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New Jersey Jewish News: “Steve Newmark, a political independent from Florham Park and past president of the NJ Jewish News board, also attended the dinner. ‘I thought the governor was great,’ said Newmark, a past chair of the CRC’s government affairs committee.” (Robert Wiener, “Christie offers tough talk on Israel at AIPAC gala,” *New Jersey Jewish News*, 2/15/12)

- “He was relating to the crowd. He was sincere and down-to-earth. You could relate to him.”

NJJN: “Roger Jacobs, a West Orange attorney and former chair of the Community Relations Committee of MetroWest, attended the event and said he was ‘extremely pleased to hear the governor’s exuberance about Israel.’” (Robert Wiener, “Christie offers tough talk on Israel at AIPAC gala,” *New Jersey Jewish News*, 2/15/12)

- “I thought he delivered his remarks about Israel and its role as our friend with great excitement,’ Jacobs, a Democrat, told NJJN.”

NJJN: Democrat Roy Tanzman, a Woodbridge attorney and AIPAC activist, told NJJN, “It was a good substantive

speech. Usually Christie is more rough-and-tumble, but this was a nice policy speech.” (Robert Wiener, “Christie offers tough talk on Israel at AIPAC gala,” *New Jersey Jewish News*, 2/15/12)

Weekly Standard: “[N]ew Jersey governor Chris Christie articulated a responsible view of America’s role in the world, stressing the importance of us standing by our friends and taking action against our adversaries.” (Daniel Halper, “Christie: ‘I Admire Israel for the Enemies It Has Made,’” *Weekly Standard*, 2/8/12)

- “As a governor, Christie is more known for policies that directly effect New Jersey. This speech suggests that he has given serious consideration to formulating how he sees America’s role in the world ...”

The Washington Post’s Jennifer Rubin: “A typical Christie zinger got the most attention: “I admire Israel for the enemies it has made.” But in fact his speech was more than a series of one-liners.” (Jennifer Rubin, “Did you know Chris Christie gave a big foreign policy speech?” *The Washington Post*, 2/12/12)

- “Next, he made the case that Israel and the United States are bound together by common values and are threatened by the same enemies.”
- “Throughout the speech he had a very Christie-like refrain: Don’t mince words.”
- “That insistence that we distinguish friend from foe, act strongly in favor of U.S. interests and eschew namby-pamby diplomatic talk tell us a lot about his world view.”

New Jersey Newsroom: “Referring to the statement made by our 32nd President of the United States Franklin Delano Roosevelt who once said, “I ask you to judge me by the enemies I have made,” Christie elaborated on America’s role in the world by stressing the importance of everyone to stand behind our friends and take action against our adversaries.” (Adele Sammarco, “Christie’s Israel Remarks: Is He Thinking Beyond N.J.?” *Newjerseynewsroom.com*, 2/9/12)

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