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#### DANSKER GETS BRANDEIS AWARD

Milton S. Shapiro, left, president of the Zionist Organization of America, presented the Brandeis Award to Norman Dansker, New York real estate developer, for "dedicated and exemplary service to Israel, the Jewish people and the community."

U.S. Senator John Heinz, right, (R-Pa.) was the keynote speaker at a dinner at the Sheraton Centre (May 16) which attracted 700 people.

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ZOA SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER FEATURES  
UNITED STATES SENATOR HEINZ AS KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
PRESENTATION OF BRANDEIS AWARD TO NEW YORK REALTOR  
NORMAN DANSKER  
AND PRESENTATION TO ZOA BY MR. & MRS. ZECHARIA SITCHIN  
OF THE ONLY DOCUMENT PRESIDENT TRUMAN SIGNED  
OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZING THE STATE OF ISRAEL

NEW YORK, May 16, 1988 -- United States Senator John Heinz (R - PA) addressing more than 700 leaders of the American Jewish Community at a fund raising dinner sponsored by The Zionist Organization of America called for the United States to remain true to proven principles in its middle east policy.

Senator Heinz said, "The escalation of the regional arms race, especially the Saudi purchase of Chinese medium-range missiles, reminds us that the Middle East is still a very dangerous place. This danger to Israel and western interests make it even more important that we remain true to proven principles.

"First. Our close relationship with Israel is both a moral and strategic imperative. It is not only our mutual commitment to freedom and democracy that binds us together, but our mutual recognition of the strategic importance of the Middle East and Israel's place in it.

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"Second. No negotiations with terrorists. The other side -- the PLO or whoever they may be -- must end the terror, recognize Israel and its right to exist. These are not promises we can buy with our concessions. It is a price that must be paid before negotiations begin.

"Third. Only direct negotiations between Arabs and Israelis can produce peace. Though our stake in this matter is clear, only those who are directly involved can resolve it peacefully and permanently.

"To these three principles of the US Government, I add a fourth:

"We cannot buy peace with arms sales to Arabs who refuse to recognize Israel. Peace will come from an Arab recognition of mutual interests and the futility of violence. America has a role. It is as honest broker, not arms broker."

Milton S. Shapiro, President of the Zionist Organization of America thanked Senator Heinz for his strong and steadfast support of Israel, particularly now, at a time when Israel's enemies seek to separate Israel from her friends here in the United States. Mr. Shapiro said, "Senator Heinz is a strong steadfast friend of Israel and the Jewish People, who can be counted on when his support is needed."

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Highlighting the evening was ZOA President Shapiro's presentation of the organization's highest award, The Louis D. Brandeis Award, to Norman Dansker for his dedicated and exemplary service to Israel, the Jewish people and the community.

In making the presentation to Mr. Dansker, Shapiro said, "He has honored the Zionist Organization of America by serving as general chairman of its two most successful fund raising events in New York. We are pleased to have the opportunity to show our appreciation for his successful efforts on behalf of ZOA and Israel by recognizing him with our highest award The Brandeis Award."

The award is named for the pioneer Zionist leader and ZOA President, Louis D. Brandeis, who is noted for his distinguished service as a member of the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Dansker heads Coronet Properties Company, a noted real estate development firm. He is a member of the Board of the American Friends of the Rambam Hospital in Haifa, Israel, and serves on the Advisory Board of the American Israel Economic Corporation. In addition, Mr. Dansker serves as a Director of the First Women's Bank.

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The high point of the evening was a presentation to the Zionist Organization of America of the only document ever signed by the late President of the United States Harry S. Truman recognizing the State of Israel.

In making the presentation to ZOA Mr. Sitchin said, "There never was any formal document that President Truman signed in 1948 recognizing the State of Israel. Rather in the normal conduct of White House business on May 14, 1948 a mimeographed news release announcing American recognition of the Jewish State was issued and constitutes the only formal White House document memorializing this event so important to Jews throughout the world.

As chairman of the American-Israel Pavillion at the 1964-65 World Fair in New York I had occasion to visit President Truman in Independence Missouri prior to the Fair, in search of memorabilia about Israel and the American Jewish Community which could be displayed. "President Truman was kind enough to sign a copy of this news release," Mr. Sitchin said, "thus making it the only document proclaiming United States recognition of Israel that bears President Truman's signature.

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"I am proud to present this document to ZOA for display on the occasion of its 90th Anniversary Convention to be held July 3 - 8, 1988 in Jerusalem."

ZOA President Milton Shapiro thanked Mr. and Mrs. Sitchin for their thoughtfulness in presenting the document to ZOA. He said, "Zecharia and Frieda Rina Sitchin have been Zionists all their lives. They have given of themselves tirelessly on behalf of the State of Israel and the Jewish People and we salute them tonight for their thoughtfulness in providing us with this historic momento which will add substantially to the richness of ZOA's 90th Anniversary Convention."

Mr. Sitchin, is a founding Director of the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry and was chairman of the American-Israel Pavilion at the New York World's Fair held in 1964/65.

Mrs. Sitchin is currently President of the New York Chapter of Hadassah and a member of Hadassah's National Board.

The dinner was held at the Sheraton Centre Hotel Ballroom. Assemblyman Arthur J. Kremer was general chairman.

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