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Doug, can you forward the email below to Huma (assuming she's with HRC) via a non-govt email account?

Huma --

I'm here at AIPAC and will be on the dais when Hillary speaks tomorrow. Lots of deep concern at Obama (even all the Dems here) but lots of positive feeling about Hillary despite the last week's back and forth. She will be among friends when she comes. I know it seems obvious, but during the presentation tomorrow I suggest focusing on Iran, Iran, and Iran.

I'm assisting with Hillary's introduction. Can you send me the 3 most helpful pro-Israel intro points about Hillary? Got the Mogen David Adom item in there. I want to focus on more applause points.

Also, read the article below. It is disconcerting.

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Jim Tisch on Obama...

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Jewish Anger at Obama  
by Lloyd Grove  
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When Secretary of State Hillary Clinton addresses some 7,500 delegates to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee's Washington policy conference on Monday morning, the moment will be fraught.

It's just possible that Clinton, accustomed to being love-bombed by the powerful pro-Israel lobby's conventioners whenever she spoke as New York's junior senator, will be greeted with chilly silence or, worse, scattered boos --the AIPAC membership's angry response to the frayed and apparently deteriorating relationship between Israel and the United States.

"Man, I wouldn't want to be Hillary Clinton going there at this point in time," says Manhattan billionaire James S. Tisch, chief executive of Loews Corp. -- the hotel, insurance and oil exploration conglomerate-and a longtime activist in Jewish causes and philanthropies. "I wouldn't be surprised if she gets a 'cold' -- a diplomatic sickness."

"I think this could really be an important point of demarcation for Jewish public opinion of the president," Tisch says.

The 57-year-old Tisch, a big-money political donor who gives to both Democrats and Republicans and supported John McCain in the 2008 presidential election, is typical of wealthy Jewish supporters of Israel, especially in New York, who are bitterly opposed to President Obama's Middle East policies and harshly critical of the officials who are carrying them out.

Tisch was one of a number of Jewish leaders interviewed by the Daily Beast who were angry at Obama -- so much so that they think the issue could affect Jewish donations to Democratic candidates this fall.

But Tisch is unusual in his willingness to air his indignation in public. "I'm outraged, but not surprised," Tisch says about the past week's unpleasantness, in which Vice President Joe Biden was blindsided and embarrassed during his official visit to Israel, when housing authorities there suddenly announced plans for the expansion of U.S.-opposed residential construction in the disputed Arab quarter of East Jerusalem.

Despite Binyamin Netanyahu's sheepish apology and Biden's gracious acceptance, Secretary Clinton phoned the Israeli prime minister last Friday to scorch him for damaging the peace process and Israel's relations with the United

States, and demand that Israel immediately rescind the new construction plans.

White House adviser David Axelrod continued the public thrashing of Israel on last Sunday's Washington talk shows, condemning our historic ally's construction announcement as "an affront" and "an insult" to the United States.

"I don't think he's pro-Israel," Tisch says, voicing the suspicions of many. "I think the president comes to this from Jeremiah Wright's church, and there's no doubt in my mind that in Jeremiah Wright's church, the Palestinians were portrayed as freedom fighters and not as terrorists."

Tisch adds the flap is bound to influence the traditionally Democratic Jewish electorate, nearly 80 percent of which voted for Obama in 2008.

"Now, for the first time, there are a significant number of people in the organized Jewish community that feel that the president has gone too far," Tisch says. It will be interesting to watch "what happens to the president's approval rating among Jewish voters. I think this could really be an important point of demarcation for Jewish public opinion of the president."

Other wealthy Jewish New Yorkers, who are active in the pro-Israel cause as well as Democratic Party politics, agree the issue could depress Jewish support for Democrats next November.

"Obama has done zero favors for the Democratic candidates in 2010," says a prominent Democratic fundraiser who, like most of Jewish activists who spoke for this story, was unwilling to go on the record. "I know a lot of historical Democrats who are big check-writers and even bundlers, who have told me that until things settle down they have no interest in helping any Democrats."

Another politically active Jewish billionaire confirms this assessment. "I think anyone writing a check now is doing it with shaking fingers," this man says. "Not only is Obama changing the nature of our relationship with Israel, he is pushing through health care legislation that will cost everybody more money, he is demonizing Wall Street and the 'big fat cats,' attacking people who gave a lot of money to the Democrats and their candidates for Congress and the presidential race. So this latest thing is the third strike."

A dovish minority approves of Obama's taking Israel to the woodshed. "I am utterly supportive of the president here," Democratic money man Orin Kramer tells The Daily Beast's political reporter, Benjamin Sarlin. "I think the president is on the firmest possible ground."

Former California congressman Mel Levine, an AIPAC board member, seconds Kramer's sentiment, adding that longtime Democrats will remain loyal. "I believe that the donors will overwhelmingly stay with Obama," Levine says. "I fear that our Israeli friends are miscalculating the reaction in the U.S., including among American Jews."

But Abraham Foxman, national director of the influential Anti-Defamation League, is among the Jewish leaders who in the past few days have issued harsh condemnations of the Obama White House. The ADL criticized Obama's "gross overreaction to a point of policy difference among friends," adding that "we are shocked and stunned at the administration's tone and public dressing down of Israel."

"The issue here, for 78 percent of the Jews who voted for Obama, is you condemn your ally and your friend," Foxman says. "But when Syria spits in the president's face by continuing to back Hezbollah, we don't say anything? I think it's nuts."

As for Hillary Clinton, once the darling of the pro-Israel community, "she is just an employee," Foxman says disdainfully. "She is reflecting him."

Los Angeles billionaire and entertainment mogul Halm Saban, who over the past two decades has given tens of millions of dollars to the Democratic Party, says such comments are counterproductive, and counsels all sides to zip their lips.

"I think we should stop talking about this," says Saban, an Egyptian-born Israeli who emigrated to the United States three decades ago.

"It's a crisis. It's a family disagreement between two great friends. Let the powers that be address whatever issues that need to be addressed in private. Israel and the United States are two staunch allies and have been so for sixty-plus years. The relationship is bigger and stronger than any one disagreement or exchange."

Clinton's appointed replacement in the Senate, Kirsten Gillibrand—a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who irked some Jewish Democrats early last year when she seemed to support Obama's use of tough measures to pressure Israel -- this week issued a statement of strong support for the Jewish state and its "unbreakable" bond with America. Gillibrand is campaigning for election his year.

But former Bush administration official Dan Senor, the co-author of a book-length paean to Israeli economic ingenuity, who's been considering jumping into the race as a Republican, sees the current controversy as an opportunity to attract cross-over Democratic support.

James Tisch expresses skepticism that an Israel-focused Senate campaign would work. "If Dan Senor is going to hang his Senate race on this issue, he might as well save everybody the grief and trouble and not run in the first place," Tisch says.

But Senor, who is expected soon to announce whether or not he's a candidate, sees Israel as just one of host of issues on which to base a campaign—including health care, the economy, and taxes.

"Obama's Israel policy is symptomatic of a larger criticism of Obama's foreign policy," says a person familiar with Senor's thinking. "And that is, the president is downgrading our historic alliances while reaching out to our adversaries."

That was certainly not the impression Obama gave to Jewish organizations during the presidential campaign. As the Democratic primary season came to an end, that AIPAC members cheered Clinton when she vouched for Barack Obama's pro-Israel bona fides. When Obama followed her to the podium at the Washington Convention Center, he elicited whoops of joy as he declared the security of the Jewish state "sacrosanct" and "non-negotiable" and added in a burst of mutual adoration: "Jerusalem will remain the capital of Israel and it must remain undivided."

James Tisch, for one, took it with a grain of salt -- and indeed Obama's campaign quickly softened and fuzzed up his red-meat vow to the AIPAC faithful.

"I'm from the 'don't listen to what they say, watch what they do' school of politics," Tisch says. "It's easy in a Senate race or a presidential race to say you're for an undivided Jerusalem, and now Hillary Clinton is going in exactly the opposite direction. Pay close attention to the AIPAC conference. This is coming up at a truly hot time."

Benjamin Sarlin contributed to this report.

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Is the Jewish love affair with the Democratic Party about to end?

By Roger L Simon On March 15, 2010

For all of my loooooong life, the Jews have been so deep in the pocket of the Democratic Party it would make Chris Matthews blush. Maybe... just maybe... (I know old habits die hard)... thanks to Barack Obama, that is about to end. The well-put lead from this morning's WSJ opinion piece

[http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704416904575121710380216280.html?mod=WSJ\\_Opinion\\_AboveLEFTTop](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704416904575121710380216280.html?mod=WSJ_Opinion_AboveLEFTTop) [1] details the situation:

In recent weeks, the Obama Administration has endorsed "healthy relations" between Iran and Syria, mildly rebuked Syrian President Bashar Assad for accusing the U.S. of "colonialism," and publicly apologized to Moammar Gadhafi for treating him with less than appropriate deference after the Libyan called for "a jihad" against Switzerland.

When it comes to Israel, however, the Administration has no trouble rising to a high pitch of public indignation. On a visit to Israel last week, Vice President Joe Biden condemned an announcement by a mid-level Israeli official that the government had approved a planning stage—the fourth out of seven required—for the construction of 1,800 housing units in north Jerusalem. Assuming final approval, no ground will be broken on the project for at least three years.

The Obama administration has taken the admonition to "Keep your friends close but your enemies closer" to a new level.

They want to make love with their enemies while taking their friends to the woodshed and beating the living daylight out of them. And take them they did, time after time.

First Biden, then Hillary, then some semi-anonymous character at the State Department dressing down Ambassador Oren (talk about disrespecting your betters!), then on to the talk show circuit with the droning Gibbs and Obama's "best Jew" David Axlerod. His other "best Jew" Rahm Emanuel was nowhere in evidence, as far as I know. (Interesting, that).

But back to my lead: Is the Jewish love affair with the Democratic Party about to end? I know many will be skeptical. And they should be. But I suspect something is brewing. This kind of excessive and weirdly paternalistic attitude to the state of Israel, directed so clearly from the top, seems to come out of a kind of unexamined personal animus. The long record that Obama has of friendship with virulent enemies of Israel has not gone unnoticed <http://pajamasmedia.com/rogersimon/2010/03/13/what-israel-did/#comment-10> [2].

Whatever the etiology, group love affairs with political parties cannot help but be self-destructive. They may begin in a burst of mutual admiration but they will almost always devolve into a self-destructive "taking for granted" that could only work to the benefit of one party (if that).

The love affair between African-Americans and the Democratic Party has been similarly useless for blacks. In the forty years I have lived in Los Angeles, I haven't noticed life getting significantly better in South Central, a region of the city in which Republicans are about as scarce as killer whales.

For Jews, Obama's behavior is indeed a "teaching moment." The bizarre over-reaction to a minor incident in Israel should serve as a wake up call.

Will it? It won't be easy to tell at first. The coming AIPAC meeting in Washington, at which Clinton and Netanyahu will speak, will undoubtedly contain a certain amount of nice-nice talk. But beneath the surface sands are shifting. We shall see if this morphs into a tectonic plate.

And then there's Iran.

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