



**The City of New York
Office of the Mayor**

September 26, 2005

Dear Friends:

It is a great pleasure to welcome you all to the annual Tree of Life Award Dinner of the Jewish National Fund.

On behalf of the City of New York, I recognize all those associated with JNF and everyone assembled here this evening for your steadfast support for the people of Israel. One of the most vital elements of Jewish heritage in New York is our deep personal connection to Israel. During my trips there, I have seen the determination of Israelis to live their lives to the fullest and to continue to strengthen their nation, and before and since the founding of Israel, JNF has remained dedicated to helping these men, women and children in achieving their hopes and dreams.

Tonight's festivities are a wonderful way for the community to come together to assist JNF in fulfilling its important initiatives, and to pay tribute to this evening's honorees. Susan Polgar, Jana Robbins and Teri Weiss are exemplary leaders within their industries and truly represent the civic spirit of both JNF and our great City. Both JNF and tonight's honorees clearly demonstrate what a remarkable difference can be made when people and organizations dedicate themselves to the lives of others.

Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable event and for continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Bloomberg".

Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor