



## Max M. Kampelman Papers

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REMARKS

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THE WASHINGTON COMMITTEE FOR THE  
WEIZMANN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE  
1992 FOUNDERS EVENT

Washington, DC

September 24, 1992

Pennie Abramson, Shelley and Tommy Mulitz, Mr. Cavett, my good friends, ladies and gentlemen.

Thank you, Stu, for that lovely and exquisitely exaggerated presentation. I once heard my friend Hubert Humphrey say in a similar predicament that he was sorry his parents were not in the audience. His father would have enjoyed the introduction immensely; and his mother would have believed it! As for Stu Eizenstat, I consider him to be one of our community's most outstanding, responsible, sensitive and dedicated leaders. We are blessed to have him with us.

To Dick Cavett, who spoke to us about the angst experienced by him on occasion and by other speakers when they have somehow

misplaced their notes, let me repay him for his gracious comments by quoting from an ancient, classical poem found in an archeological dig. It goes as follows:

"The audience was quiet.  
The speaker was mute.  
He left his speech  
In his other suit."

Now, my friends, in the words of that immortal master of English rhetoric, Samuel Goldwyn, I would like to say a few words before I begin to speak to you.

These days, the title of "Ambassador" is associated with my name. Some may regard it with awe. I suggest some may also regard it with disbelief. I am proud of it, but I cannot help but think of my Aunt Rose.

I can imagine my coming to her with the infdormation that I had been appointed as an American Ambassador. There would be a moment of incredulous silence, an unmistakable gesture of skepticism, even disbelief, and then as the message would sink in, I can imagine her saying, "Maxie, good. By me, you are an ambassador. By you, you are an ambassador. By momma, you are an ambassador. But, tell me Maxie, by an ambassador are you an ambassador?"

This audience, which tonight reaffirms its support for the American Committee organized to assist Israel's Weizmann Institute of Science, is by that commitment strengthening the

identification of the Jewish people as "The People of the Book." The ancient Hebrew tribes made their unique contribution to civilization with their message that there was only one God, rather than a multiplicity of gods. If there is only one God, then we humans are all children of God and thus brothers and sisters to one another. If we are God's children, furthermore, made in the image of God, we have the capacity to grow and evolve into God-like dimensions. Here is the essence of our faith, Shema Yisroel Adonoi Elohainu, Adono, Echod; and here is the basis for political democracy and human rights.

I am convinced that if there is any justification for the Hebrew tribes surviving as a people through the ages, unlike their neighbors who became footnotes in the pages of history, it is because of this message.

That striving to earn the right to evolve towards God-like dimensions requires a dedication to learning, to growth, to culture, toward a higher dimension of being. It is no accident that Chaim Weizmann, the first President of Israel, set the foundation for Israel's major contributions to the world of learning by creating an institution of research and science before there was a State. The reason for being a State, the establishing of a live symbol for the People of the Book, had to be first in existence as a justification for creating the

State. The Weizmann Institute is a splendid symbol of that commitment to the values of human dignity and growth that characterize Israel, Judaism and American democracy. It's world-class scientific research benefits all the Children of God, regardless of religious faith or place of birth or domain.

There is a Jewish legend that every person who provides charity attracts an angel to join him. I feel that this room is filled with angels hovering overhead. I feel privileged to be a part of the Weizmann Institute congregation in this celestial hall.

Thank you.

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WRITER'S DIRECT LINE

July 23, 1992

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Ms. June Rogul  
Director  
American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science  
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Suite 409  
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Ms. Rogul:

Thank you for your letter of July 16. I am flattered at the suggestion that I be honored at your September 24 dinner of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science, and I will make every effort to be present. For the moment, however, I must inform you that I have a conflict in that I chair a study group at the Council on Foreign Relations which is now scheduled to meet in New York from 4 until 8 p.m. that day. It will be necessary for me to explore what I can do about that conflict and it will take me a few days to do so.

All my best.

Sincerely,



Max M. Kampelman

P.S. I did receive a telephone call from Hanan Bar-On and I am arranging to have dinner with him on July 29.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Max M. Kampelman  
FROM: Sharon Dardine  
DATE: September 24, 1992  
RE: Weizmann Dinner  
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SCHEDULE

See attached.

SPEECH

A suggestion concerning that awkward sentence in the first paragraph of page 3. Could it read:

The existence of a State of Israel, as a living symbol for the People of the Book, had to be justified before the State itself could be established.

or:

There had to be justification for a State of Israel before the State itself could be established as a living symbol for the People of the Book.

MISCELLANEOUS

Jastrow is on the list. All scientists present will be acknowledged. Asked me for Jastrow's title(s) -- gave it to them. Jastrow received fax from me re Ron Bartek's comments. Jastrow will bring the article with him tonight.

Ron Bartek also faxed Aspins remarks from last night & a press release -- attached.



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## AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR THE WEIZMANN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

FAX

TO: Ambassador Max Kampelman

FAX NO. 639-7008

FROM: June Bogul  
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September 24, 1992

## # minutes

7:00-8:00	Cocktail reception
8:00-8:15	Seating
8:15-8:40	First Course of dinner
8:40-9:25	Formal Program
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Dear Ambassador Kampelman:

We are looking forward to making the presentation to you at the 1992 Founders Event, in recognition of your role as Honorary Regent of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science. Again, please accept our deepest appreciation for rearranging your schedule to accept this award.

I want to take this opportunity to review our plans for the evening.

As you know, the Founders Event will be held on Thursday evening, September 24, at the Park Hyatt Hotel, 1201 24th Street, N.W. (at the corner of M Street). The event will take place on the level below the lobby.

There will be a one hour cocktail reception, from 7:00 to 8:00. The formal program will begin at 8:15 and should conclude by 9:00. Since dinner will not be served until after the formal program, you may wish to go down to the reception before 8:00PM to help yourself to some hors d'oeuvres.

Stu Eizenstat will make the presentation to you on behalf of the American Committee. Immediately following his presentation, we would welcome a response from you. Because our program is a full one, we would appreciate your limiting your remarks to 5 minutes.

I am enclosing a Program Flow for the evening so you can see where your presentation fits within the program. Also enclosed are some materials about the Weizmann Institute, which may be helpful as a reference as you prepare your remarks.

The Founders Event is black tie. As we discussed, I have reserved a hotel room for you at the Park Hyatt for the night of the 24th. This will give you the opportunity to freshen up and change

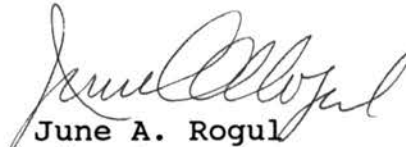
clothes before dinner, and even to spend the night if you wish, as our guest.

We hope that your wife will be accompanying you that evening. Do let us know if we will have the pleasure of having her with us.

Please call me if you have any questions about any of this or if I can be helpful in any way.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



June A. Rogul  
Director

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August 10, 1992

Ambassador Max M. Kampelman  
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Dear Meggie and Max,

Having just returned home I would like to thank you again for the lovely evening at your home. It was good seeing you and so many friends.

Upon my return I found the attached Press Release on my desk which shows what former refuseniks, for whose release you laboured for so many long years, can achieve once they are provided with the opportunity.

Alisa joins me in sending you all our love,

Yours

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July 29, 1992

WEIZMANN INSTITUTE TECHNIQUE MAY IMPROVE DNA ANALYSIS

REHOVOT, Israel -- A new technique developed at the Weizmann Institute may greatly improve the efficiency of detailed analyses of DNA, the genetic material determining the operation of all living organisms. Because such procedures are now time-consuming and expensive, this advance may significantly lower the cost of the multibillion-dollar Human Genome Project, coordinated by the U.S. National Institutes of Health and other agencies. The project is aimed at mapping all human chromosomes and deciphering the complete human genome -- the total DNA content of human cells -- within the next 10 to 15 years.

DNA analysis, known as sequencing, involves determination of the ordering of the four types of DNA bases -- the unique DNA building blocks -- thousands of which are strung together in a gene. This is usually performed with the aid of electrophoresis, a process by which DNA samples are moved through a gel under the influence of an electric field, thereby separating various DNA fragments according to size. However, fragments composed of over several hundred bases do not separate well enough to be distinguished.

Dr. Levy Ulanovsky of the Institute's Department of Structural Biology has found that by binding the protein streptavidin to one end of a single-stranded DNA molecule before electrophoresis, the distance between one fragment on the gel and its neighbor is increased by up to 30 fold. This is expected to enable greater resolution in the sequence readings; hence longer fragments could be analyzed in a single run, while the cost of each run and the DNA preparation involved would remain the same.

The human genome contains around three billion bases, and the current cost of sequencing ranges from one to five dollars per base, depending on the detection method used. Dr. Ulanovsky's technique may lower the cost of sequencing several fold.

A former refusenik from Moscow, Dr. Ulanovsky received his Ph.D from the Weizmann Institute in 1987 and joined the Institute's staff three years later. He is co-editor of "Pulsed Field Gel Electrophoresis," the most recent volume in the METHODS IN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY series published by Humana Press. The book describes the latest methods of mapping chromosomes -- the first stage in the Human Genome Project. Its other co-editor, Dr. Margit Burmeister of the University of Michigan, also did her doctoral studies at the Weizmann Institute, where the collaboration between the two scientists began.



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August 20, 1992

Dear Ambassador Kampelman,

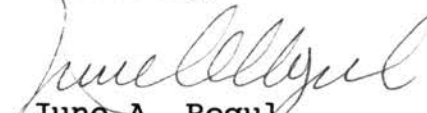
I am glad that we had the opportunity to speak over the phone today. As I told you, we are deeply gratified that you have agreed to attend our annual dinner to receive a presentation in recognition of your role as an Honorary Regent of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science.

As we discussed, Stu Eizenstat will be making the presentation to you on behalf of the American Committee.

As soon as I return from a trip out of town, I will send you more details about the evening and some materials about the Institute which you might find useful as a reference.

We are looking forward with great pleasure to having you and your wife as our special guests at our Weizmann dinner.

Sincerely,

  
June A. Rogul  
Director