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THE PRIME MINISTER

30 May 1986

PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
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Dear Prime Minister,

I want to let you know immediately how deeply touched I was by the warmth and spontaneity of the welcome which I received, and by your own personal kindness and consideration. I have long felt myself a close friend of Israel and have followed its growth and development with pleasure and admiration. But the experience of my brief stay this time exceeded all expectations and the impressions of my visit will remain with me always.

May I thank you particularly for your many kind words about me and about Britain during the visit, and for taking so much trouble by accompanying me during the programme. I was particularly glad that we were able to talk so often and so fully. I hope that we can remain in the closest contact over the coming months in working to advance the course of peace with security for Israel and her neighbours.

Finally may I thank you for the thoughtfulness of your gifts. I shall always treasure the coin and carry it as a memento of a visit which I enjoyed more than any other I have made.

Please give my best wishes to Mrs. Peres. I do hope
that all is now well with your daughter-in-law.

With warm personal regards, and all good wishes.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Kalbitz

His Excellency Mr. Shimon Peres



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Dear Mr. President.

Among the many highlights of my visit to Israel, the lunch which you and Mrs. Herzog gave was a particularly memorable and happy occasion. It was most kind of you to arrange it and to invite some of the leading representatives of our Jewish community in Britain. I shall long remember, too, the grace and elegance of your house.

My whole visit was a most heartening experience and the memory of the warm and demonstrative reception which your people gave me will remain with me for ever.

May I thank you particularly for the beautiful hand-painted silk scarf, a most thoughtful gift which I shall treasure.

With warm regards to you and your wife.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Mr. Chaim Herzog

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Dear Ambassador,

You will have seen for yourself how deeply touched and grateful I was for the warmth and spontaneity of the welcome I received in Israel. It was a most heartening experience, and one which I shall forever carry with me - together with an unbounded admiration for all that your country has achieved. You have my warmest thanks for making the visit possible and for your kindness and consideration in accompanying me throughout it.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Mr. Yehuda Avner

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Dear Mr. Shamir,

I found our talk during my visit to Israel very helpful, and should like you to know how very touched I was by the warmth of my reception. May I also say how interesting I found the whole programme and how much I appreciated the quite excellent arrangements. I should be most grateful if my thanks could be conveyed to the Head of Protocol and all the members of his staff who worked so hard on them. I shall never know how we got through so much in such a short time - but it was a great tribute to their organisation!

May I also thank you most warmly for the beautiful tiled tray, which will be a reminder of a very happy visit.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Mr. Yitzhak Shamir

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Yehonatan Koller,

I should like to thank you most warmly for all that you did to make my time in Jerusalem so interesting and enjoyable. I found our talk about the history of your city fascinating and as always admired your undying enthusiasm and energy. Congratulations on all that you have achieved.

Thank you particularly for the beautiful filigree "kamsica" which I shall treasure and the Barbara Tuchman book. I was delighted to have this.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

The Mayor of Jerusalem

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Dear Mr. Speaker,

I was honoured and delighted to be able to come to the Knesset during my visit to Israel, and am most grateful to you for the impressive welcome and for your kind words. There are few countries in the world where one actually feels democracy flourishing as strongly as in Israel, and it is a heartening experience.

Thank you also for the beautiful glass bowl and for the book on Marc Chagall. The Chagall tapestries are quite outstanding and I was delighted to have seen them.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Mr. Shlomo Hillel

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Dear Mr. Dayan,

I found my visit to Ashkelon earlier this week a most inspiring experience. The warmth and spontaneity of the welcome I received from your people was heartening. And I was delighted to be able to see at first hand something of the tremendous work which has been done to support Ashkelon and its people by the Jewish community in Britain. I send you my warmest congratulations on all that has been achieved and my best wishes for the future.

May I also thank you in particular for the Ashkelon Cylinder Seal with which you presented me. This will be a treasured reminder of a happy visit.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Mayor Eli Dayan.



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My dear Chief Rabbi,

I very much enjoyed meeting you at the reception during my recent visit to Israel and would like to thank you most warmly for the two pictures with which you presented me. I was fascinated to hear the story of the visit of Prince George to Aden. How strange are the byways of history!

I very much enjoyed my visit and was heartened and delighted by the warmth of my reception.

I send you my best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

The Chief Rabbi of Israel.

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