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1. AMERICA -- THE PLURALISTIC SOCIETY

WE LIVE IN A PLURALISTIC NATION -- A COUNTRY OF MINORITIES, EACH WITH A DISTINCT AND PROUD HERITAGE. COMBINED THEY MAKE UP THE FASCINATING MOSAIC THAT IS AMERICAN LIFE.

WE HAVE NO SINGLE AMERICAN IDENTITY. ON THE CONTRARY, IT IS ONLY IN TOTALITARIAN REGIMES THAT THERE IS AN OFFICIAL IDENTITY THAT ALL THE PEOPLE MUST CONFORM TO.

WE HAVE ALL LEARNED THIS LESSON FROM THE SOCIAL UPHEAVELS OF THE PAST FEW DECADES.

WE HAVE LEARNED THAT AMERICA IS MORE THAN JUST ONE BIG MELTING POT.

AMERICA IS A TAPESTRY OF MANY COLORS, BELIEFS, AND CULTURES.

UP UNTIL VERY RECENTLY, WHOLE SEGMENTS OF OUR PEOPLE DID NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THEIR FULL CONTRIBUTION TO THE NATION'S WELFARE.

YOU KNOW FOR HOW LONG THE DOORS TO AMERICA'S EXECUTIVE SUITES--AND MANY OTHER DOORS AS WELL--WERE CLOSED TO JEWS, SOME STILL ARE.

IT WASN'T UNTIL 1960 THAT THE DOOR TO THE WHITE HOUSE SWUNG OPEN FOR A CATHOLIC--AND IT IS STILL CLOSED TO MANY, MANY AMERICANS.

MANY, MANY DOORS ARE STILL CLOSED TO BLACKS, TO WOMEN, TO SPANISH-SPEAKING AMERICANS, TO AMERICANS OF EASTERN AND SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DESCENT.

WE ARE ALL THE LOSERS BECAUSE OF THESE MANY CLOSED  
DOORS.

2. MAKING PLURALISM WORK

IF WE ARE TO HAVE A HEALTHY PLURALISTIC AMERICA, THEN  
WE MUST RESOLVE TO DEFINE A NEW RIGHT--THE RIGHT OF EVERY  
AMERICAN TO KNOW HIS OR HER OWN HERITAGE.

THE PROVISION OF KOSHER FOODS MUST BE VIEWED AS A  
BASIC RIGHT. IT IS NOT A PRIVILEGE OR A LUXURY. IN OUR  
PLURALISTIC SOCIETY, WE MUST RESPECT THE CUSTOMS AND RITUALS  
THAT EACH GROUP OBSERVES.

I CALL, HERE AND NOW, FOR THE PRESIDENT TO ISSUE AN EXECUTIVE ORDER SPECIFYING THAT FEDERALLY FUNDED MEAL PROGRAMS MUST PROVIDE KOSHER FOOD FOR ALL WHO WANT IT.

ANOTHER AREA IN WHICH WE CAN AND MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION IS ON THE PROTECTION OF SABBATH OBSERVERS. THERE ARE MILLIONS OF AMERICANS, OF BOTH THE JEWISH AND THE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST FAITH, WHO ARE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BECAUSE THEIR DAY OF SABBATH IS SATURDAY.

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3. THE LESSON OF PLURALISM ABROAD -- THE ISSUE OF JERUSALEM

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IT MEANS WE MUST RECOGNIZE THE REALITY OF THE JEWISH  
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AUTONOMY. "JERUSALEM THE GOLDEN" IS ONCE AGAIN A SINGLE  
THRIVING VIBRANT CITY.

LET US WELCOME A UNITED JERUSALEM, THAT HOLY CITY  
MUST NOT BE DIVIDED BY WALLS, BY BARBED WIRE, BY HATRED,  
IT IS AND MUST BE ONE CITY, A SYMBOL OF LOVE AND THE IDEAL  
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*my Jew. v. S.P.*  
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