



September 26, 2005

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to have this opportunity to send greetings to each of you attending the annual Tree of Life Award Dinner of the Jewish National Fund.

The Jewish National Fund has worked tirelessly to support the State of Israel. From its founding over one hundred years ago, the Jewish National Fund has evolved to meet Israel's most urgent needs. Your current efforts to address the security crisis, the ongoing water shortage, and other environmental issues reflect the continued importance and relevance of your work.

I would like to especially recognize tonight's honorees. As a four-time World Chess Champion, Susan Polgar has been a pioneer in breaking the gender barrier in Chess. Jana Robbins demonstrates the power of entertainment to educate and inspire through her organization, Better World Productions. Teri Weiss has earned Emmy Awards and Parent's Choice Awards for her outstanding leadership and vision as Vice-President of Nickelodeon and as a producer of Sesame Street. The dedication of these remarkable individuals and all of you here tonight strengthen the Jewish community and our nation as a whole.

I send my warmest congratulations to each of the honorees. You have my best wishes for a wonderful evening.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hillary Rodham Clinton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hillary Rodham Clinton  
United States Senator