

ISRAELI PRES.

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his eight-day stay in the United States he was received with great honor and dignity wherever he went and with whomever he met.

In a gesture that was demonstrative of the character of the man, President Shazar, prior to his leaving the airport, bade farewell to the crowd outside the Plaza Hotel, where he was staying, and thanked the Jewish communities for their gracious hospitality. Although the 76-year-old president was exhausted from his state visits to Uruguay, Chile and Brazil, and despite numerous conferences and meetings with national and international leaders in the United States, President Shazar met with leaders of the Jewish community, including of-

ficials of cultural religious and Zionist organizations. Characteristic of his style, he even found time to visit sick Yiddish poet Chaim Grade.

Earlier in Washington, after an enthusiastic greeting by Vice-President Hubert Humphrey at the airport, President Shazar was brought by a presidential aircraft to the White House, where he was met with the traditional Hebrew salutation "Baruch Haba" spoken by President Johnson. He was honored with a state dinner kosher attended by members of the cabinet and other high ranking government officials. President Johnson lauded the Israeli president as "a renowned scholar and educator and as a pioneer of New Israel." Mr. Shazar responded: "On behalf of the Government and people of my country, I wish to record our appreciation of the understanding which has marked your approach to our problems and my satisfaction at the continuous growth of the friendship between our two countries."

He invited President Johnson to visit Israel.

Both presidents exchanged gifts with President Shazar presenting Mr. Johnson with a special edition of the Jerusalem Bible in Hebrew bound in black leather and inscribed in silver. He also gave him a special golden medallion.

During his stay in Washington, Mr. Shazar went to Arlington National Cemetery where he placed a wreath at the tomb of the late president reciting a brief memorial prayer in Hebrew. At the close of his Washington visit, the Israeli chief of state was saluted by Secretary of State Deank Rusk, a courtesy not usually given to foreign visitors on a visit labeled "informal" by the United States State Department.

From the moment of his arrival to the time of his departure from Kennedy International Airport, President Shazar was kept busy with conferences, courtesy calls and dinners. He was feted at a luncheon by UN Secretary-General U Thant which was attended by more than 40 diplomats. He was given a dinner when he met with New York's Governor Nelson Rockefeller and New York City's Mayor John V. Lindsay, who presented the president with an original first edition of THE HISTORY OF NEW YORK.

Highlighting his stay in New York was his meeting with the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menahem Schnerson, in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn, where hundreds of haddisim broke into wild song and dance when the presidential motorcade arrived. Earlier during the Sabbath the President walked to the Fifth Avenue Synagogue where he was honored with the reading of the Haftorah.

Before his departure, the 76-year-old president received a call from the leading Catholic clergyman of New York, Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York. With Cardinal Spellman's visit and those of Catholic Cardinals in South America, it marked the first time that a traveling chief of state from Israel received a visit from Cardinals in each country visited.

Statue of Liberty 80

By Dr. Samuel Silver

At last it's going to happen.

This October the Statue of Liberty turns 80.

From the outset the base of the Statue was supposed to house exhibits and displays.

But those plans never materialized.

True, the pedestal contains the words of Emma Lazarous about welcoming the people branded by tyrants as "refuse."

Even that poem is not properly highlighted and many of the millions that go there don't see it.

Now, at last, the Statue will be enhanced by another remarkable sight - seeing attraction.

It will be the American Museum of Immigration.

The museum will house pripping displays of how this nation has been enriched by those who came here.

It will tell of the tribulations and the triumphs of the new-comers.

It will even include a section glorifying the Indians, indicating that once they too came to this continent from some other place. A little more respect for the Indians is badly needed here.

In a sense, the Museum

could only be built after the repeal of those harsh immigration laws which prompted many to say that Lady Liberty had no right even to hold up her head let alone her hand.

But now that a policy of immigration closer to the traditional spirit of American hospitality is in effect, the Museum is most fitting.

The federal government is matching private dollars in underwriting the project. So if you want to double your money, send a gift to the Museum treasurer, Alexander Hamilton, 15 Pine St., New York City, 10005.

And, of course, there will be one segment of the exposition devoted to Judaism,

Jewish immigrants will be called Jews, and many memorabilia will be on display some provided by the American Jewish Historical Society, some by the American Jewish Archives.

Or if you have an object representative of the valor of the Jewish immigrants, you can submit it to the Museum; they'll return it if they don't opt it. The address is 28 E. 20th Street, New York City 10003.

At last, the Lady at the Golden Door will even be more adorable.

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