

“JEWS HAVE NO POLITICS – EXCEPT WHEN THEY DO: ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND THE JEWISH VOTE”

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1. Jeremiah 29:7

וְדַרְשׁוּ אֶת-שְׁלוֹם הָעִיר אֲשֶׁר הִגַּלְתִּי אֶתְכֶם שָׁמָּה וְהִתְפַּלְלוּ בַּעֲדָהּ אֵל
הַיְי כִּי בְשָׁלוֹמָהּ יִהְיֶה לָכֶם שְׁלוֹם

And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away
captives, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.

2. Pirke Avot 3:2

רַבִּי חֲנִינָא סָגַן הַכֹּהֲנִים אוֹמֵר, הָיִי מִתְפַּלֵּל בְּשָׁלוֹמָהּ שֶׁל מַלְכוּת, שֶׁאֵלְמָלָא
מִזְרָאָהּ, אִישׁ אֶת רֵעֵהוּ חַיִּים בִּלְעֻזָּה.

Rabbi Chanina, the Deputy High Priest, says: Pray for the welfare of the
government, for were it not for the fear of it, man would swallow his fellow
alive.

3. Four “Commandments” Concerning Politics:

- (1) Jews may not band together in separate political clubs.
- (2) Rabbis or lay leaders have no right to advise the community on how to vote.
- (3) Jewish agencies must not use their influence to promote Jewish aspirants to political office.
- (4) Jews may not support a candidate just because he happens to be Jewish.

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in the kingdom of the house of David, thine anointed. May he come speedily, and gladden our hearts. Suffer no stranger to sit on his throne, nor any other to inherit his glory; for by thy holy name, hast thou sworn unto him that his lamp should never be extinguished. Laudeth art thou, O Eternal Self Existence! the shield of David.

עיר For the sake of the law, the sacrifices, and the prophets, and this Sabbath day, which thou has given to us, for a day of sanctification, rest, glory, and honor; and for all which, O Eternal Self Existence, our God! we thank and praise thee; lauded be thy name in the mouth of every living creature, continually, and for evermore. Laudeth art thou, O Eternal Self Existence! who sanctifieth the Sabbath.

A Prayer for our Rulers.

הזקן He who granteth salvation unto kings, and dominion unto princes; whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; who delivered his servant David from the destructive sword; who maketh a way in the sea, and a path through the mighty waters. May he bless, preserve, guard, assist, exalt, and highly aggrandize,

[During the Sitting of Congress.]

The President and Vice-president, of the Union : the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled ; the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, the people of this state, represented in senate and assembly, and the Magistrates of this city :

[During the Recess.]

The President and Vice-president of the United States of America : the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, and people of this state, represented in Senate and Assembly, and the Magistrates of this city,

May the Supreme King of kings, through his infinite mercy, preserve them, and grant them life, and deliver them from all manner of trouble and danger. May the Supreme King of kings exalt and highly aggrandize them, and grant them long and prosperously to rule. May the Supreme King of kings, through his infinite mercy, inspire them and all their counsellors, with benevolence towards us, and all Israel, our brethren. In their days and in ours, may Judah be saved and Israel dwell in safety; and may the Redeemer come unto Zion, which God, in his infinite mercy, grant; and let us say, Amen.

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During the Sitting of Congress.

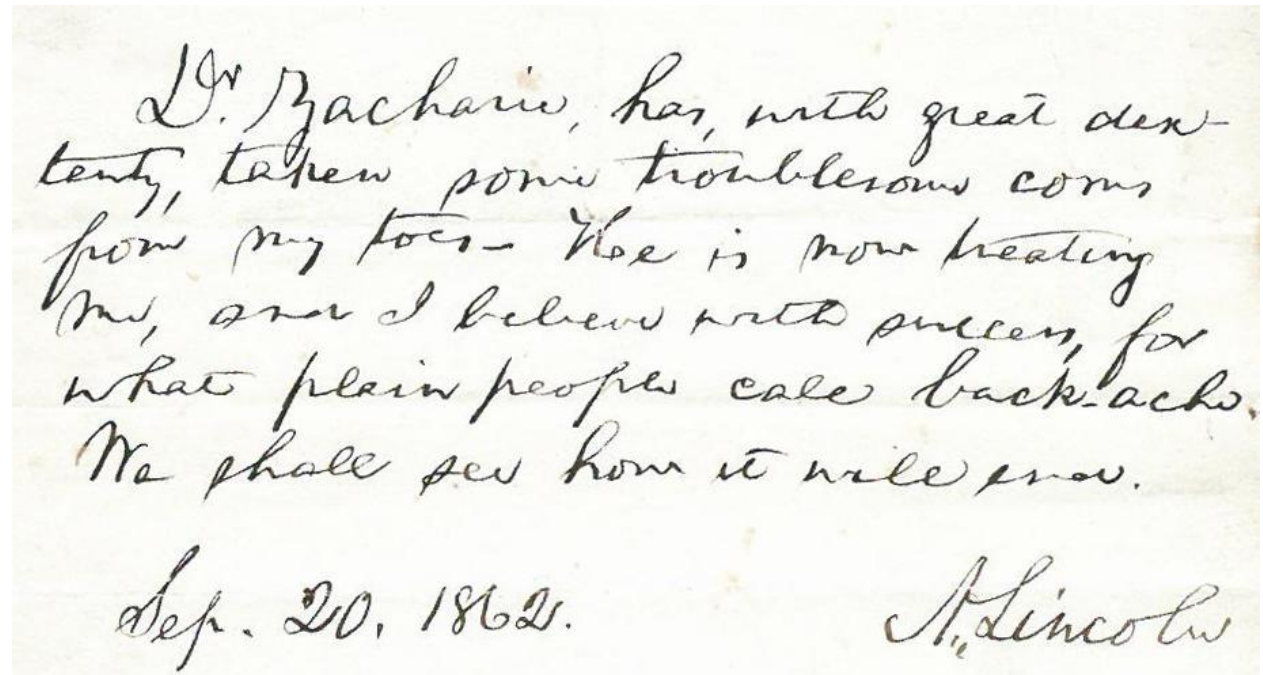
The President and Vice-president of the Union, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled : the Governor and Lieutenant Governor and people of this state, represented in Senate and Assembly, and the Magistrates of this city.

During the Recess.

The President and Vice-president of the United States of America. The Governor and Lieutenant Governor and people of this State, represented in Senate and Assembly. The Magistrates of this city.

מלך מלכי המלכים ברחמי • ישמרו • ויחיים • ויבלי • צרה וצוק יצילים • מלך מלכי המלכים ברחמי • ירום ויבדיר • כובד מערבכם • ויארבו ימים • על שמותם • מלך מלכי המלכים ברחמי • יתן בלבם וקבל כל • ויעצורם וישרדם • וירבעת לעשות טובה עמנו • ועם כל • ישראל אחינו • בימים ובימים תישע ידודה • וישראל ישקן לבטח • ויבא לציון נושא • וכן • ויהי רצון • ונאמר אמן :

5. Abraham Lincoln to I. Zacharie (September 20, 1862)



Dr. Zacharie, has, with great dexterity, taken some troublesome corns from my toes. He is now treating me, and I believe with success, for what plain people call back-achs. We shall see how it will prove.

Sep. 20, 1862. A. Lincoln

6. I. Zacharie to A. Lincoln (November 3, 1864)

"As regards the Isr[a]elites with but few Exceptions, they will vote for you. I understand them well, and have taken the precaution to see that they do as they have promised. I have secured good and trustworthy men to attend on them on Election Day. My men have been all the week seeing that their masses are properly Registered so that all will go right on the 8th."

Head Quarters Jewish Union Republican Association,

New York, Pennsylvania and Indiana,

1864.

TO OUR JEWISH BRETHREN :

Owing to our peculiar tenets and opinions, we, the Jews of America, have ever been and are still a united body in all matters wherein our religious and social interests are concerned; but in the political affairs of our adopted country very few members of our persuasion have hitherto been led to take an active part. The reasons for this, which apply equally to other classes not professionally political, are self-evident and do not require enumeration here.

Nearly four years of desperate and bloody war with our misguided fellow-countrymen of the South have, however, changed the face of all things, and the crisis is approaching when it becomes imperative upon every honest-minded responsible Jew as well as Gentile, in the interests of humanity, patriotism and the preservation of the National existence, to well and impartially weigh the respective merits of the two candidates for the Supreme Executive Power in the American Republic,—the grandest in the world's history,—but which, if allowed to remain divided against itself, must inevitably follow the fate of its forerunners in Rome and Greece, and end in shame and ruin, to the satisfaction and profit of the despotisms and aristocracies of Europe.

The spirits of innumerable martyrs to the cause of liberty are watching anxiously for the end of this great struggle, and the noble hearts of thousands of brave devoted patriots are pulsating hopefully in unison with the Union-loving North. Every Federal victory, every step toward the annihilation of the rebellion, is one more guarantee of the final triumph and prevalence of republican self-government throughout the universe.

One more effort, strong, united and determined, and the Champion of Freedom, the Emancipator of the Slave and preserver of his country will be re-elected to the power he has so wisely and justly wielded during four years of civil war and political disorganization. We call earnestly upon our Jewish brethren to bring heart and soul, influence and wealth to this great movement, without the success of which, the American republic, the country's national greatness and unparalleled prosperity must sink into wreck and ruin.

Unity is strength—Combine strongly, act energetically and unitedly, and the votes of the immense number of Jewish citizens will go far to determine the re-election of Abraham Lincoln to the presidency in November next, in other words, the salvation of the republic.

Not only has the Military Career of General McClellan been a failure and therein strengthened the rebellion, but in none of his political acts or manifestoes has he given evidence of the exalted and unswerving patriotism and statesmanship required of the President of this republic in the present terrible crisis, and which Abraham Lincoln, despite the slurs and slanders of his political enemies, has constantly displayed in so high a degree during the term of his administration.

Has Mr. Lincoln executed the trust confided on him by the American people? Look at the map of the United States and you will find that the soil now held by the rebels in arms is but a speck, in contrast with the area of territory overrun by them in 1861.

Making due allowance for all disadvantages, inexperience and obstacles, never in the history of the world has so numerous and formidable a force, led by skilful generals, and animated by the false enthusiasm of accomplished demagogues, and stimulated by the moral and material aid of European sympathisers, been more speedily and completely reduced to almost subjection than the rebellious Confederacy under Jeff. Davis has been defeated and driven to the last extremity by the patriotic and Union-loving armies of the North, under the wise and determined administration of Mr. Lincoln.

Let us act wisely. Should the nominee of the Chicago Convention be elected, disintegration will follow, and two nations occupy that land over all of which once waved the glorious stars and stripes. With the division of the republic, there will come, as sure as night follows the day, utter financial ruin, discord and anarchy.

On the other hand, should Abraham Lincoln again be elected President, the high hopes of liberty will be realized. The country desires peace, not a peace destructive to its interests and dishonorable to the nation, but a peace which shall maintain the Constitution and the Union in all its integrity. Abraham Lincoln will submit to none other. With his re-election the olive branch of peace will soon wave over the land, the finances of the country will be restored, harmony and prosperity will prevail, and the nation will again move on in its career of greatness and grandeur.

Lincoln and Union! McClellan and Disunion!

"Choose ye this day whom ye will serve."

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