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PASSOVER MESSAGE

As preparations are made to gather with family and friends to celebrate the ancient holiday of Passover together with Jews all over the world, I would like to wish Jews across America a Happy Passover. Passover is a celebration of freedom -- freedom from slavery and oppression. And, Israel is a living symbol of that freedom.

The United States has no closer ally than Israel, with whom we share fundamental values -- values that stand out in a region unfortunately not noted for democracy and human rights. The historic progress that has been achieved to date in the Middle East has been achieved only because the United States and Israel have stood together, and only because Israel has remained strong and secure. The key to peace in that troubled region is the American commitment to Israel -- a commitment that Jews in America have kept vibrant and that the U.S. government must keep strong. The road ahead will be difficult; as we have seen there are extremists who will oppose peace at any cost. However, I am optimistic that by working together, the United States and Israel can continue to move the peace process forward.

On this special holiday, please know that I share in your celebration of freedom and in your prayers for a lasting and genuine peace in the Middle East.

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