ Amb.?

3:00 pm-

PALERMO ADOPT-A-MONUMENT

4:00 pm

Spasimo

tbd

DOWN TIME

6:30 pm-

SPEAKERS RECEPTION/CONGRESSIONAL RECEPTION

7:45 pm

TBD

Teatro Massimo

8:00 pm-

CIVITAS PALERMO WORLD CONGRESS: MAKING

9:00 pm

**EDUCATION FOR DEMOCRACY AN INTERNATIONAL
PRIORITY**

Teatro Massimo

9:15 pm-

**OPTIONAL: PERFORMANCE OF DONIZETTI'S "ALAHOR IN
GRANATA"**

tbd

DINNER WITH AMBASSADOR

RON

Palermo, Sicily

Saturday, June 19

tbd

DEPART Palermo

tbd

ARRIVE Cologne, Germany

tbd

[spousal schedule]

8:00 pm

G-8 CONCERT

Cologne Philharmonic Hall

10:00 pm

G-8 DINNER

Em Krutzche

San?

Sunday, June 20

Cologne

10:00 am **G-8 SPOUSES MASS**
Cologne Cathedral

tbd

COLOGNE REFUGEE CENTER

tbd

~~**SPEECH AT COLOGNE UNIVERSITY**~~

tbd

~~**OXFAM THIRD WORLD DEBT AND EDUCATION FORUM**~~

tbd

~~**KORBER FOUNDATION**~~

tbd

~~**WOMEN'S LUNCHEON/MEETING AT AMBASSADOR'S
RESIDENCE**~~

Monday, June 21

Cologne

1:15 pm **DEPART** Cologne

2:35 pm **ARRIVE** Slovenia

tbd

MEETING WITH THE MAYOR

tbd

REHABILITATION CENTER

tbd

~~**KINDERGARTEN FOR REFUGEE AND SLOVENIAN CHILDREN**~~

tbd

~~**HONORARY DEGREE**~~
University of Ljubljana

tbd

WALKING TOUR

Tuesday, June 22

9:15 am- **EMBASSY EVENT**
10:15 am U.S. Embassy

12:30 pm **DEPART** Ljubljana

tbd **ARRIVE** tbd

tbd **DEPART** TBD

tbd **ARRIVE** Fes

Wednesday, June 23

Fes

tbd **INAUGURATION OF NEW USAID-SUPPORTED MATERNITY
OPERATING ROOM**

tbd **NGO ROUNDTABLE**

tbd ~~**PRIVATE MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER**~~

tbd ~~**LUNCH W/KING - TBD**~~

tbd **AWARD CEREMONY AT AL-AKHAWAYN UNIVERSITY**

tbd **DEPART** Fes

tbd **ARRIVE** Tel Aviv

tbd **DEPART** Tel Aviv

tbd **ARRIVE** Jerusalem

RON Jerusalem

Thursday, June 24

Jerusalem

9:00 am **MEETING WITH BARAK OR NETANYAHU**

9:45 am **MEETING WITH WEIZMAN**

10:30 am **YAD VASHEM**
Children's exhibit/art exhibit

El En (Mrs. B)

12:00 pm **WOMEN'S LEGAL ROUNDTABLE**
Israeli Supreme Court

*- Rabin
- Granatnik
- Mayor*

1:30 pm **YAD SARAH** *- loans out
equipment
(Mrs. W)*

3:00 pm **MEETING WITH KOSOVO REFUGEES**

tbd **MEETING WITH FULBRIGHT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

photo of

tbd **SPEECH**

Hebrew University Amphitheatre - Jerusalem - 2,000 - outside
Rabin Medical Center - Tel Aviv

tbd **DINNER WITH BARAKS** - Tel Aviv

RON Jerusalem

Friday, June 25

8:00 am **DEPART** Jerusalem

10:00 am **ARRIVE** Haifa/Beit Gavriel

10:15 am **IDF WOMEN SOLDIERS?**

12:30 pm **ARRIVE** Haifa

12:30 pm **MEETING WITH MAYOR OF HAIFA**

tbd **BEIT HAGEFEN** - youth/co-existence

tbd **NISAN YOUNG WOMEN LEADERS**

tbd **THE GOLDA MEIR MOUNT CARMEL INTERNATIONAL
TRAINING CENTER**

- hotline, rape crisis center

tbd **HAIFA WOMEN'S COALITION**

tbd **HAIFA UNIVERSITY**

tbd **BAHAI WORLD CENTER**

- monument

RON Jerusalem

Saturday, June 26, 1999

9:30 am **DEPART** Jerusalem

10:00 am **ARRIVE** Ramallah

10:15 am **MEETING WITH ARAFAT**

11:00 am **CIVIC FORUM TOWN HALL**

12:30 pm **LUNCH WITH WOMEN POLITICAL LEADERS**

2:00 pm **AL-TIREH RAMALLAH WOMEN'S TRAINING INSTITUTE**

United Nations Relief and Works Agency

tbd

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Catering (Arafat uses)

Dormitory rental

Orphanage

Rural West Bank women

closed between 1984-1985 by Israelis

3:30 pm **CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT IN PRIMARY HEALTH CARE**

Signing of USAID \$4.5 million commitment

Headquarters - Ramallah

Clinics - Janeen, Hebron

4:30 pm **TBD**

RON Jerusalem

Pal. Leg. Council?

Refused women

Sunday, June 27

8:40 am	DEPART Jerusalem
9:30 am	JORDAN RIVER BAPTISMAL SITE
10:15 am	JORDAN VALLEY DEMINING SITE (N ^{oor})
11:15 am	IRAQ AL AMIR (NOOR AL HUSSEIN FUND PROJECT) microcredit
12:30 pm	ARRIVE Amman/ LUNCH
2:00 pm	AL AMAL CANCER CENTER
tbd	DINNER/MEETING WITH KING ABDULLAH
RON	Amman, Jordan

Monday, June 28

9:30 am	INSTITUTE FOR FAMILY HEALTH (NOOR AL HUSSEIN FUND)
10:30 am	QUEEN ZAIN SHARAF COMPLEX
12:00 pm	HIPPY
1:30 pm	LUNCH
3:00 pm	MICROCREDIT/WOMEN'S POLITICAL PANEL
tbd	MEETING WITH QUEEN NOOR - TBD
RON	Amman

Tuesday, June 29

8:00 am	DEPART Amman
8:30 am	ARRIVE Madaba
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3:45 pm	MICROCREDIT PROJECT DISPLAY	
5:00 pm	TOUR PETRA -Brown University Archaeological Students	
7:30 pm	DEPART for Queen Alia Airport	
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Wednesday, June 30

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tbd	ARRIVE Sanaa
10:15 am	MEETING WITH PRESIDENT
11:00 am	SPEECH AT NDI EMERGING DEMOCRACIES CONFERENCE
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2:30 pm	EMBASSY EVENT/USAID ALUMS
3:30 pm	VISIT OLD CITY/SOUK
5:00 pm	WADI DHAHR/USAID ALUMS tour
tbd	DEPART Sanaa
tbd	ARRIVE Andrews



cc: Melan
Schubert
WSC

REUMA WEIZMAN

ראומה ויצמן

Jerusalem, 25th January, 1999

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

I am very pleased to cordially invite you to join me and other women leaders at the "Promised Childhood Jerusalem 2000 Congress" from October 29th to November 3rd, 2000. The theme of the Congress, our children, the future generation, is always of primary concern to us. Their welfare takes on even greater dimensions, as we look ahead at the turn of the century.

This Congress is being held under the sponsorship of the International Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions, the World Association of Infant Mental Health and the International Society of Adolescent Psychiatry.

A wide range of subjects, concerning children's physical and mental health and their welfare, will be covered. Women leaders, who attend, can help share the agenda to address the issues which are of greatest interest to them and a special two day program and tour, will be arranged for them on Wednesday, November 1st and Thursday, November 2nd, 2000.

Not only will your presence and that of other women leaders have a profound impact on raising public awareness about topics of such vital importance to the development of our future generations, but this forum will also offer a unique opportunity for meeting other leaders and experts and for lending collective leadership to a subject about which we are all concerned.

I look forward to being able to welcome you in Jerusalem.

Sincerely,

Reuma Weizman
Wife of the President of Israel

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
Washington, D.C.
U.S.A.

AMBASSADOR OF ISRAEL
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שגריר ישראל
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cc: Michal
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March 11, 1999

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

It is my honor to forward to you the enclosed letter from Ms. Michal Modai,
the President of the Women's International Zionist Organization (WIZO).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zalman Shoval'.

Zalman Shoval

The First Lady of the United States of America
Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC





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The First Lady of the United States
Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton,
The White House,
Washington, U.S.A.

Dear Mrs Clinton,

I would deem it a great privilege and a special honour if you would accept my invitation to attend the 22nd World WIZO Conference to be held in Tel Aviv, between 17 - 23 January 2000.

I wrote to you in November 1998, prior to your December visit to Israel and Gaza, inviting you to address a large audience of women representing all walks of life in Israel. I of course well understand that your schedule was very busy and that much to our regret, you were unable to accept our invitation but I learned from the Israeli Embassy in Washington that it was considered as a possibility.

Our World WIZO Conference is held every four years in Israel, with leaders and delegates representing 250,000 WIZO members in our 50 Federations round the world. Among the topics which will be deliberated during the Conference is the "Status of Women in Israel and around the World". Your outstanding promotion of children and women's rights are an inspiration to all of us.

Even though I included some information about WIZO in my previous letter to you, I am repeating a few details. WIZO is a non-party voluntary organisation of Zionist women, recognised by the United Nations as a Non-Governmental Organisation, with membership in UNICEF and consultative status on ECOSOC.

WIZO, an international Movement, was founded in London in 1920 by a group of pioneering Jewish women. Since that time forth, WIZO has established 800 projects and services in Israel and has been at the forefront of the struggle for children, women and the needy in the Israeli society.



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You are probably aware of the activities of Haddasah throughout the U.S.A. For many years, WIZO was not active in the U.S.A. due to a "gentlemen's agreement" with Hadassah. However, things have changed and WIZO has been active in the USA since 1982 and holds a high profile and important role in the American Jewish Community. WIZO USA has chapters all over the country, including: New York, New Jersey, Cleveland, Washington, Chicago, Florida, Atlanta, Texas, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Orange County and San Diego.

WIZO's activities in Israel begin with the very young and over 52,000 infants, children and youth benefit from a network of services including: day care centers, therapeutic child centers and after school clubs. Tens of thousands of youngsters attend WIZO's networks of schools, youth villages and youth clubs. In addition, WIZO operates unique rehabilitation and advancement services of marginal youth and young girls in distress.

Since its inception, WIZO has been actively advancing and promoting the status of women in Israel. We operate two shelters and a half way house for battered women and their children, emergency hotlines, and three centers for the prevention and treatment of domestic violence. In recent years, WIZO has become involved in advancing women in politics by directly encouraging and supporting women candidates from all political parties, in an attempt to increase the number of women in the Knesset, whilst maintaining our non-partisan policy..

Our members all over the world, who are already preparing for this Conference, would be more than delighted and honoured if you could accept my invitation. I look forward to receiving your positive reply, and thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely yours,

Michal Modal
President World WIZO

PROPOSED USAID IDEAS FOR FLOTUS VISIT

In the four USAID countries to be covered in this visit, USAID has micro-credit programs in each location, girls' education programs in Egypt and Morocco, and women's empowerment issues in the Palestian territories and Egypt.

EGYPT

1. Support for the appointment of women as judges would be advanced through a meeting with prominent Egyptian female lawyers and legal officers, possibly together with key Egyptian (male) judges. Egypt is on the cusp of appointing women as judges, but needs encouragement to do so; having female judges is critical to the judiciary's understanding the perspective of the women before it; and as a lawyer Mrs. Clinton is uniquely qualified in this area.

Background to idea: Egypt does not appoint any women to either the regular judiciary or to the State Council (administrative law) judiciary (also the body from which Ministry legal advisors are usually drawn), although there is no legal impediment to doing so. The leading candidate for appointment as next head of the administrative prosecution is female, but opposition has been expressed based on her gender. Many other Arab countries, however, including conservative Sudan and Yemen, as well as Morocco, Tunisia, Lebanon, Jordan, and Syria, have a number of female judges.

There is currently a great deal of activity in support of appointing women as judges. For instance, a conference has just been held, under Mrs. Mubarak's patronage, on the role of women in the judiciary in other Arab countries, to build support for their appointment to the Egyptian judiciary. Mrs. Clinton's meeting with female legal leaders (both private lawyers and women in the GOE) would express support for appointment of women as judges, as well as for a larger role for women in other parts of the GOE legal establishment.

The arguments raised against the appointment of women as judges generally are (a) primarily, that they're too emotional and not tough enough to deal with the necessary sordid matters; (b) the regular judiciary is transferred from region to region from time to time (note-State Council judges are not); and (c) occasionally strictures of Islamic law are cited. On the last point, however, it should be noted that both Sudan and Yemen, which are much more conservative countries, have female judges, and many commentators state that the issue is one of interpretation of Islamic law, not immutable principles of Islamic law.

2. Girls education (including literacy training for female adolescents). This could be considered the principal focus or centerpiece for the visit -- a well-timed, natural follow-up to the Washington conference. Moreover, Mrs. Mubarak would certainly want to introduce Mrs. Clinton to one of the one-room schools supported under her initiative. Its importance relates to the broad returns to society it produces in terms of healthier families, greater family income and greater political participation. Note: MCH would be a subset of girls education, not a main theme.

3. Political empowerment/voter registration. Few Egyptian women vote because they can't register without an ID card and most women don't have a birth certificate or other official ID. USAID funded PVOs/NGOs are helping mothers secure official ID cards to help them access project funds. Those cards also allow the mothers to go on to register -- a very interesting link.

4. Women in micro-enterprise would be a good complement to girls education and political empowerment. It is also an important part of the USAID strategy for employment generation. While the Cairo Businessmen's Foundation doesn't have an aggressive women's enterprise section ala Assiut, the pool of women-owned businesses getting loans from the Cairo Foundation is large.

JORDAN

Women's concerns and micro-credit would be the two issues to emphasize in any visit to Jordan; female education and children would be lower down on the priority list as far as a visit to Jordan is concerned.

Micro-Credit

Micro-credit is an important element in USAID's program. Save the Children has been involved in this for awhile, and the Cooperative Housing Foundation (CHF) is just being launched in the southern part of the country. The Save program is focused entirely on women, and CHF will certainly benefit them. One advantage of a CHF program is that it could be part of a broader trip to the south, including Petra.

Women's Issues

HRH Princess Basma (sister to the King) and HM Queen Noor follow WID issues closely, with Princess Basma showing special interest in the political and legal position of women in Jordan. She is also interested in networking with other Arab women to advance the political, economic and social status of women in this part of the world. In addition, the Jordanian National

Committee for Women is working on proposing/changing laws that advance women's rights.

Among other things, USAID activities include work with the Princess Basma Women's Resource Center (PBWRC). USAID has also funded the development of a Women's Reference Center in Amman for the General Federation of Jordan Woman, an organization founded by Queen Noor.

Children

USAID is not heavily involved in specific programs for children, though the "well baby" clinics in the Comprehensive Post Partum Centers do provide health education on keeping children healthy. The Queen is interested in children's issues. She has formulated a "Task Force For Children," which is not very active due to funding shortfalls.

Female Education

Female literacy rates in Jordan are already very high and no donor organization is working specifically on formal education for girls (FYI: UNICEF in Jordan concentrates on early childhood development issues, including staff development, learning tools and toys to upgrade preschools and kindergartens, etc.). The 1994 census showed that the illiteracy rate for women 15 years and older is 21 percent, down from 24.4 percent in 1991. There is virtually no difference between enrollments for boys and girls in elementary school (98 percent reach grade five) and high school (54 percent reach high school) in Jordan.

WEST BANK/GAZA

In the West Bank and Gaza Strip, USAID can highlight an expanding micro-credit program through SC and the banks. SCF's program is targeted totally towards women.

A VERY big issue right now is the increasing pressure being put on women's groups, particularly the civil society groups, by Hamas. The struggle has turned into a vociferous struggle with threats of violence against the women. We are directly affected by the nervousness of these groups as USAID grantees (they are afraid that an association with USG will exacerbate the reaction to them). However, we are working with them in a very low key way to help with their struggle for women's rights. So far, the PA and PLC seem to be afraid to deal with this issue although the women have a few defenders. But, if Mrs. Clinton really comes here, she might be able to engage on the issue. This is very political though and State will have a view.

MOROCCO

Morocco's new government has pronounced its commitment to continued democratization and civil society development, while the U.S.G. has declared its commitment to establishing a "new bilateral relationship." A FLOTUS visit to Morocco in itself would signal the new/renewed relationship; a visit focused on our girls' education, micro-credit (with over 30% of recipients being female), and perhaps public/private partnerships would underline support for GOM's agenda.



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Mrs. Hillary Clinton,
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United States of America
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

I would like to wish you our heartiest
congratulations and very best wishes on your birthday,
and a lot of love from the children at the Warm Home
in Jaffa, Israel.

It is my great pleasure to let you know that
the "Warm Home" dedicated in your name, has
moved into its new building in Jaffa and that
both Jewish and Arab children will benefit from
the warmth and love that the "Warm Home" can
offer. The new Home has been awarded with the
recognition of excellence for the 50th Jubilee
of the State of Israel.

In view of the peace Accord signed last week
in Washington between Israel and the Palestinians,
I was given to understand that President Clinton
and you Mrs. Clinton will be guests of honour in
Gaza. At this opportunity, I would be delighted
to invite you to visit and open the "Warm Home"
and your presence would be our great honour and
bring much happiness and joy to the children.

With best wishes I am

Yours sincerely,

Shelly Hoshen
Shelly Hoshen
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DATE: November 3, 1998

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BOOK DONATION PROGRAMS FOR GAZA, WEST BANK AND JORDAN
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FIRST LADY'S MIDDLE EAST VISIT

1. Background: Book donations abroad and the First Lady

The First Lady's interest in joining Sabre to launch programs in the Middle East builds on an already successful relationship in four other countries.

In 1997 the First Lady sponsored a White House event honoring and launching Sabre book donation programs for orphanages in Romania and for elementary schools in Bosnia. Later, she met with Sabre's local affiliate in Ukraine in Lviv. In 1998, at her request, Sabre raised private funds to launch a highly successful donation program in Mongolia in conjunction with the Peace Corps, IREX and a consortium of Mongolian universities. The President and First Lady of Mongolia were prominently involved in this program.

2. Elements of a program

a) Non-Governmental partner organization-- Sabre partners with an NGO, which must be legally qualified to receive Sabre books and logistically capable to distribute books country-wide. Partners are responsible for their own funding and distribution costs. They select books from inventory lists provided by Sabre and arrange duty-free customs clearance.

b) Sabre funding-- Each program has its distinctive funding pattern, involving combinations of public and private sources. Typically, programs begin with country-specific private support (from grant-making foundations, ethnic and professional associations, private individuals). Then broader public support (warehousing costs from USIA, ocean freight reimbursement from AID) helps to sustain them in subsequent years.

c) Book inventory-- over 200 for-profit and non-profit publishers have contributed new books in current editions to Sabre's inventory. In addition, Sabre accepts limited private

collections of used books, typically from retired academics in a single subject area. Sabre accepts only 20% of the donations offered by publishers and private individuals. To preclude any possibility of shipping inappropriate materials, Sabre's NGO partners have the option of selecting titles and quantities directly from inventory by e-mail or fax. Sabre is continually soliciting new publishers in subject areas requested by its partners.

d) Logistics and costs of typical shipments-- Sabre packs and ships by the container load, trucking from its Clinton, MA, warehouse to port. Containers are delivered to a warehouse maintained by an overseas NGO partner for further distribution. A 40-foot container holds about 20,000 books, with a fair market value ranging from \$150,000 (for elementary books) to more than \$1 million (for medical and advanced technical books). Current US flag shipping costs from an East Coast port to the Middle East are about \$6000 warehouse-to-warehouse for a 40-foot container. Sabre budgets \$15,000 per container for processing and warehousing costs. One-time set up costs for a multi-year country program range from zero (when these are contributed off-budget) to \$25,000, with an average of about \$10,000.

3. Previous experience in the Arab world

a) West Bank/Gaza

In August 1998 Sabre had to dissolve a long and carefully planned program for the Palestinian Authority, when its Palestinian NGO partner proved unable to assure duty-free delivery and distribution from Haifa to Ramallah and beyond. This was a disappointment, as it was two years in the making and included a field visit by Sabre staff and a very carefully screened 40-foot container of nearly 20,000 brand-new books covering the full range of Sabre's inventory-- elementary, secondary, reference, college, professional and medical. When the local partner proved unable to accept this shipment, to which they had devoted considerable effort in selecting titles and quantities, the material was sent to an American-sponsored university in the Kyrgyz Republic for its own use and country-wide distribution.

b) Jordan

Sabre will this month sign a formal agreement with the Peace Corps to supply about 100,000 books (5 containers) in support of Peace Corps Volunteer Projects. Jordan is a country that has been discussed for this program, but no decision has been made by the Peace Corps.

c) Algeria

Sabre currently has two staff members in Algeria, at the request

of the US Ambassador, to prepare a feasibility study for programs there.

4. Requirements for jump-starting a program in the Palestinian Authority

a) Administrative: A new NGO partner. Sabre will provide on request the legal specifications for qualification. Equally important is the ability of the partner to select appropriate materials from Sabre's inventory and to assure efficient delivery, without resale, on an equitable basis. Note the importance of the partner's selection of materials to be shipped in a politically and religiously sensitive part of the world.

b) New Funding: to cover set-up/legal costs and a first shipment, probably around \$25,000. We assume no availability of funds in our current budget since the allocation for the West Bank was expended on a shipment that went elsewhere.

5. Requirements for a parallel program in Jordan

a) Administrative: A Peace Corps decision to arrange for a partner and local distribution.

b) New Funding: none. We assume 100% availability of funds under our FY'99 budget.

6. Other programs-- Sabre often follows book donation with Internet and other training in digital technologies, in-country translation and publication, scientific journal subscriptions at reduced cost, and other library-building projects.

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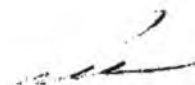
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Shmuel Goren

HRC says: "should consider"

October 22, 1996

Mrs. Hilary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C.
U.S.A.

פרופ' חנוך גוטפרינד
נשיא
Prof. Hanoch Gutfreund
President

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

On behalf of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, it is my pleasure to invite you to be our guest of honor at a special dinner, organized by our very active Jerusalem Friends.

Your presence at the dinner will also afford us the opportunity to confer upon you the degree of Doctor Philosophiae Honoris Causa of our University in recognition of your many years of public service.

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem was established in 1925 as the University of the Jewish people and thus long preempted the establishment of the State of Israel. The University is the preeminent research university of Israel and is universally renowned for its academic excellence. It has a student enrolment of over 23,000.

Knowing of your interest in the Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY), we would like to suggest that during your visit you meet with some of the scholars and researchers who initiated this program. As you probably know, this program was established as a research project in 1969 by Professor Avima Lombard of the School of Education at the Hebrew University. Today thousands of Israeli mothers are trained to be at-home teachers of their 3-5 year-olds to prepare them for school.

No date has as yet been fixed for the dinner but we could set any date convenient to you during 1997.

It is our sincere hope that you will find it possible to accept this invitation, in which case it is hardly necessary to state that you may be assured of a most warm welcome.

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Sincerely,

VISIT OF FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON TO WEST BANK/GAZA

TENTATIVE ACTIVITY SITE VISITS

1. The Palestinian Working Women's Society (PWWS), a Palestinian NGO

Location: a rural community in the West Bank (perhaps near Ramallah, Bethlehem or Nablus)

Visit includes: attending a civic education session of a local women's group

Approximate visit time: TBD

Possible Event: meet with the rural Palestinian women to receive and exchange information on their roles as citizens and participation in the governing system.

2. Women's employment, Palestinian-Israeli Cooperation, Gaza Industrial Estate

Location: Gaza Industrial Estate on the Palestinian side of the Gaza/Israel border, 10-15 minutes from the Erez Checkpoint (crossing from Israel to Gaza).

Visit includes: viewing the completed first phase of construction (22 factory buildings)

Approximate visit time: TBD

Possible Event: Meet several of the 16 "pioneer" investors, discuss their reasons for choosing to locate factories at this site, and observe factories in action.

3. Deir Istiya Village (West Bank) in conjunction with the UNDP

Location: a village in northern West Bank, not far from Nablus.

Visit includes: viewing the water transmission line to the village and a water distribution network and reservoir within the village

Approximate visit time: TBD

Possible Event: visit the water reservoir and the small mother and child health clinic nearby

4. Marda Village (West Bank) water activity

Location: village in northern West Bank, about half way between Nablus and Ramallah

Visit includes:

Approximate visit time: TBD

Possible Event: meet with the Association of Women's Committees for Social work (a Palestinian group) to discuss the benefits this reliable, inexpensive source of water has

had on women's well-being and in improving family health, especially the children.

5. Women's Leaders - Women's Affairs Technical Committee (WATC) - a Palestinian NGO

Location: Ramallah (West Bank) and Gaza City

Visit includes: meeting with about five women leaders

Approximate visit time: TBD

Possible event: Discussion on a range of political perspectives and the priority concerns expressed by Palestinian women, such as equality for women, freedom of expression and inclusion of women in the public policy process

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THE **MARTTILA** COMMUNICATIONS GROUP INC.

Memo To: Melanne Verveer
From: John Marttila, The Marttila Communications Group
Stephen P. Cohen, Chief Policy Advisor, Center for Mideast Peace
Subject: A new consensus about peace and security in Israel.
Date: May 21, 1999

The phrase watershed election is used much too frequently by analysts to describe elections of only modest consequence, but the Israeli election held last Monday truly warrants the description. By any measure, this was a watershed election in Israel's history.

With the election of Ehud Barak as their next Prime Minister, the Israeli people have decisively embraced a *new national consensus about peace and security in the region*, and they have legitimately taken Israel into what could be a new era in the history of the Mideast.

Barak, who with perfect political pitch, described himself during the campaign as a hawkish dove, promised to resume negotiations with the Palestinians, and to work immediately to improve relations with other Arab countries. His pledge spoke to the national consensus that has emerged since Prime Minister Netanyahu's election in 1996, and one that took shape, in reaction to many of Netanyahu's policies.

In the closing weeks of the campaign, in an effort to rescue a campaign that was clearly in trouble, Netanyahu fervently tried to reprise the security concerns of his last campaign by running news footage of past acts of terrorism in his television commercials. His last-minute appeals failed; the people of Israel had already made the decision to move to a different future.

We make these observations based upon extensive, in-depth polling that our organizations conducted in Israel during the final seven weeks of the election. In total, we conducted more than 3,500 interviews in three national surveys; and while some of the research tracked the election's progress, most of it dealt with a wide range of foreign policy and domestic issues.

We are sending a copy of some of the polling highlights. Within the next few weeks, we will send a more detailed analysis.

Negotiations with the Palestinians and the Arabs.

- By a margin of 84-11%, Israeli voters agreed that the only road to stability is cooperation with the neighboring Arab countries.
- By a margin of 80-15%, Israeli voters agreed that Israelis should learn to live with Palestinians for the long-term.
- By a margin of 70-25%, Israeli voters agreed a Palestinian state is a fact that cannot be stopped.
- By a margin of 72-21%, Israeli voters agreed the Oslo agreement should not be canceled.
- By a margin of 67-21%, Israeli voters agreed that one day there will be lasting peace in the region.
- And, by a margin of 56-39%, Israeli voters agreed that a Palestinian state is conditional to the existence of peace.

Regardless of their yearning for regional stability, however, Israelis are not starry-eyed optimists about the road to peace; a basic lack of trust about Palestinian and Arab intentions endure.

- By margins of 64-31%, voters agreed that Arafat can not be trusted.
- By margins of 68-22%, voters disagreed with the idea that the Palestinian state would never become a base for terrorism.
- By margins of 78-12%, voters agreed that in the short run, some Arab countries will have nuclear weapons.
- By margins of 67-17%, voters believe it is likely that one of the Arab countries will launch a surprise missile attack on Israel.
- By margins of 69-23%, voters rejected the notion that Arafat is doing his best to stop terrorism.
- By margins of 59-35%, voters rejected the notion that Israel has to give up the Golan heights to have peace with Syria.
- By margins of 54-33%, voters agreed that Arabs wouldn't hesitate to use biological weapons against Israel.
- And, by margins of 48-41%, voters agreed that the Arabs have a multi-stage plan to destroy the country.

How does one make sense of these seemingly conflicting views? On the one hand, Israelis seem determined to get on with the business of peace. On the other hand, they remain deeply suspicious of Arab intentions.

It is not uncommon for voters, of any country, to hold what appear to be conflicting views as they work through complicated public policy issues. And since the late 1970s, the widespread doubts about Arab motives among Israeli voters had generally gained ascendancy over their desires for resolving relations with the Palestinians and the Arab countries in the region.

The political result of these doubts was the election of three Likud prime ministers, Menachem Begin, Yitzhak Shamir and Bibi Netanyahu. Since its founding, the Likud party has presented itself to the Israeli people as the guardians of Israel's security. Only Yitzhak Rabin, the former assassinated prime minister and another Israeli military hero, was able to break the Likud electoral lock for his Labor Party during this twenty year period.

Actually, the Israeli attitudes towards security issues and the Arab world, are very similar to attitudes held by U.S. citizens toward the Soviet Union during the last decade of the cold war.

Poll results that we conducted during that time revealed a truly unshakable national consensus about what the U.S. government's approach to the Soviet Union should be. Put simply, Americans wanted our leaders to be involved in *continuing negotiations* with the Kremlin to reduce the threat of nuclear war. But because Americans also harbored grave suspicions about the Soviet system and its leadership, they believed negotiations should proceed very cautiously, and that we should negotiate from a position of maximum strength.

Thus, the emerging political consensus in Israel is virtually identical to the one that existed in the U.S. during the final stages of the cold war -- and it helps explain why Ehud Barak, the most highly decorated soldier in Israel's history, was elected. Barak is seen by Israelis as someone who will be the tough negotiator that Israel's security requires, but unlike Netanyahu, he *will* negotiate - rather than continue to look for reasons *not* to go to the bargaining table.

Barak even talked calmly about the possibility of a Palestinian state, a topic, which, up until this point in Israel's history, was one of the third rails of Israeli politics. And he was not afraid to address the issue even while Netanyahu was frantically fanning the flames on the topic. But since 70% of Israelis believe a Palestinian state is inevitable, Netanyahu's heated political rhetoric fell largely on deaf ears.

Could somebody with less of a storied military record have defeated Bibi Netanyahu? Given the continuing doubts about Arab motives, it must remain an open question. But the poll results clearly reveal that Israelis wanted a different course. *And importantly, exit polls conducted the day of the election, revealed that 65% of Barak's supporters voted for him because they wanted him to push the peace process forward.*

So at a minimum, Barak, the man, met the historical moment. In a very real sense, the issue of Israeli security is the gateway through which all aspiring national Israeli leaders must pass before they can discuss other political issues. The U.S.-Soviet relationship was a similar gateway for U.S. presidential candidates during the cold war.

Ultimately, because Barak was so widely trusted on security issues, he was able to devote much of his campaign to domestic issues, particularly to education and to Israel's troubled economy. As you know, the Barak campaign did not take his security credentials for granted -- they ran biographical advertising that featured Barak's impressive military record, and his legitimate acts of heroism.

As one final indication of a fundamental shift in Israeli attitudes, we asked Israeli voters the following question:

- Some people say that Israel has reached a new point in its history, that it is time to develop practical working relations with the Arab countries in the region, and to get on with our own business of educating our children, building a prosperous country and dealing with our internal issues.

Others say that nothing has really changed, that Jewish destiny does not allow us to let down our guard, that our enemies remain, and that maintaining our own security, and keeping our own way of life, is as always our most important priority.

By margins of 52-33%, Israelis indicated that Israel had reached a new era in its history.

Not surprisingly, among those Israelis who indicated that Israel was entering a new era, Barak held a commanding lead. Among those 52%, Barak led Netanyahu by margins of 62-28%.

Barak's decisive victory was not the only indication that Israelis wanted to get on with the business of regional negotiations: the Likud party, the hawks of the Israeli political establishment, were devastated in the parliamentary elections. Likud won only 18 seats in the 120 member Knesset, a historic low for the party.

The U.S.-Israel Relationship.

Another aspect of the national security issue that hurt Netanyahu's chances for re-election was a widely held view among Israelis that he had badly damaged U.S.-Israeli relations.

Also, Israelis believed that Netanyahu had a very poor working relationship with President Clinton, a tremendously popular figure in the country. Vice President Gore who is less well known, is also very popular among those who know him.

The U.S. relationship is crucially important to most Israelis and the following poll results are testimony to that view.

- By margins of 89-8%, voters agreed US support is crucial to Israel.
- President Clinton's favorability rating were 88% favorable and only 9% unfavorable, truly impressive figures.
- By margins of 81-12%, voters agreed that Bill Clinton is a true friend of Israel.
- By margins of 67-24%, voters agreed that Bill Clinton would never sign an agreement which endangers Israel.
By margins of 61-36%, voters agreed that Prime Minister Netanyahu is responsible for worsening the relationship with the U.S.
- By margins of 62-26%, voters agreed that Bill Clinton does not like Bibi Netanyahu very much.
- And finally, by margins of 49-22%, voters believed that Barak would be a better partner to Bill Clinton than Netanyahu.

The Ultra-Orthodox.

Any analysis of the 1999 Israeli election would not be complete without some discussion of how the increased tension between the religious and secular communities played out during the campaign. Here again, the research reveals that Israeli voters wanted to distance themselves from Netanyahu's legacy.

Netanyahu was severely criticized by secular leaders for acquiescing too frequently to the religious and funding demands of the ultra-Orthodox community. The following poll results indicate that these criticisms were widely shared.

- By margins of 70-27%, voters agreed that the Orthodox were trying to influence life in Israel too much.
- By margins of 65-33%, voters agreed that there should be a definite separation between religion and politics.
- By margins of 65-33%, voters agreed that there was not much in common between "me and the Orthodox".
- By margins of 58-38%, voters agreed that civil and reform marriages should be allowed in Israel.
- By margins of 59-35%, voters rejected the idea that Israeli courts don't respect the Orthodox.

- 48% of Israeli Jews believed that the growth in the Orthodox population is weakening Israel.
- And, by margins of 46-16%, voters believed that Barak, and not Netanyahu, would do a better job of preventing the Orthodox control of Israeli life.

It is clear that many voters who cast their ballots for Barak, were also voting to limit the increasing influence of the ultra-Orthodox in the country.

However, the ultra-Orthodox increased their political representation in the Knesset -- dramatically so. Beyond Barak's decisive victory, the most notable electoral development in this election was the stunning parliamentary success of the Shas party, the political party which is seen to represent the goals and aspirations of the ultra-Orthodox. Shas gained seven seats in the Knesset, moving from 10 to 17 members; once again, Likud fell to 18 seats. Shas is now the third largest party in the Knesset.

Netanyahu needed Shas to maintain his shaky political coalition, but when the true believers of the Shas party were offered the choice to vote for Likud or Shas, they voted for the real thing. The lessons for Likud must be sobering; Shas may have helped them achieve some of their national political objectives -- but, ultimately the ultra-Orthodox became a force that actually weakened Likud's representation in the Knesset.

The Israeli Arabs.

There was one more striking finding from our research that points to an issue that will be with Israel for the foreseeable future, and that is the challenge of fully assimilating the rapidly growing population of Israeli-Arabs, the Arab citizens of Israel, who now represent about 16% of Israel's total population.

We asked a question of Israeli Jews, not including the Russian population, who make up about 75% of Israel's population. The results were stunning:

- Which of the following posed a greater threat to Israel's existence: The neighboring Arab nations because they pose a military threat to Israel, or the increase in the Arab-Israeli population because they are a threat to national unity. 43% indicated the increase in the Arab-Israeli population was the greater threat, while 42% indicated the military threat of the neighboring Arab nations was a greater threat.

- Israeli Jews were also asked whether the increase in Arab population was weakening or strengthening Israel, 76% said the internal Arab population growth was weakening Israel, while only 3% said the growth was strengthening Israel. By contrast, 53% of Israeli Jews said that an increase in the Russian population was strengthening Israel, while 22% said it was weakening Israel.

The implications of these findings are clear: true reconciliation with the Arab citizens of Israel will be one of the next great tests of the country.

Prime Minister Bibi Netanyahu.

It is no surprise that Bibi Netanyahu began this election in serious political trouble. However, most news reports did not reveal the full extent of his difficulties at the beginning of the campaign.

The following poll results, taken from a late March survey of 1,600 Israelis (1,000 Israeli Jews, 300 Russians, 300 Israeli-Arabs), indicate just how far Netanyahu had fallen.

- Netanyahu's re-elect score was only 26%, a genuinely terrible rating. Further, 45% said they would definitely vote for someone else.
- His overall job rating, 38% approve-58% disapprove was very bad, and his economic ratings were even worse, 29-66%.
- Netanyahu's personal favorability ratings (44-52%) were a net negative.
- The national right direction/wrong track ratings for the country (27-59%) are also terrible for Netanyahu. In 1991, the negative right direction/wrong track numbers were the first indication that George Bush could be defeated in 1992, but few American analysts paid much attention to them.
- The self-described left (31% of the electorate) were completely with Barak. In a two-way race, Barak led Netanyahu by 95-2% among the left.

Netanyahu had a similarly firm grip on the self-described right (41% of the electorate). He led Barak by 86 to 5% in a two-way race among the right.

However, among the self-described center (23% of the electorate), Barak was leading Netanyahu by 54 to 21%. Thus, the center became a key political battleground of the election, and the Barak campaign did a masterful job of securing it, and then increasing Barak's lead within it.

- The overall poll showed Barak leading Netanyahu by 8 points in a two-way race.

Thus, Bibi Netanyahu was on the wrong side of history on many of the key issues facing Israel. And, given the shift in Israeli attitudes that we have documented, his attempt to use the "security card" to rescue his dying campaign was doomed to failure.

Was Barak's victory inevitable? Absolutely not. Barak and his advisors ran a disciplined, first-rate campaign, one, that truly fulfilled the promise of his candidacy -- and one that cut off Netanyahu's potential political openings.

More importantly, Barak's victory may very well represent a major turning point in the history of Israel.

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March 29, 1999

Mrs. Hillary Clinton
The White House
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Dear Mrs. Clinton,

We want to thank you once again for hosting the American Friends of the Yitzhak Rabin Center at the White House earlier this month. Your warmth and hospitality touched everyone in attendance and we will remember the reception and the ceremony for a long time to come.

During that very special ceremony, at which the Rabin Center awarded you and the President the Shalom Chaver Award for International Leadership, you graciously agreed to serve as the third speaker in the Rabin Lecture Series.

The Rabin Lecture is given annually on the anniversary of Yitzhak Rabin's assassination, which, as you know, is a national day of mourning in Israel. Dr. Henry Kissinger launched the series in 1997, speaking on "The United States and Middle Eastern Policy in a Changing Global Arena." The 1998 speaker was Mr. Edgar Bronfman, who lectured on the subject "A Renaissance of Jewish Life in the 21st Century: Challenges and Opportunities."

This year the anniversary, which is observed according to the Hebrew calendar, is on October 21st. We would schedule the lecture according to your convenience, up to one month after the official date.

Your address will, of course, attract a most distinguished audience, and will be the center of national attention. We would be more than happy to arrange meetings with individuals and visits to sites that would be of interest to you.



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Please let us know who we should be in touch with from your staff to coordinate the date and the logistics of your visit. We also look forward to hearing from you what the topic of your lecture will be.

Once again we thank you for agreeing to perpetuate Yitzhak Rabin's memory by taking part in the Rabin Lecture Series.

Sincerely,

D. Rabin-Pelossof
Dalia Rabin-Pelossof
Chair, Executive Committee

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Prof. Anita Shapira
Head of the Rabin Center

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JULY 25 AND JULY 27-28, 1999 (TRACKER NO. 8203)

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1. KAY MAXWELL, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (LWVUS), CONDUCTED THREE SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM DAYS IN ISRAEL, SHARING HER EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE FROM THE LWVUS WITH ISRAEL'S ARAB AND JEWISH WOMEN LEADERS, WOMEN POLITICAL CANDIDATES, NGO'S, AND JOURNALISTS. EXTREMELY KNOWLEDGEABLE, DYNAMIC, AND AN EXCEPTIONAL SPEAKER, MAXWELL WAS ABLE TO ADAPT HER PRESENTATIONS TO ALL HER VARIED AUDIENCES, ADVISING WOMEN LEADERS FROM ALL SECTORS ON HOW TO DEVELOP THEIR LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND ADVANCE THEMSELVES POLITICALLY. HER PROGRAMS WERE COVERED BY THE PRESS. THE IMPACT OF HER VISIT IS ALREADY BEING FELT. END SUMMARY.

2. RESULTS REPORTING:

A. ACTIVITY: ON JULY 25, MAXWELL CONDUCTED A LIVELY HALF-DAY WORKSHOP AT THE AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER IN JERUSALEM FOR NGO'S WORKING TO ADVANCE THE PEACE PROCESS, TO IMPROVE THE STATUS OF MINORITIES, AND TO INCREASE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS. MAXWELL PROVIDED PRACTICAL ADVICE ON

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WORKING WITH BOARDS OF DIRECTORS, ESTABLISHING MISSION STATEMENTS, FUNDRAISING, AND WORKING WITH THE PRESS.

ON JULY 27, MAXWELL'S PROGRAM IN TEL AVIV INCLUDED A WORKSHOP WITH ISRAELI ARAB WOMEN LEADERS, COORDINATED WITH THE ADVISER ON THE STATUS OF ARAB WOMEN AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE. SHE ALSO PARTICIPATED IN A DINNER/DISCUSSION FOR WOMEN LEADERS AND UNSUCCESSFUL 15TH KNESSET WOMEN CANDIDATES HOSTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE AUTHORITY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE.

ON JULY 28, SHE WAS THE GUEST OF HONOR AT A LUNCHEON HOSTED BY THE AMBASSADOR, ATTENDED BY 40 ARAB AND JEWISH WOMEN LEADERS AND JOURNALISTS. FINALLY, SHE LED A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH CEO WOMEN LEADERS AND POLITICALLY AND SOCIALLY ACTIVE WOMEN FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOSTED BY THE UNION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES, A COALITION OF WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE EXECUTIVE FORUM OF WOMEN MANAGERS.

B. DATE, YEAR, QUARTER: JULY 25, 27-28, FY'99, QUARTER 4.

C. JUSTIFICATION: KAY MAXWELL ALLOWED POST TO ENGAGE IMPORTANT AUDIENCES ON TWO FIERCELY RELEVANT ISSUES SIMULTANEOUSLY: WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT AND NGO MANAGEMENT. THE STATUS OF WOMEN HAS BECOME FRONT-PAGE NEWS, AND KAY MAXWELL WAS ABLE TO PROFFER SUBSTANTIVE ADVICE ON THE ISSUE BEFORE HIGH-POWERED AUDIENCES, INCLUDING THE JUST-NAMED MINISTER OF IMMIGRANT ABSORPTION. MAXWELL WAS ALSO INSTRUMENTAL IN PROFFERING NUTS-AND-BOLTS ADVICE TO REPRESENTATIVES OF ISRAELI NGO'S, A SECTOR INCREASINGLY CALLED UPON TO FOMENT SOCIAL CHANGE BUT, PARADOXICALLY, UNDERFUNDED AND FREQUENTLY MISMANAGED. POST DEPENDS ON NGO'S TO CARRY SIGNIFICANT WATER ON ISSUES SUCH AS CIVIL SOCIETY AND PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE PROJECTS, AND MAXWELL WAS ABLE TO SPEAK AUTHORITATIVELY ON POLITICALLY EMPOWERING WOMEN GENERALLY AND, SPECIFICALLY, HOW TO DO SO WHILE RUNNING A SUCCESSFUL NGO.

D. C/P THEME AND AUDIENCE REACHED: C/P GOAL 3: SUPPORT FOR TOLERANCE, PLURALISM, AND CIVIC CONSENSUS IN ISRAELI SOCIETY.

E. RESULT/IMPACT: OUTSTANDING.
MAXWELL'S MESSAGE WAS RELAYED LOUD AND CLEAR TO HER AUDIENCES ON WAYS TO IMPROVE WOMEN'S POLITICAL EMPOWERMENT AND LEADERSHIP.

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AS A RESULT OF HER VISIT, THE LWVUS PROGRAM FOR MENTORING YOUNG GIRLS AND THE YALE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL FOR WOMEN CANDIDATES ARE EACH BEING STUDIED AS POSSIBLE MODELS FOR USE HERE IN ISRAEL. LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS HANDOUTS AND "HOW TO" KITS SUPPLIED BY MAXWELL GREATLY ENHANCED THIS PROGRAM'S EFFECTIVENESS. PARTICIPANTS ARE PLANNING TO TRANSLATE THE MATERIAL INTO ARABIC AND HEBREW FOR UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 TEL AVIV 011547

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USE HERE IN ISRAEL.

POST ORGANIZED A DINNER FOR MAXWELL WITH LEADING WOMEN ACTIVISTS, INCLUDING ONE WHO WAS SUBSEQUENTLY NAMED TO THE BARAK CABINET AS MINISTER OF IMMIGRANT ABSORPTION AND WHO HAS ALREADY BECOME THE LEADING VOICE IN THE CABINET ON WOMEN'S ISSUES.

FURTHERMORE, OVER DINNER THE GROUP BRAINSTORMED TO PREPARE A PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTING THE STATUS OF WOMEN FOR THE EXPECTED VISIT TO ISRAEL BY FIRST LADY HILLARY CLINTON. GIVEN THAT ONE OF THE GROUP IS NOW A CABINET MINISTER, IT IS LIKELY THAT THE ISSUE WILL BE RAISED DURING THE RUN-UP TO ANY SUCH VISIT.

MEDIA COVERAGE: AN ARTICLE ON MAXWELL'S NGO WORKSHOP WAS PUBLISHED BY THE "JERUSALEM POST" ON JULY 26, 1999. CHANNEL TWO TELEVISION ON JULY 31 BROADCAST A CLIP WITH KAY MAXWELL FROM HER JULY 27 PRESENTATION TO WOMEN LEADERS. A REPEAT BROADCAST WAS AIRED ON MONDAY, AUGUST 3, ON ISRAEL EDUCATIONAL TV.

F. FUNDING: THE SPEAKER WAS FUNDED BY POST'S I-ACCOUNT. POST ALSO PAID FOR SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION SERVICES FOR THE ARAB WOMEN LEADERS PROGRAM. THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, THE EXECUTIVE

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G. AGENCY SUPPORT: EXCELLENT. SINCERE THANKS TO
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