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WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

9:30 AM CONCURRENT COMMISSION MEETINGS:

National Affairs Commission Chair, E. Robert Goodkind

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International Relations Commission

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Chair, Lawrence I. Thorpe

11:30 AM Buses depart for Capitol Hill

16th Street

12:00 PM OPENING LUNCHEON

Russell Senate Bldg.

Presiding: Mimi Alperin

Room 325

Invocation: Rabbi A. James Rudin, Director, Interreligious Affairs

Presentation of AJC's Congressional Leadership Award by: Carol Siegler

Response: Senator Frank R. Lautenberg (D-NJ)

Election 1992: Challenges Facing our Nation

Senator Robert Dole (R-KS) Senator George J. Mitchell (D-ME)

Briefing of Delegations

Jason Isaacson, Director, Office of Government & International Affairs

Judy Golub, Legislative Director

2:30 PM CONGRESSIONAL VISITS

4:30 PM Buses return to hotel (approx.)

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Delaware Aves.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

5:30 PM RECEPTION

Federal

6:00 PM PLENARY DINNER

Congressional

Presiding: Alfred H. Moses

Invocation: Rabbi Andrew Baker, Director,

European Affairs

Presentation of the American Liberties Medallion by:

Howard I. Friedman

Response: Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun

Presentation of the Public Service Award by:

Honorable Max L. Kampelman

Response: Richard Schifter, former Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs

American Jews in a Changing World

David A. Harris, Executive Vice President

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL/ BOARD OF GOVERNORS BUSINESS MEETING Presiding: *Mimi Alperin*

Report of the Nominating Committee *Maynard I. Wishner*

Elections

Proposed Statement on the Current Urban Crisis

Preliminary findings of AJC's new attitudes study in the Commonwealth of Independent States

Dr. David Singer, Director, Research & Publications

THURSDAY, MAY 14

8:00 AM PLENARY BREAKFAST Presiding: Charlotte G. Holstein

Congressional

Introduction: Dr. Richard Cohen

The Threats and Challenges Facing the American Family Dr. Louis Sullivan, Secretary of Health & Human Services

A Jewish Perspective on the Family Dr. Steven Bayme, Director, Jewish Communal Affairs

9:30 AM

SOCIAL POLICY: THE AMERICAN AGENDA Presiding: E. Robert Goodkind

Federal

Keynote Speaker: Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA)

Social Policy & Intergroup Relations at a Crossroad?

Panel Discussion with:

John L. Carr, Director, Department of Social Development & World Peace, U.S. Catholic Conference Dennis Hayashi, Executive Director, Japanese American Citizens League Milton Morris, Director of Research, Joint Center of Political & Economic Studies Millie Rivera, Executive Director of the Latino Institute

The Jewish Role in Social Policy Gary E. Rubin, Director, National Affairs

12:00 PM PLENARY LUNCHEON Presiding: Bruce Ramer

Congressional

Introduction: Rabbi A. James Rudin

Nationalism & Xenophobia - A World Concern Edward Cardinal Cassidy, Pontifical Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews Wolfgang Nowak, State Secretary for Science & Culture, State of Saxony, Germany

THURSDAY, MAY 14

Briefings of Delegations Jason Isaacson Rabbi Andrew Baker

2:30 PM **DELEGATIONS TO FOREIGN EMBASSIES**

5:00 PM APPEAL FOR HUMAN RELATIONS **COCKTAIL RECEPTION**

Federal

Presentation of the Distinguished Leadership Award to: R. Robert Linowes, Washington, DC

6:30 PM GENERAL RECEPTION

Congressional

7:30 PM ANNUAL DINNER GALA Presiding: Alfred H. Moses

Presidential Ballroom

Keynote Speaker: Jack Kemp, Secretary, Department of Housing & Urban Development (invited)

Address: Ambassador Zalman Shoval, Israel

Presentation of the Mass Media Award by:

Lawrence I. Thorpe

Response: Hirsh Goodman, Editor-in-Chief, Jerusalem Report

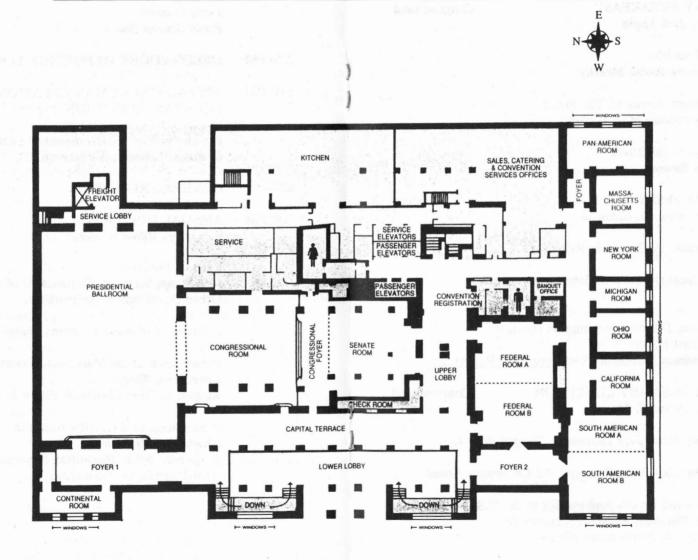
Presentation of the Akiba Award by:

Charlotte G. Holstein

Response: Sylvia Hassenfeld, President,

Joint Distribution Committee

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FRIDAY, MAY 15

8:00 AM PLENARY BREAKFAST Presiding: Jack Lapin

Congressional

Why Be Jewish?
Strengthening Jewish Identity

Dennis Prager, President, The Micah Center for Ethical Monotheism

AJC Program Initiatives Dr. Steven Bayme

10:15 AM PLENARY SESSION

Federal

Presiding: Stuart E. Eizenstat

U.S. & Israel: A Change in Relations?

Keynote Speaker: Senator Robert Kasten (R-WI)

Panelists:

Martin Indyk, Director, Washington Institute

for Near East Policy

Hirsh Goodman, Editor-in-Chief, Jerusalem Report

12:00 PM CLOSING PLENARY LUNCHEON

Congressional

Presiding: Alfred H. Moses

Invocation: Rabbi Jack Luxemberg, Temple Beth Ami

The Middle East Peace Process: The Challenges Ahead

Zalman Shoval, Israel's Ambassador to the U.S. Edward P. Djerejian, Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern & South Asian Affairs

2:00 PM ADJOURNMENT

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THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

PUBLIC SERVICES AWARD

TO RICHARD SCHIFTER

Washington, DC

May 13, 1992

In the immortal words of the great master of English rhetoric, Samuel Goldwyn, let me begin by letting you know that I have a few words to say before I begin to speak.

I want also to use the occasion of my appearance on this dais to express my congratulations to Justice Harry A. Blackmun for his award this evening. Not only award, but important urgent message to us. I say this with pride in a fellow Minnesotan who added credit and luster and distinction to the judiciary and to the legal profession by virtue of his extraordinary service on the Supreme Court of the United States.

My task this evening is, on behalf of the American Jewish

Committee, to present its Public Service Award to Richard

Schifter for his service as the Assistant Secretary of State for

Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs. I do so with great satisfaction because Dick and I have been close friends for more than 40 years, beginning with his arrival in this city from the Law School at Yale.

One of the great pleasures and privileges of my life has been the fact that he and I were law partners during most of this period. Those of you who know Dick Schifter know what that means. I was blessed by having a close relationship with this man of wisdom, intellect, commitment and judgment. He was a professional in the best sense of that word and understood the difference between a profession and a business. The law to him was an instrument for justice and an opportunity to serve the community and the cause of human dignity. The Talmud says that the conscientious judge who does justice is God's partner in the creation of the world. That is applicable to the conscientious lawyer as well; and you can see why I considered it a privilege to be the partner of a man who served as God's partner as well.

America is blessed with George Shultz' decision to enlist Dick Schifter to serve among his top advisers and assistant secretaries. Jeanne Kirkpatrick, who had earlier plucked Dick from our law firm to serve as the United States representative at the United Nations Human Rights Commission, also deserves our thanks, because it was Dick's extraordinary service in that role that brought him to George Shultz's attention.

There is no need for me to elaborate on Dick's heroic performance as our Assistant Secretary of State. It is because the American Jewish Committee is so fully aware of that performance that this award is being bestowed. Suffice it for me to say that -- and I do not now speak as his partner but as one who observed Dick's skills and energies while in my various governmental roles under the Helsinki process and as Counselor of the Department of State -- I no of know single human being who deserves greater credit than Dick for the saving of thousands of human lives in all parts of the world.

Dick was aware that indifference to evil is evil; and he could not be indifferent to human suffering. The tragedy that befell his parents and other members of his family remains indelibly imprinted in every fiber of his being and motivation.

Dick had his responsibility and he fulfilled it, without froth or the need for honor and prestige. I recall one incident while we were in Moscow. George Shultz had just completed a private meeting with Mr. Gorbachev and Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze and he was about to brief those of us who had accompanied him to Moscow. We gathered in the small secure room at the American Embassy. Everybody was there, but not Dick. Somebody asked if we should begin without Dick.

George Shultz said in effect: "We had better. He is probably meeting with the dissidents and doing the real work that counts while we are meeting and talking." There was another occasion. We were all scheduled to go again to a ministerial meeting in Moscow and the trip would overlap with Passover. Dick and I talked about the overlap, and Dick suggested that George Shultz urge the Embassy to broaden its usual Seder service by inviting large numbers of Jewish dissidents, with the understanding that he would attend. I talked to George Shultz about it and he responded enthusiastically. Dick followed up as well. Department pointed out that the Secretary had a scheduled meeting that evening with Foreign Minister Shevardnadze. "Postpone it, " said Shultz. Regrettably, illness prevented me from going to Moscow on that occasion, but on the evening of the trip, Mr. Shultz came by to visit with me at my home and to assure me that he would be at the Seder. "Schifter insists on it," he indicated.

The American Jewish Committee is particularly proud of Dick because of his active role with the Committee for more than twenty years. We are pleased that he has returned to us. We are aware that the world rarely sees the Jew as an individual alone but rather as a representative of a whole tradition, a whole people. We can have no finer representative of our people.

Paul Johnson in his <u>History of the Jews</u> wrote that "No people has ever insisted more firmly that history has a purpose and humanity a destiny . . . To them we owe the idea of equality before the law . . . and the dignity of the human person . . . of peace as an abstract idea and love as the foundation of justice." Dick Schifter is an exemplar of that tradition.

I consider it a privilege to bestow the Public Service

Award for his "principled and courageous protection of

International human rights standards and compliance" on my

friend and partner, my colleague and increasingly my leader,

Dick Schifter.

I ask Lilo Schifter to stand now as well because I know the indispensable role that Lilo has played in Dick's life and accomplishments.

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May 6, 1992

Ambassador Max. L. Kampelman 3154 Highland Place NW Washington, DC 20008

Dear Ambassador Kampelman:

All of us at AJC were delighted to hear from Alfred Moses that you agreed to make the presentation of AJC's Public Service Award to Richard Schifter.

The Public Service Award, of which you were the first recipient and Mayor Teddy Kollck the second, is being given to an individual who has exemplified the highest standards of leadership and principles in servicing the public. It is given to Ambassador Schifter for "Principled and Courageous Protection of International Human Rights Standards and Compliance."

I know you are most familiar with Ambassador Schifter's work, but thought you would find his attached bio and a press release we issued recently useful.

The award will be given to him on Wednesday, May 13 at the Capital Hilton Hotel. The evening's events will begin with a reception at 5:30 p.m. in the Federal Room. The program will be chaired by Alfred Moses and includes a presentation of AJC's American Liberties Medallion to Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun. It will begin at 6:15 p.m. in the Congressional/Senate Room and conclude around 6:45 p.m.

Attached you will find the program highlights of the Annual Meeting. We will be honored if you will join us at other sessions as well.

If you need further information or have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at (212) 751-4000, Ext. 205.

Shula Bahat Associate Director and

Annual Meeting Coordinator

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9:30 AM

Concurrent Commission Meetings

12:00 Noon Opening Luncheon in the Senate Caucus Room on Capitol Hill

Presentation of AJC's Congressional Leadership Award to

Senator Frank R. Lautenberg

Election 1992 and Bigotry in the Political Process

Senator George J. Mitchell (D-ME) & Senator Robert Dole (R-KS) (invited)

Release of AJC's newest program publication on Politics & Bigotry

2:30 PM

Delegations to Capitol Hill

Meet in small groups with key Senators and Representatives

5:30 PM

Reception and Dinner

Presentation of the American Liberties Medallion to:

Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun

Presentation of the Public Service Award to:

Richard Schifter, former Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and

Humanitarian Affairs

7:30 PM

Plenary Session

Open National Executive Council - Board of Governors Meeting

The State of The American Jewish Committee

David A. Harris, Executive Vice President

Discuss AJC's role in counteracting anti-Semitism in political campaigns.

Thursday, May 14

8:00 AM

Plenary Breakfast

The Threats and Challenges Facing the American Family

Dr. Louis Sullivan, Secretary of Health & Human Services

9:30 AM Social Policy - An American Agenda

Senators Jay D. Rockefeller (D-WV) & John H. Chaffee (R-RI)

12:00 Noon Plenary Luncheon

Nationalism & Xenophobia - A World Concern

Edward Cardinal Cassidy, Pontifical Commission for Religious Relations with

Wolfgang Nowak, State Secretary for Science & Culture, State of Saxony,

Germany

Release of newest AJC study on attitudes toward Jews and pluralism in the

Commonwealth of Independent States

2:30 PM Delegations to Foreign Embassies

5:00 PM Appeal for Human Relations Reception

Presentation of the Distinguished Leadership Award to: Robert Linowes, prominent attorney and business leader, Chairman, Community Foundation of Greater Washington, DC

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7:30 PM ANNUAL DINNER GALA

President George Bush, keynote speaker (invited) or Secretary of State James A. Baker (invited)

Remarks: Alfred H. Moses, President

Presentation of the Mass Media Award to: Hirsh Goodman, Editor-in-Chief, Jerusalem Report

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Dennis Prager, President, The Micah Center for Ethical Monotheism

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The Middle East Peace Process: The Challenges Ahead

Zalman Shoval, Israel's Ambassador to the U.S. and Edward P. Djerejian, Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, Department of State

2:00 PM Annual Meeting concludes

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

RICHARD SCHIFTER

Richard Schifter, former Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, is a member of the Board of Governors of the American Jewish Committee and chairman of both the Jacob Blaustein Institute for the Advancement of Human Rights and the AJC National Advisory Council.

The National Advisory Council is a group of prominent Washington individuals who advise the American Jewish Committee on major domestic and international issues. Its former chairmen include Max Kampelman and Alfred H. Moses.

Mr. Schifter returned to the AJC after a distinguished government career. Assistant Secretary of State from 1985 to 1992, he was also State Department representative on the Commission for Security and Cooperation in Europe. In 1984-85, Mr. Schifter served as deputy U.S. Representative on the UN Security Council, with the rank of Ambassador. From 1983 to 1986 he held the position of U.S. member of the UN Human Rights Commission. He also represented the Secretary of State on the Board of Directors of the United States Institute for Peace.

A member of the American Jewish Committee and its National Executive Council for more than twenty years, Mr. Schifter previously served on the AJC Board of Governors from 1981 to 1985. He was a member of AJC's Foreign Affairs Commission and president of the Washington chapter.

An attorney by profession, Mr. Schifter was a partner in the Washington, DC law firm of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver and Jacobson.

Mr. Schifter was born in Vienna, Austria, in 1923, and came to the United States in 1938. He graduated <u>summa cum laude</u> from the College of the City of New York in 1943, and received his LLB. from Yale Law School in 1951.

Mr. Schifter's wife, Lilo Schifter, is also an attorney, as well as a member of the Maryland Public Service Commission. The Schifters have five children and eight grandchildren.

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STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL TO REJOIN AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, April 9 -- Richard Schifter, outgoing Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, will rejoin the leadership of the American Jewish Committee as a member of the Board of Governors and chairman of both the Jacob Blaustein Institute for the Advancement of Human Rights and the AJC National Advisory Council.

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