School Nine
Albany, New York
April 30, 1947

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

We are very grateful that you gave Hyde Park to the government. The children in grades five and six in School Nine went to Hyde Park and we enjoyed seeing the library and everything in it. When we went to see his grave everyone was in a hurry to see it. A lot of the children who had cameras wanted to take a picture of his grave in the rose garden. Then we went to the house and saw the bed in which he slept when he was young. I liked the bed which he slept in when he was older and I liked the chair in which Fala slept. I like the stuffed toy dog on the window sill.

Then we went outside of the house and over the side of the hill and went to see the little...
waterfall. I liked the way the water came down. I hope you will enjoy this letter. I enjoyed writing to you.

Sincerely yours,

David Hoffman
April 5, 1947

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

It hardly seems possible that next week it will be two years since your beloved husband left us. I didn't write you at that time because I knew you would be overburdened with mail.

But, my sorrow is still fresh, always will be...and of course, yours it, too. Except for your own wonderful philosophy, doing and thinking of, others...I don't know how you could stand it, otherwise. And your very obvious trust in a God who is Love.

You are a wonderful woman, an inspiration to every thinking woman in the world. We all, in my family, respect and admire you greatly.

As far as our beloved President, Roosevelt, there never has been a man of higher principles nor one with greater love for man, since Lincoln. The good he accomplished will surely live after him. As the years pass, and our prospective broadens, he will become greater.

But all this you know - it just makes me feel better to see it written. It was not my good fortune to ever see him in person, but I felt closer to him than many people...
I see daily.

My best wishes to you, dear Lady, and do think of yourself a little and enjoy the peace of your country home a little more.

We have a summer home on top of a hill in Ashby, Massachusetts, and so whenever you write of your cottage I feel that I fully understand!

I’ve taken enough of your time. Thank you for listening to me.

Most Sincerely,

Ella M. Hoffman

(Mrs. Sylvan Hoffman)
Many thanks for your letter + the poem written to me.

Poetry adds to the beauty + appreciation of life + one should not live without it.
Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt  
Washington Square  
New York City

Madam:

"What we do with people, what we do to people, depends on what we think of them and the immortality of their souls." Believing that the unseen ever survives the seen, and that the spiritual conquers the material, I venture to send you the enclosed personal appreciation of your influence on the contemporaneous scene. Distance may separate us, but here on the Coast the need for a lady of your discriminative ability and transcendent insight is, perhaps, more keenly felt than in the more supercilious East.

I'm about to begin the publication of a new bi-monthly poetry magazine entitled "For the Greater West," as successor to the twenty-year old Westward whose editor, publisher and printer I was for many years. I'm sure the readers would be elated to have a word of comment on the importance of Poetry in daily life, and the work which I continue to do without the hope of immediate fee or reward for the unknown poet-author who struggles in a harshly competitive world for the recognition of his fellows.

Respectfully,

[Signature]
FOR THE GREATER WEST
LITERARY ASSOCIATION
900 East 14th Street : San Leandro, California : SW. 7320

FIRST LADY STILL

First Lady of the land, the past is not yet dead.
Beholding you, we know that you are still the head,
The soul, and all the strength of forward looking minds
Who common sense acclaim that in you climax finds.

We who have lost the way, and cannot read the sky,
Nor what its stars portent, and where our path may lie,
Oft look to you whose sense and tranquil poise prevail,
Though friends turn foes, and though a true Achates fail:

For whom we have been born has ever greater worth
Than whence we came and what be our estate on earth,
What we may call our home, what land once gave us birth.

The unseen ever stays more potent than the seen.
The Spirit makes the man. This truth has ever been.
Transcendent virtue has you crowned a noble queen.

--Hans A. Hoffmann.
March 7th, 1947.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
HYDE PARK, N.Y.
U. S. A.

With our respect.

Referring to our previous letter, we are honored in addressing you again, in order to bring to your knowledge that on next April 13th, it will take place the Official Inauguration of the modern and large Homes for aged people and for orphans, recently built up at Burzaco, near the Capital. One of the Homes for children will hold the name of your illustrious husband, FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT, as homage of devotion of the Jewish community of the Argentine Republic towards the statesman, who was the greatest Champion of freedom and democracy in the world.

We have communicated, as well, the Ambassador of the United States to the Argentine Republic, the Honorable Mr. George S. Messersmith, our related homage, who therefore addressed us an amiable note, which we are transcribing apart, for we believe its reading will be of your pleasure.

Moreover, Madam, may we signify you that our community would heartily appreciate your sending to us an autographed picture of the late President, in order to be kept by the Home carrying his name.

We all rally that you will satisfy our legitimate longing.
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Please accept our deepest acknowledgment, by greeting you with our highest consideration.

[Signature]
David Spender
SECRETARY

[Signature]
Moisés Kleinman
PRESIDENT
March 13, 1947.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
HYDE PARK, New York.
U. S. A.

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We take advantage to reiterate you our profound consideration.

Abraham Grinberg
DIRECTOR
March 13, 1947.

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Eleanor Roosevelt
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DIRECTOR

Embassy of the
UNITED STATES OF AMERIGA
Buenos Aires, 7 de Agosto de 1946.

*De mi consideración:

He leído con sumo interés su carta describiendo
la obra del Asilo Israelita Argentino y me complaz-
co en ofrecerle mis felicitaciones por el éxito y
alcanza de sus esfuerzos. Estoy igualmente muy a-
gracdecido, al saber su intención de denominar un
Hogar con el nombre del ex-Presidente Roosevelt, y
 tengo la certeza de que hablo en nombre de mis con
ciudadanos al expresar nuestro agradecimiento por
este honor.

Tendré interés en saber la fecha en que se rea-
lizarán las ceremonias de inauguración en el mes de
noviembre, y si mis compromisos, mi trabajo y mi
salud lo permiten tendré mucho placer en asistir.
Si por cualquiera otra causa yo no pudiera estar
presente, puede usted tener la seguridad de que la
Embajada estará debidamente representada.

firma: GEORGE S. MESSERSMITH

*Señor Moisés Kleinman
Presidente,
Asilo Israelita Argentino,
Buenos Aires.
I believe the ordeal.

which my husband met

through made him

more understanding

of others. He was

stimulated by the

realization that he was

practically accomplishing

a revolution. Government

assumed

had no responsibility

for the individual —

then suddenly through

my husband's efforts

that responsibility was

accepted by everyone,
Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am preparing a history term paper for one of my college courses on the late President's interest in people. As you were so intimately related to his life, I would appreciate it if your time permits you to comment on the following.

What do you feel created the President's intense liking for the people when others of his social rank failed to do so? Some say that during his illness and ensuing "inactivity," your efforts to keep him in contact with people spurred the intense regard for people. Could you say whether those years in the twenties really brought a change in him in this respect?

Intellectually he perceived the need to work for the people but from such work what personal satisfactions also stimulated him (as desire for popular esteem, contact with people or what else)?

I would appreciate receiving your autograph.

Sincerely yours

William Hoglund

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Hyde Park, New York