November 11, 2012

In the Name of the Almighty

To the Honorable President of the United States of America
His Excellency Barack Hussein Obama

Peace be with you

Congratulations

As Orthodox Jews true to the Torah, we wish to express our congratulations and very best wishes to Your Excellency on being reelected as President of the United States of America.

We are especially elated upon your victory, being that Your Excellency has proven to be a long time loyal friend of the Jewish people.

With the help of the Almighty, we humbly offer our blessings and prayers:

May the Almighty bestow upon Your Excellency, His true blessings. May the Almighty grant that Your Excellency’s glory, be exalted. May the Almighty protect Your Excellency, from all evil. May the Almighty grant Your Excellency with long and healthy years. May the Almighty grant Your Excellency success in all your lofty endeavors. May the Almighty bless and guide Your Excellency’s staff, ministers and advisors. May the Almighty grant Your Excellency, much success in leading our great nation, the United States of America, in peace and prosperity.

Honorable President, we find it very important to inform Your Excellency, of an important matter.

Unfortunately, some of the Zionist persuasion waged a campaign against Your Excellency during the election season, and it might appear that this was also the position of the “religious Jew”. Therefore we would like to inform Your Excellency that many Jews, especially tens of thousands of Orthodox Jews, were and are opposed to these attacks against Your Excellency, and completely distanced themselves from them.

We Jews are in exile by Divine will, and the Torah taught us long ago how to act during exile. We are not allowed to revolt, only to act humbly and to be loyal to the country in which we reside. The prophet says, "Pursue the welfare of the city to which I have exiled you..." (Jeremiah 29:7). Our sages teach us: “pray for the peace and good of the kingdom” (Ethics of the Fathers 3:2). This means praying for and respecting the leaders of our country and its citizens, and living peacefully alongside them. This Torah way of life is taught and ingrained in our children and students.

Well ahead of the elections, we took to the streets, in many places around the country and on several occasions, in open protest against the aforementioned Zionist attacks on Your Excellency. Our demonstrations were even reported on, in foreign news outlets.

We also find it important to inform Your Excellency that the Zionist philosophy, that the Jewish people
should organize itself in its own land - the philosophy that resulted in the State of Israel - was against the Jewish faith and Torah from the very beginning. According to the Torah, that state has no right to exist, whether it be a secular or a religious state.

That is why, when the Zionist philosophy was first conceived, all of the greatest Rabbis (except for a tiny minority) opposed it.

Likewise, our great Rabbinical leaders warned us that Zionism and the State of Israel would lead to unimaginable sorrow and bloodshed for all involved, may the Almighty save us. Today, we see how the predictions of the Rabbis have become facts. The Zionists founded their state in Palestine, through an unending river of blood, that continues till today, with no end or relief in sight. They expelled hundreds of thousands of Palestinians, destroyed their lives and ruled forcibly over those who remained in the land, including the religious Jewish communities.

Their state was also established against the will of the surrounding countries, bringing endless trouble and bloodshed and constantly creating havoc throughout the entire world.

All of this is done under the name “Israel”, the name of the entire Jewish people, and so the entire Jewish people have been ensnared in this quagmire.

Honorable President, we know that when you (and previous presidents) have wished to help Israel, you had the good intention of helping the Jewish people, thinking that your help was a favor to them. But based on the above facts, you can understand that the existence of Israel is not a favor for anyone. The Jewish people are seriously threatened by Israel, both physically – the Jews there are in grave danger - and spiritually, because Zionism represents the transformation of the Jewish religion into atheistic nationalism (to explain this would require a much longer letter); in other words, to destroy the soul of the Jewish people, may the Almighty save us.

Honorable President, the Almighty has given Your Excellency a position of high responsibility: to be the leader of the world’s most powerful country. In the name of the Almighty, we humbly ask of Your Excellency to always distinguish between Judaism and Zionism, and recognize that Israel is not a Jewish state, only a Zionist state; it does not represent the Jewish people.

In addition, being the leader of our great nation, we humbly beseech of Your Excellency not to support immoral laws, which corrupt the world and, according to the Holy Torah, brings the wrath of the Almighty upon us, may the Almighty save us. That is why the Biblical cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed; we see the Almighty’s warnings today as well, with natural disasters such as Hurricane Sandy etc. On a personal level, legislation in favor of immorality poses a great danger to the future of religious Jewry in the United States.

Your Excellency, Honorable President, once more, we wish you from the depths of our hearts much blessing and success in your high position to accomplish your lofty aspirations. May Your Excellency, fulfill the words of the ancient Jewish sages, "Do the Almighty's will as if it were your will, so that He may do your will as if it were His will." When you fulfill the Almighty's requests, He will fulfill yours.

May the Almighty grant Your Excellency wisdom, good health and strength to lead this country in peace, tranquility and economic prosperity; and may we all merit to see the revelation of the glory of the Almighty, when the entire world will serve Him together in harmony. AMEN.

Sincerely yours

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