

# Program for a Community-Wide Rally to Protest Soviet Anti-Semitism

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## COMMUNITY-WIDE RALLY TO PROTEST SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 1965 AT 2:15 P.M.

**CLEVELAND HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**  
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## PROGRAM

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The position of the Jewish community in the Soviet Union is a matter of deep and continuing concern to me, to this administration, and to millions of thoughtful people throughout the United States. We cannot ignore the existence of religious or racial persecution anywhere in the world.

Anti-Semitism in Russia is a long-standing historical tragedy: its roots go deep into the czarist era. There have been periods of relative restraint in the more recent past, but in the Soviet Union today there is grave governmental, social and economic pressure against Jewish culture and religious identity. There is harassment of synagogues and interference with training in the great cultural heritage of Judaism which has given the Jewish community such vigor and endurance through many centuries.

All responsible officials in our government continue to search for practical methods of alleviating the position of Soviet Jews . . . We continue to believe that the official actions available to us must be reinforced by the pressure of an aroused world public opinion. It is my hope that citizens and organizations of all faiths will join in an overwhelming expression of moral concern for the Jews of the Soviet Union. The moral judgment of millions of people throughout the world cannot be ignored by any government.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

INVOCATION ..... **RABBI DANIEL LITT**  
 Rabbi, Beth Israel West Temple

WELCOME ..... **JORDAN C. BAND**  
 Chairman, Community Relations Committee  
 The Jewish Community Federation

PRESIDING CHAIRMAN ..... **DR. ABE SILVERSTEIN**  
 Chairman, Cleveland Council  
 on Soviet Anti-Semitism

EXPRESSIONS OF RELIGIOUS CONCERN ..... **THE VERY REVEREND HUGH E. DUNN, S.J.**  
 President, John Carroll University

..... **REV. B. BRUCE WHITTEMORE**  
 Executive Director, Council of Churches  
 of Christ of Greater Cleveland

BABI YAR ..... **DR. REUBEN SILVER**  
 Director of Drama, Karamu Theater

ADDRESS ..... **RABBI GEORGE B. LIEBERMAN**  
 Rabbi, Central Synagogue  
 of Nassau County, New York

ADDRESS ..... **SENATOR KENNETH B. KEATING**

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 Chairman, Community Relations Committee  
 The Jewish Community Federation

BENEDICTION ..... **RABBI JACK HERMAN**  
 Rabbi, Community Temple



A portion of the huge crowd that came to Heights High School in March of 1965 for the first large-scale rally on behalf of Soviet Jews in Cleveland.

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