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Embassy of Israel
Washington, D.C.

April 13, 1991

It is good to be with old friends again. The Hebrew University of Jerusalem means a great deal to me, having served on its Jerusalem Board; as National President and Board Chairman of the American Friends of the Hebrew University; and as Chairman of the University's Truman Institute for Peace.

The pursuit of education within our Jewish tradition is not only a duty, but among the highest of human values. It is, therefore, understandable that in Palestine, in the midst of the first World War, with the sound of guns in the air, a number of world Jewish leaders led by Chaim Weizman, laid the cornerstone on Mt. Scopus for the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. This was at a time when the establishment of the State was only a dream. It is significant that we in America, also motivated by the same values, established some of our great universities before we established our government.

It is said that a university is a building that has four walls with tomorrow inside. The high academic and moral standards of the University on Mt. Scopus assures a bright tomorrow for Israel and its aspirations. All of you who are here this evening contribute to that future.

You and I are today living in a dramatic period of growing democratization in the world. I have the honor to serve as Chairman of Freedom House, an organization which is in its 50th year. We publish the only authoritative report card on how more than 165 countries of the world live up to well-established criteria for freedom. Our report this year is that a larger number of people today live under conditions of freedom than ever before; and that a larger percentage of both people and governments are today freer than ever before in recorded human history.

Those of us who try to carry forward the values of our Jewish traditions so that we may have the right to be called "The People of the Book" understand the intimacy of education to Judaism and to human dignity. If there is any meaning, furthermore, to the term "chosen people" and if there is any justification for the inexplicable survival of the Jewish people over the ages, when they could have been just a footnote in the pages of history, it must be in our identification with the lessons and values of the Book.

The ancient Hebrew tribes made their historic contribution to civilization by proclaiming to their neighbors that there was only one God. The immense significance of that insight was in the concept that if there is only one God, then all of us are His children and brothers and sisters to one another.

Thus, the Talmud question: "Why did God create only one man?" And the response: in order that all men would have the same ancestor, and no man could claim superiority over another.

Democracy is the political expression of that religious ethic. The notion that human beings are the children of God and that they have the potential for developing that which is God-like within them is the root justification for learning, just as it is for democracy.

The trend toward freedom and democracy is prompted not only by a deep inner drive for human dignity, but by the growing realization that democracy works best. Governments and societies everywhere are discovering that keeping up with change requires openness to information, new ideas, and the freedom which enables ingenuity to germinate and flourish. A closed tightly-controlled society cannot compete in a world experiencing an information explosion that knows no national boundaries.

I am convinced that the Middle East cannot escape this momentum toward liberty. Today, Israel is the only democracy in the area. Today, it is only the Arabs living in Israel who can

freely vote and choose those who govern them. Tomorrow it may be the Arabs living in the West Bank who can vote. Arabs in Egypt, Jordan, Algeria and Tunisia are today beginning to create the political parties to provide a basis for the democracy they seek.

This process will grow. Monarchies and tyrannies will disappear in the region. Israel will not be alone as a Middle East democracy. The states and peoples in the Middle East will come to realize what is increasingly evident -- that in this evolving age of dramatic technological, scientific and political change, we cannot escape from one another. We are bound together in an equation that makes the security of each of us dependent upon that of the other. Economic development, the development of water resources, the availability of power, the conquering of disease, the security of life and limb -- all these require cooperation among the states of the Middle East.

In this context, the man whom we honor this evening, our host, is a most appropriate and deserving awardee. Israel's Ambassador to the United States, Zalman Shoval is a symbol of the generation which understands the dynamics of the changes we are experiencing. As a man of learning, he has many strings to his bow of accomplishments. After his education in Israel, he came to the United States for his undergraduate studies, earning

a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations from the University of California at Berkeley. He then attended the Graduate Institute of International Studies at the University of Geneva in Switzerland, receiving an advanced degree in political science and international relations.

Determined to use his learning to strengthen his country, Mr. Shoval entered his government's foreign service, and then began a highly successful career in the world of banking, finance and industry. In 1970, he became a member of the Knesset as part of the independent Rafi Party established by David Ben-Gurion. During that eleven year period, he served as a member of Israel's delegation to the United Nations General Assembly and also represented his government at the annual meeting of the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

In 1978, Israel's Foreign Minister, Moshe Dayan, brought Mr. Shoval back to the foreign ministry, appointing him as head of its Foreign Information Activities, a post in which he served until after the Camp David Conference and the signing of the Israel-Egypt Peace Treaty. In 1988, he was again elected to the Knesset on the Likud list.

Ambassador Shoval holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Israeli Army Reserve. He has written numerous articles in Hebrew, English, French and German on political, historical and

economic topics, published in various Israeli and foreign newspapers and periodicals.

Ambassador Shoval and I have been friends for a long time. I am proud of our friendship. He and his lovely wife, Kena, are admirably suited to represent their government and its people here in the United States during this sensitive and demanding period in our relations. That appointment is a coveted one and is a tribute to his skills, ability, experience and commitments.

The prestigious Hebrew University S. Y. Agnon Gold Medal Award is named for Israel's first nobel laureate, Shmuel Yosef Agnon. It is presented to distinguished public figures and leaders whose contributions to educational, cultural and intellectual life merits outstanding appreciation. The Award symbolizes the Hebrew University's highest standards of achievement and aspiration. I am pleased to present that Award this evening to Ambassador Zalman Shoval.



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April 23, 1991

Ambassador Max Kampelman
Fried, Frank, Harris Shriver & Jacobson
1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, #800
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Max:

On behalf of all of the participants in our recent Board meeting weekend in Washington, DC, please accept our sincere thanks and gratitude for your insightful comments at the Saturday evening reception at the Israeli Embassy, and for presenting, on our behalf, the prestigious Agnon Award to Ambassador Shoval.

Your ongoing and dedicated commitment to the American Friends is, always, appreciated and helpful.

Your concern for basic human rights, as evidenced by your leadership of Freedom House, helps to remind us of the importance of our work as we attempt to support the University's efforts to retrain Israel's new olim – talented, hardworking Russian students who have fled from persecution to their new homeland in search of their human rights and their right to live as Jews.

One of our strengths continues to be the loyalty of our past leadership.

Sincerely,

Stanley M. Bogen
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TO: AFHU DIRECTORS AND OVERSEERS
FROM: STANLEY M. BOGEN
HARVEY L. SILBERT
RE: APRIL 12 - 14 BOARD MEETING WEEKEND

We are pleased to enclose an updated copy of the program for the AFHU April 12 - 14 Board meeting weekend.

Two exciting additions to our program:

- a visit to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum site and model, with Project Director Michael Berenbaum, and ...
- a special AIPAC briefing.

At this half-way mark in our campaign year, it is urgent that your voice be added to our deliberations. If you haven't already indicated your participation, please complete the enclosed registration form and fax it to Francine Hazan at the American Friends national offices, [212] 734-1147, or mail it to her with your check, in the enclosed envelope.

If you have questions, would like more information, or want to indicate your intention to join us in Washington, please call Francine at [212] 606-4263.

As leaders in the AFHU, we have a responsibility to be fully informed about issues that impact on our campaign work and on the University... to upgrade our basic and critical solicitation skills ... and to play an active role in the business of the American Friends.

We urge you — in the strongest possible terms — to plan to be with us in Washington, and to fax or mail your registration form today.

We look forward to seeing you in Washington on April 12 - 14.

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March 8, 1991

Mr. Max M. Kampelman
Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver
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1001 Pennsylvania Ave, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Max,

Please join us as the Boards of Directors and Overseers of the American Friends of the Hebrew University meet for our Spring Board meeting and a weekend of special programming in Washington, DC, April 12 - 14, 1991, at the Washington Vista Hotel.

Our goals for the weekend: to improve our leadership and campaign skills ... to increase our awareness of world events that will impact on the University and the AFHU through meetings with top media, government and University personalities and decision-makers ... and to strengthen AFHU's leadership structure.

At the heart of our program: meetings of key committees and of the AFHU Board - meetings that will help to determine our future direction as we work to maximize our fundraising and fulfill our leadership responsibilities on behalf of the Hebrew University. You will receive a detailed agenda of the Board meeting with back-up material later in the month.

We have created an exciting and innovative program, with outstanding resources and scholars.

- We are honored that **Senator Frank Lautenberg** has agreed to be our host when we come together on Friday afternoon April 12, for a Capitol Hill reception with members of the United States Senate and House.
- We'll hear from **CNN Pentagon Correspondent Wolf Blitzer**, who will join with us for our Shabbat Dinner. Mr. Blitzer is an alumnus of the Hebrew University's Rothberg School for Overseas Students.
- We'll meet with **Israeli Ambassador Zalman Shoval** in a special Saturday evening reception and dinner at the Israeli Embassy. **Ambassador Max Kampelman** will present the prestigious Agnon Award to Ambassador Shoval.

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- We'll sharpen our solicitation skills at an intensive training session with Irving Bernstein, former Executive Vice Chairman of National Jewish Appeal.
- We'll greet Hebrew University President Yoram Ben-Porath, who will chair and moderate a panel discussion with Hebrew University Professors Dr. Edy Kaufman and Dr. Ehud Sprinzak.
- We'll participate in off-the-record congressional and state department briefings.
- And more.

For your information, we have attached a preliminary program.

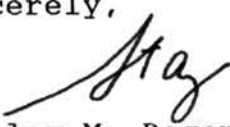
The details: The fee for the weekend of activities is \$250.00 per person. It includes admission to all events, all meals, and program bus transportation. The special room rate is \$80.00 per night for a single or double room. Suites are available upon request.

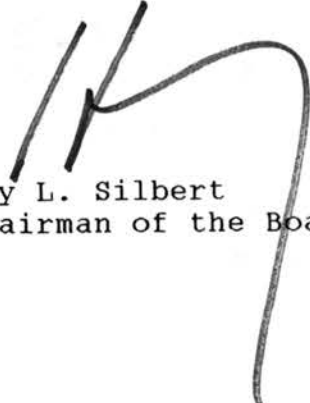
Note: For your convenience, we've made special arrangements for our travel agent, Direct Travel, to handle your flight reservations. If you're in New York, please call them at (212) 921-3305. Elsewhere in the country, call (800) 858-8228, and ask for Nancy Patty or Jill Richardson. You will receive an invoice for your travel costs from AFHU after the meetings.

The continuing historic emigration of Jews from the Soviet Union to Israel has placed growing demands on the services of the Hebrew University, and your active participation in these post-Persian Gulf meetings will help us to meet and achieve our goals. Please complete the registration form, and return it in the enclosed envelope to Francine Hazan at AFHU, with your check to cover registration and room reservations.

We look forward to meeting with you in Washington, D.C., on April 12 - 14.

Sincerely,


Stanley M. Bogen
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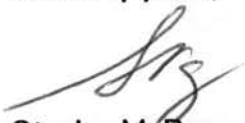
May 9, 1991

Ambassador Max Kampelman
Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson
1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Max:

I thought you will be pleased to see an enclosed copy of the note Ambassador Shoal sent to Harvey and me. It does have a sincere tone to it and I thank you for making it possible.

Sincerely yours,



Stanley M. Bogen

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Enclosure

EMBASSY OF ISRAEL
WASHINGTON, D.C.

שגרירות ישראל
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April 30, 1991

Mr. Stanley M. Bogen
Co-Chairman of the Board
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American Friends of the Hebrew University, Inc.
11 East 69th Street
New York, N.Y. 10021

Dear Mr. Bogen and Mr. Silbert,

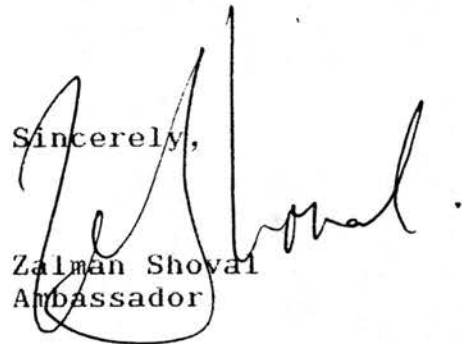
Thank you for your warm letter.

I truly value the honor you bestowed on me by giving me the American Friends' Agnon Award from Hebrew University.

I once again commend you for your work and achievements on behalf of one of the first academic institutions established in modern Israel.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,


Zalman Shoval
Ambassador