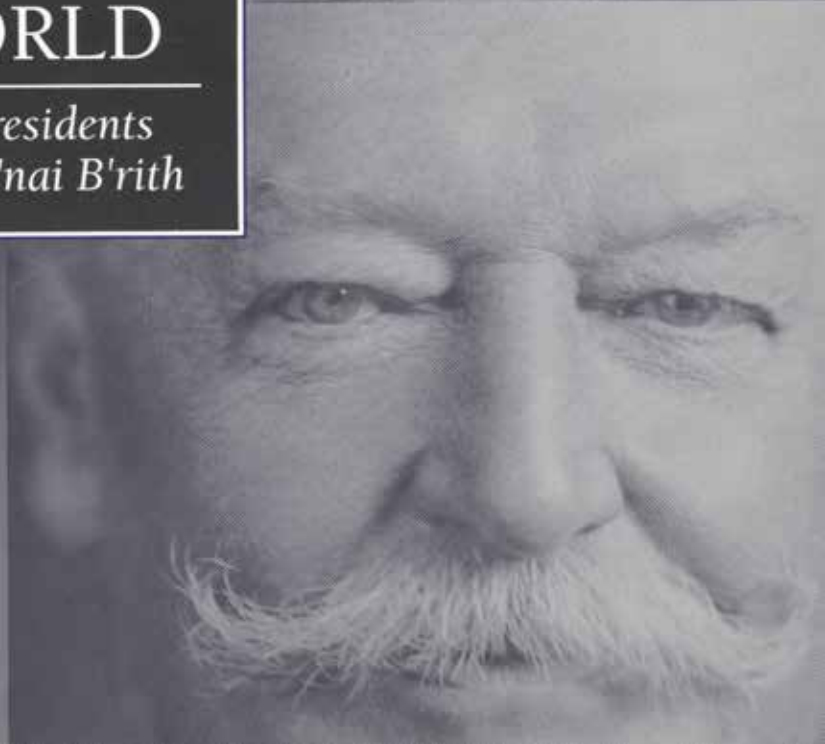
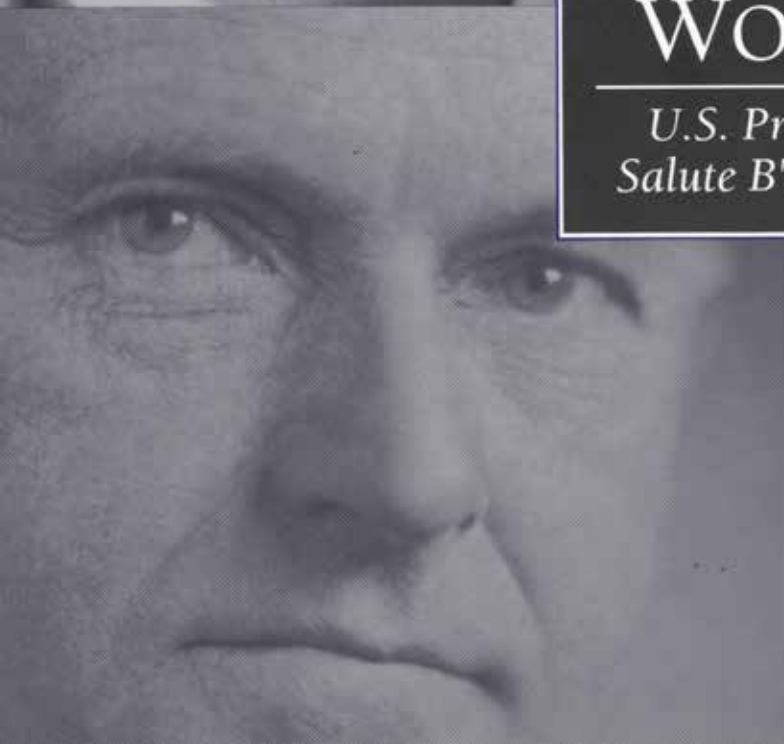
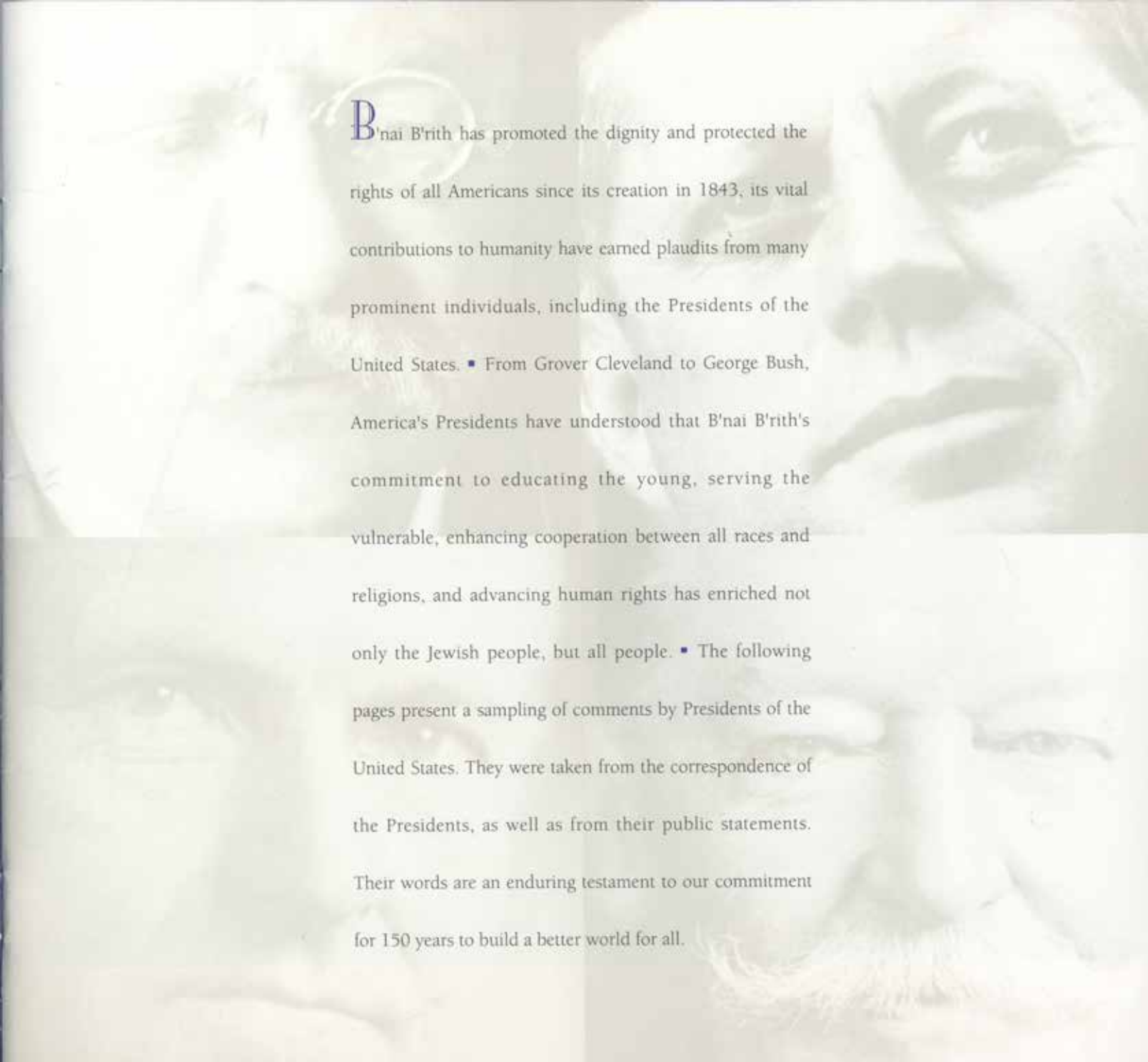


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*U.S. Presidents
Salute B'nai B'rith*





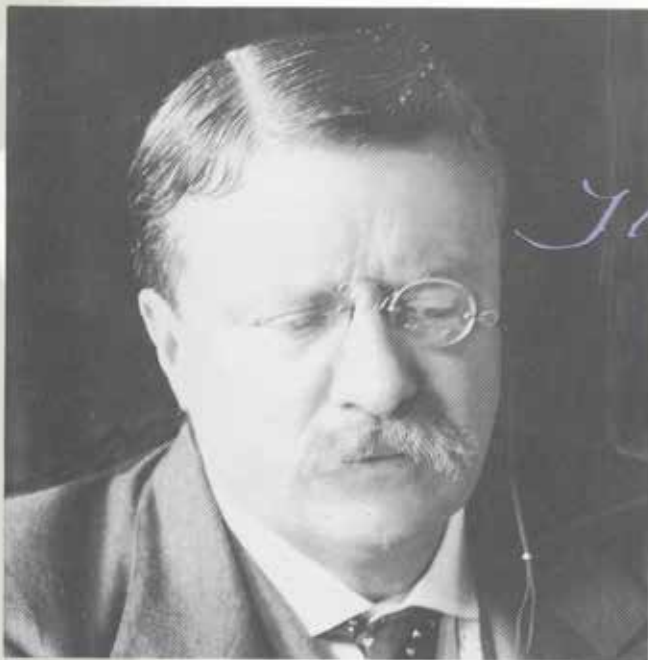
Bnai B'rith has promoted the dignity and protected the rights of all Americans since its creation in 1843, its vital contributions to humanity have earned plaudits from many prominent individuals, including the Presidents of the United States. ■ From Grover Cleveland to George Bush, America's Presidents have understood that B'nai B'rith's commitment to educating the young, serving the vulnerable, enhancing cooperation between all races and religions, and advancing human rights has enriched not only the Jewish people, but all people. ■ The following pages present a sampling of comments by Presidents of the United States. They were taken from the correspondence of the Presidents, as well as from their public statements. Their words are an enduring testament to our commitment for 150 years to build a better world for all.

A society formed for the
furtherance of such noble
purposes as that of B'nai B'rith
should not only excite the
enthusiasm of its members, but
should also inspire the good wishes
of all who desire to see humanity
bettered and the higher instincts of
our nature cultivated.

GROVER CLEVELAND
1885-1889, 1893-1897

C L E V E L A N D





Hearty good wishes to B'nai

B'rith...all success in its work of

strengthening the ties between
man and man, and contributing

to the uplift and betterment of

humanity. It has been a great

educational and enlightening

factor in our American life.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

1901-1909

R O O S E V E L T

I have great respect
for B'nai B'rith because of the
good which it has done.
It is a body of representative
American citizens that
deserves the approval and
encouragement of all their
fellow citizens.

WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT
1909-1913



Wm. H. Taft

W I L S O N



The fine work of B'nai B'rith..
undoubtedly contributes to
the uplift and betterment
of the nation. I have been
particularly interested in the
work of education and
philanthropy, and the effort
to destroy the provincialism
of prejudice as between races.

Woodrow Wilson

WOODROW WILSON
1913-1921

I hope that all America will

catch the spirit of B'nai B'rith

in campaigning against all

movements aimed to rend

the concord of American

citizenship. Fraternity must be

the abiding purpose of

our people.

WARREN G. HARDING

1921-1923





As my acquaintance with
B'nai B'rith has widened, my
regard for its high aims and
effective methods has increased.

CALVIN COOLIDGE

1923-1929

Calvin Coolidge

C O O L I D G E

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It is a pleasure to bear witness to the high ideals of public service that animate B'nai B'rith, and to the practical intelligence with which its broad policies of social service and philanthropy are carried into execution. Its usefulness, not only in the United States but also in Europe and the Near East, is everywhere recognized with gratitude; while in this country I would especially commend its example in working for mutual magnanimity, understanding, and cooperation between all races and creeds.

HERBERT C. HOOVER
1929-1933



R O O S E V E L T



B'nai B'rith has effectively served the well-being of American Jewry and the Nation. Its philanthropic achievements are permanently enshrined...its endeavors in the realm of education exhibit a far-sighted understanding in the problems of the younger generation...its programs of good will strives toward harmony among the component elements comprising our American society.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
1933-1945

Harry Truman

The fine patriotic service
of B'nai B'rith during the war
years has earned a Nation's
gratitude. What impresses me
most is...that we may count
upon B'nai B'rith's service
during peace as we counted
upon it with such good results
during war.

HARRY S. TRUMAN
1945-1953



T R U M A N

E I S E N H O W E R



I am glad to express my appreciation for B'nai B'rith's achievements in promoting understanding, cooperation, and good will among Americans of all races and creeds. I know that the men and women of B'nai B'rith, who have so consistently fought for the freedom and equality of all Americans, will continue to work unselfishly for the fulfillment of these great principles.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
1953-1961

Voluntary organizations

such as B'nai B'rith are an
essential part of a free society.

The long history and wide
range of B'nai B'rith interests

have been a positive
and constructive force
for a good part of the history
of our nation.

JOHN F. KENNEDY
1961-1963

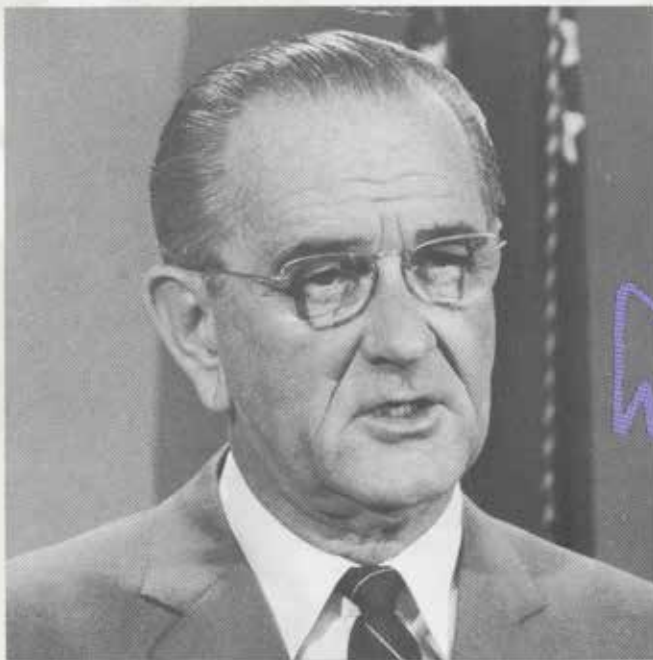
K E N N E D Y



J O H N S O N

You have never tired,
you have never faltered, you
have never lost faith in your
cause; and your cause has
given faith to your nation.
You are pro-justice and
pro-freedom.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON
1963-1969



A handwritten signature of Lyndon B. Johnson in blue ink. The signature is stylized and cursive, starting with a large 'L' and ending with a long horizontal stroke.

The highest standards

of B'nai B'rith, and

of the United States,

and of humanity,

are one and the same today,

tomorrow, and in all the

years to come.

RICHARD M. NIXON

1969-1974



Richard Nixon

N I X O N

F O R D



You, the sons and daughters of
the Covenant, have kept
your commitment to Judaism
and to America. The glow of
your compassion illuminates
the best of our nation's
traditional spirit of voluntary
service to others.

Gerald R. Ford

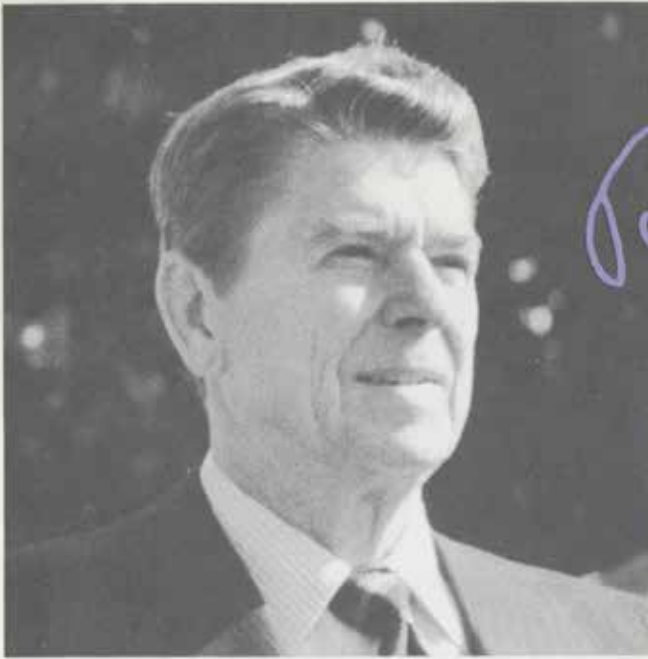
GERALD R. FORD
1974-1977

The men and women
of B'nai B'rith share with me

a total commitment
to the preservation
of human rights, liberty
and freedom of conscience.

JIMMY CARTER
1977-1981





Ronald Reagan

For more than 140 years,
B'nai B'rith has sponsored
religious, cultural, and civic
programs; conducted studies of
vital issues; combatted bigotry;
and worked tirelessly to
advance the cause of tolerance
and humanity. Because of
your efforts, today our country
has a bigger heart, a deeper
sense of the generosity of
spirit that must always define
America.

RONALD REAGAN
1981-1989

R E A G A N

Because it is rooted in a

B U S H

commitment to charity and
understanding, your work also has a
positive impact far beyond the Jewish
community. I applaud your efforts to
promote cooperation and tolerance
among people of all backgrounds,
and it is my sincere hope that, as we
move forward with our historic
efforts to promote peace in the
Middle East, your example will

continue to erode barriers of bigotry
and mistrust, wherever they exist.

GEORGE BUSH
1989-1993





Bill Clinton

You've been there to help those
in need in your own neighborhoods,
establishing local volunteer efforts,
helping the blind, settling refugees
from the former Soviet Union,
combating the scourge of drugs, and
working to strengthen the
education of young Americans...

What guides you is a belief in
a covenant that we all share to
enrich the lives of those around you,
to fight bigotry, to protect liberty.

BILL CLINTON
1993-

C L I N T O N

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