

Recollection Increased Impact Of Summit Sunday

Miami Beach Mayor Alex Daoud and City Commissioner Abe Resnick, state Sen. Carrie Meek and State Representative Elaine Bloom (D-Miami Beach) were among those who led a strong local delegation to Washington, D.C. last Sunday to participate in the historic, massive Mobilization March and Rally in the nation's capital on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

Rep. Elaine Bloom shares her personal recollections and her summit Sunday reactions.

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THERE WAS electricity in the air and remembrance in my heart as we were gathered at the airport at 7 a.m. for a press conference. I was thrilled that our Miami contingent included public officials from every level of government:

When U.S. Senator Bob Graham was introduced, I recalled how eagerly Adele Graham had accepted the honorary chairmanship of the organization we created in Florida to help Ida Nudel after she was arrested by the KGB in 1978.

As Dade County Mayor Steve Clark was introduced, I remembered how willingly a participated in every rally for Soviet Jewry since I began asking him in 1971.

Congressmen Dante Fascell, Larry Smith and Rep. Buddy MacKay flew with us and we were joined in Washington by U.S. Senator Lawton Chiles, Congressmen Bill and JoAnn Lehman, Bill Nelson and Connie Mack.



Pictured (from left) are Aaron Podhurst, president, Greater Miami Jewish Federation; Sen. Bob Graham; Attorney General Robert Butterworth; Jeffrey Berkowitz, chairman of

Federation's Summit Mobilization Committee; St. Rep. Elaine Bloom prior to departure for the march in Washington.