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HAPPY NEW YEAR

L' SHANAH TOVAH

ROOSEVELT, LEHMAN, NATIONAL LEADERS GREET AMERICAN JEWS ON ROSH HASHANAH

NEW YORK, Sept. 19. (JTA)-- President Roosevelt, members of his Cabinet, and Governor Lehman joined leaders of Jewish national organizations today in sending messages of greetings and hope to the Jews of America on the occasion of the Jewish New Year 5702 which will be ushered in on Sunday night with a two day prayer period in synagogues and temples.

Arrangements on an unprecedented scale have been made by the Chaplains Corps of the Army and Navy to enable the thousands of Jewish men in the nation's largest peace-time defense force to worship on the High Holy Days. Field services arranged by the Jewish Welfare Board will be held for the first time since the World War in places where the Jewish soldiers are engaged in the great war games in the Northwest and the Southwest. Thousands of copies of a specially prepared prayer book have been provided by the Jewish Welfare Board for use in the field during maneuvers, and Chaplains in the maneuver areas have been provided with shofars.

Rosh Hashanah radio broadcasts will be given Sunday and Monday over numerous stations and the tragic situation of the Jews in many parts of the world will be discussed. Appeals will be made to the Jews of America to remember the sufferings of the millions of Jews in the Nazi-dominated part of Europe as well as the hopes which many Jews in war-torn Europe place on Palestine.

Roosevelt Terms Present Darkness as "Temporary"

President Roosevelt in his Rosh Hashanah message to the Jews of America, issued through the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, said:

"At this tragic hour in modern civilization I extend to the Jewish people of America my sincere greetings for the New Year, in the confident hope that the temporary darkness which appears to encompass the world shall not extinguish the light of liberty and the blessings of peace and freedom. Accordingly, with a united devotion to the just cause of tolerance and peace, we must rededicate ourselves to the task which lies before us in order that all peoples may live as equals."

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Secretary of State, Cordell Hull, stated: "I fervently hope that the blessings of Providence may bring cheer during the coming twelve months to this esteemed and loyal group of our fellow citizens."

Secretary of War, Henry L. Stimson's message read: "The War Department sends its greetings to the American citizens of Jewish faith who are serving the

cause of national defense with the armed forces." Rosh Hashanah greetings from the Commanding General of the Army will come to the Jewish men on Sunday, Sept. 28, when Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, will speak on a nation-wide broadcast over the Columbia Broadcasting system. He will be joined by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, who will bring New Year's greetings to the Jewish men in the Navy.

Governor Lehman Calls For Greater Spiritual Faith

Governor Lehman, in his Rosh Hashanah message issued through the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, declared:

"I am pleased to have this opportunity of extending greetings for a Happy New Year to the Jews of New York. Certainly, we have cause to be deeply grateful for the blessings all citizens enjoy in our beloved country. Here there is freedom and liberty and peace. Here the humblest citizen may worship God in his own way. Here political equality is guaranteed to all citizens.

"At this time when our country is menaced by a ruthless and cruel aggressor there is compelling need for complete national unity. Americans must be courageous; they must be willing to face any sacrifice to preserve the freedoms that are theirs. Unity in a large sense rests upon spiritual convictions. Faith and patriotic devotion must necessarily be closely akin in a democracy.

"We need greater spiritual faith. We need a unity of spirit which will bind all peoples together in a common, unshakable determination to protect our liberties, our way of life and our free institutions at all costs and at all sacrifices. We must rededicate ourselves as a nation to a living brotherhood of man under the universal fatherhood of God. We must not only preach good will and tolerance and sacrifice, but we must practice these things in our daily lives. It is not only a duty but a great honor and a privilege for us as Americans and as Jews to meet and discharge our responsibilities to our country. In this spirit I send greetings to my fellow citizens on the occasion of the Jewish New Year."

"The Worst Is Behind Us," Says Dr. Stephen S. Wise

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, President of the American Jewish Congress, in a New Year's message to the Jewish people, voiced the hope "that the worst is behind us, and that the years of darkness and of horror are soon to end." He stated that the American Jewish Congress was proud of having taken its part in awakening America to an understanding of Hitlerism, and of the relations which it has established with the democracies in order to strengthen them and in order to assure a return to Jews of freedom and security.

"Loyalty to America and the democratic way of life requires, in this hour of peril, unselfish devotion to every call that our government may make on us," said Louis J. Moss, president of the United Synagogue of America, in a message on the occasion of the High Holy Days. The United Synagogue, which is the parent body for Conservative Judaism in America, represents four hundred congregations in the United States and Canada, and many other affiliated groups.

"Make America Strong," Monsky Tells American Jewry

The Jews in America in the year ahead have "the grave and sacred responsibility, at whatever cost, at whatever sacrifice, in collaboration with all of our citizenship, to make America strong," Henry Monsky, national president of B'nei B'rith, said in his Rosh Hashanah message to American Jewry. "We can and will participate in the nationwide civilian defense program in its many phases. We can and will

cheerfully accept the added burdens and the greater responsibilities produced by the present emergency. We can and will assist in the maintenance of civilian morale. We must give of our time, our talents and our treasure for the common good and to protect our common security," Mr. Monsky asserted.

An expression of thanks to the Jews of America for their "undeniably important part in sustaining the morale of the British people," upon the occasion of the Jewish New Year, has been sent to Dr. Israel Goldstein, Chairman of the Jewish Section, Interfaith Committee for Aid to the Democracies, by Mr. Frederick W. Gehle, Chairman of the Fund Raising Division of the British War Relief Society.

End of Nazi Tyranny Near, Says Judge Levinthal

Voicing confidence that the New Year will see the end of tyranny, Judge Louis E. Levinthal of Philadelphia, newly elected President of the Zionist Organization of America, in a New Year's message pledged anew the whole-hearted support of American Zionists to the cause of democracy.

In his message, addressed to American Zionists, Judge Levinthal reiterated the solemn declaration that "the rapid resettlement and rehabilitation of the homeless Jewish masses can be effected only by the reconstitution of Palestine, in its historic boundaries, as a Jewish commonwealth."

Mrs. David de Sola Pool, national president of Hadassah, in a Rosh Hashanah message, asked for the continuation of the war emergency program for the Jews in Palestine.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Appeals for Palestine

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland, National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, issued a Rosh Hashanah message to the Jewish community in the United States in which he stressed the fact that during the past year Palestine increased its capacity to absorb Jewish refugees. With enlarged help from American Jewry through the United Palestine Appeal, Dr. Silver said that Palestine would be in a position to provide a home for large numbers of oppressed Jews who will find themselves uprooted following the end of the war.

"I pray that the coming year will bring victory to mankind and salvation to Israel, and that peace will be vouchsafed to our suffering world," Dr. Silver said. "But the prospect of peace in itself constitutes a challenge to us to work for a greater and freer Palestine so that myriads of our homeless fellow Jews will be able to go there after the war. The upbuilding of Palestine constitutes today a prime task of historic necessity and wise statesmanship."

Jewish Welfare Board Arrangements in the Army and Navy

Mr. John M. Schiff, chairman of the Army and Navy Committee of the Jewish Welfare Board, in announcing the arrangements made by the J.W.B. for holiday observances for the Jewish men in the defense forces, said that in hundreds of communities throughout the country, civilian congregations will be joined by soldiers and sailors who are able to leave camps and naval stations in accordance with furlough orders of the War and Navy Departments. Through the more than 180 local Army and Navy Committees of the J.W.B., home hospitality will be extended to servicemen during Rosh Hashanah, September 22nd and 23rd, and again on Yom Kippur, October 1st. "Provisions for the observances include services in camp and communities throughout the country, and in the island bases of Hawaii, the Philippines, Bermuda, Puerto Rico, Trinidad, Iceland, Newfoundland and the Canal Zone," Mr. Schiff said.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE PLEDGES TO RESIST NAZI EFFORTS IN THE U. S.

NEW YORK, Sept. 19. (JTA)-- The American Jewish Committee, in a Rosh Hashanah message issued here today, under the signature of Louis E. Kirstein, chairman of its Board and Morris D. Waldman, General Secretary, denounced "the innuendos and accusations made by agents of foreign powers and their conscious or unwitting tools" in America and pledged itself "to resist every effort to introduce or to foster within our national boundaries the elements which have destroyed democracy, civilization, and humane living among millions throughout the world" The message reads:

"On the occasion of the Jewish High Holy Days, we take the opportunity of addressing our fellow Jews throughout the United States. The past year has witnessed a rapid development of the world crisis. Both hemispheres have been affected by it. Nation after nation has been crushed either by armed might or by intrigue implemented by the sword. Death and disease, hunger and poverty, homelessness and oppression have been visited upon many millions of human beings. The agonies of harassed humankind have spread over every continent, crossed every sea, failed to recognize any national boundary.

"The United States has not, as indeed it could not, remain unaffected by the economic, social and political problems which a world in conflict has released. These problems confront us today as a challenge to our courage and our very faith in democratic institutions. To preserve this nation, its traditions and its free institutions, all Americans, from every walk of life and representing the many races and creeds that make up the rich pattern of America, must meet that challenge with every national resource; must contribute toward that effort by accepting their full responsibilities as citizens.

"As in other periods of our country's history, the nation finds itself under the necessity of making momentous decisions. Spirited discussion of public questions is only normal at such a time. Today, however, a factor has been injected for which earlier American history offers no parallel - the factor of foreign-inspired propaganda seeking to create disunity as a means of weakening the nation as a whole in its hour of stress, exploiting honest differences of opinion as to the course the nation should chart. All Americans have, by observing its use abroad, become familiar with this technique of confusing issues and of stirring up discord through setting group against group, class against class, race against race. Not least, Americans have learned to see through the Nazi trick of fomenting anti-Jewish feeling. We have indeed come to recognize as a pattern of conquest the spread of such disrupting ideas - ideas completely foreign to our American belief in individualism and freedom. We know that this pattern for conquest deliberately makes use of methods of smearing and blackmailing in an effort to silence the views of Americans on important issues of the day.

"We now see the concerted effort of foreign powers to import these techniques into the United States. Moreover, we find that, unwittingly or deliberately, a small minority of Americans has seemingly embraced these very methods and doctrines which the United States as a nation has repeatedly and emphatically rejected.

"We denounce the innuendos and accusations made by the agents of these foreign powers and their conscious or unwitting tools. Save for a common religion, we reflect a cross section of the American population. We come from all walks of life, we represent all shades of opinion. As part of the great American people, we can say nothing less; we need say nothing more. Together with all good citizens, we will resist with all our energy the encroachment of such un-American practices. And we share with our fellow Americans the sense of satisfaction that those who copy the Nazi strategy of anti-Semitism and disruptiveness are being overwhelmingly repudiated by the vast majority of American men and women from coast to coast.

"U.S. JEWS WILL NOT BE BLACKMAILED," AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS REPLIES TO LINDBERGH

NEW YORK, Sept. 19. (JTA)-- The Governing Council of the American Jewish Congress in a Rosh Hashanah message addressed to American Jews expressing "confident hope that the day of deliverance from Hitler is not far off," took the occasion to inform Charles A. Lindbergh that "American Jews will neither be bribed nor blackmailed into renouncing their just and equal status as citizens of the United States" and that they intend "to stand four-square for the defense of the American way of life, whatever the consequences with which Mr. Lindbergh dares to threaten them."

The message, made public in behalf of the American Jewish Congress by its President, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, terms the Lindbergh Des Moines speech as "Hitler-like if not Hitler-instigated." Addressing itself "to our fellow-Americans of all faiths," the message points out "that Jews have no view or attitude in relation to foreign affairs that is not dictated solely by American interests."

"As Americans, Jews have naturally differed in attitude or viewpoint in relation to the war," says the message. "Far from agitating for war, however, Jewish groups have, since the beginning of Hitler's attack not only on them but on all religion and on humanity itself, exerted the utmost restraint." They had hoped together with all peace-loving citizens that Hitler's attack upon human freedom might be ended "without the involvement of this country in war." However, American Jews believe, in common with the majority of all Americans, "that American freedom is threatened, that the democratic way of life is menaced. Not because Jews were the earliest victims, but because we fear that our country may become the last victim, we have instinctively ranged ourselves for the most part, though far from uniformly, with vast numbers of our fellow-Americans," asserts the American Jewish Congress. "These without fear affirm that the battle for freedom, though it lead to death and war's horrors, is better than life under enslavement, which is the fate of the Nazi victims."

"Even if the Lindbergh threat were as real as it is false," the American Jewish Congress says, "we are prepared to take every risk, together with all other Americans to whom life without liberty is death." The statement affirms that American Jews, "together with the overwhelming majority of fellow-citizens of every race and creed, join with the President and the Congress of the United States in the determination that Hitlerism shall not dominate the earth and that freedom shall not perish from the earth through the victory of Nazi arms."

Deep satisfaction is expressed with the spontaneous repudiation by Christian leaders and the press throughout the country of Lindbergh's allegations which are termed a "typically Nazi attempt at discrimination and intimidation against one group of Americans." Those who repudiated Lindbergh understand that "the way to destroy our country is to divide it, to set up group against group, race against race, faith against faith and thus make impossible the unified and impregnable defense of American Democracy and its ideals," says the American Jewish Congress. "American Jews," the message affirms, "will count no sacrifices too great on behalf of our country's security, Israel's honor and peace through justice and freedom for all the sons of men."

FINNISH GOVERNMENT FORBIDS RE-ENTRY OF JEWS INTO REGAINED TERRITORY

LONDON, Sept. 19. (JTA)-- The Finnish Government, under German pressure, has secretly decreed that for the duration of the war, no Jews will be permitted to return to Viborg or any other place in the territory regained from the Soviet Union, according to information reaching here today.

JEWS IN REICH START NEW YEAR BY WEARING YELLOW STARS

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 19. (JTA)-- German Jewry will meet the Jewish New Year wearing large yellow Mogen Davids within which the word "Jude" is inscribed in black letters. Today was the first day when they appeared in the streets wearing the yellow badge which is decreed for every Jew in the Reich above the age of six.

The Svenska Dagbladet, a Swedish daily newspaper, reports today from Berlin that Jews in Germany were ordered not to appear in the street, if they are unable to procure a yellow Mogen David. It was reported last week that manufacturing of yellow Stars of David is meeting with great difficulties due to the lack of textiles.

Jewish war veterans in Germany were ordered to stop wearing their war decorations publicly, the Dagebladet report from Berlin states. The order forbids the veterans to wear their decorations and the yellow Mogen David together.

The city of Hanover, which until last week had a population of 1,600 Jews, today became "judenrein." All the Jews left Hanover, and it cannot be established whether they were expelled or deported for forced labor. Earlier this month the Jews in Hanover were evicted from their homes by the local Nazi authorities and permitted to take shelter only in the premises of the Jewish cemetery.

Yellow Mogen David "A Sign of Honor," Says Czech Minister

LONDON, Sept. 19. (JTA)-- Jews will live to see the day of liberation and just retribution, declared Hubert Ripka, Minister of Propaganda, speaking for the Czechoslovakian Government-in-Exile, in a broadcast to the Jews of Czechoslovakia, in connection with the order, which went into effect today, that Czech Jews must wear a yellow Mogen David on their outer garments when they appear in the streets.

Assuring the Jews that their sufferings will not be forgotten, Ripka added "the Germans today designate you publicly with a mark of shame, but the yellow Star of David is a sign of honor which all decent people will respect. Jewish friends, you will live to see the day of liberation and just retribution."

WAR SITUATION IN ENGLAND NECESSITATES SHORTENING OF ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES

LONDON, Sept. 19. (JTA)-- Chief Rabbi Hertz today issued instructions to all synagogues throughout England to omit the "piyutim" from the Kol-Nidrei services on Yom Kippur evening and also to shorten the Rosh Hashanah evening services in order that the services will conclude before the blackout.

Dr. Hertz likewise ordered synagogues not to sound the shofar at the Nehilah service on Yom Kippur since the service will conclude before the fast is ended. The Rosh Hashanah morning services will not be extended beyond noon.

In his Rosh Hashanah message Chief Rabbi Hertz stated that not for centuries has Judaism and Jewry been so close to annihilation as they are today in most European countries. Only a victory of Britain and her allies will put an end to the "demoniac terror" hanging over the populations on the European continent, he said. "The future of Israel in Europe and beyond, as well as the survival of civilization depend on that victory," he declared.

"CALIFORNIA JEWISH VOICE" CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 19. (JTA)-- The California Jewish Voice, largest Anglo-Jewish weekly newspaper on the Pacific coast printed in English and Yiddish, today marked the celebration of its 20th anniversary with a special jubilee edition, issued here.

VAAD LEUMI IN ROSH HASHANAH MESSAGE PRAISES BRAVERY OF PALESTINE JEWS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 19. (JTA)-- The bravery of the Jewish fighting forces in Palestine and the heroic sacrifices of the Jews in Europe, including Soviet Russia, are emphasized in a Rosh Hashanah message issued here today by the Vaad Leumi, the Jewish National Council of Palestine, to the Jews of the world. The message reads:

"Hitler's criminal hand has reached the remnants of European- even Russian- Jewry, spreading blood, fire and destruction. From the depth of this hell comes the light of our brethren's heroic stand, sacrificing itself for Kidush Hashem and nation. From this hell comes also a call from our Russian brethren, stretching out their hand anew, willing to unite with the rest of world Jewry.

"From Zion and Jerusalem comes a call to world Jewry from 10,000 Palestine Jewish pioneers who are joined in the forefront for the defense of their homeland - Eretz Israel. The Yishub continues to enlist its best sons in the fight against evil and for final victory. The Yishub stands firmly on guard and continues its upbuilding. Let this stand serve as encouragement to you."

EIGHTY PROMINENT JEWS IN BUCHAREST HELD AS HOSTAGES; SYNAGOGUES CONFISCATED

NEW YORK, Sept. 19. (JTA)-- The Jewish population in Rumania meets the Jewish New Year under conditions of unprecedented terror and starvation, according to authentic reports reaching the United Rumanian Jews of America. ✓

All prisons in Rumania are jammed with Jews, men and women, whom Gen. Antonescu, Rumanian Premier, has proclaimed as enemies of the country, pro-Russian or pro-British. In Bucharest 80 prominent Jews are being held as hostages for "good behaviour of the Jewish population." Premier Antonescu announced that for each soldier, Rumanian or German, killed or wounded, or for each act of sabotage, he would execute fifty Jews.

Not a single day passes without anti-Jewish regulations being issued. The Commissariat for Jewish Affairs which has been established and which is headed by Gen. Daniellescu, has as its primary aim the confiscation of all Jewish possessions. Jews are denied the privilege of shelters or gas masks, while all males from 18 to 50 must do forced labor and over 150,000 of them are treated as slaves in rebuilding roads destroyed by retreating Russians.

The Jewish hospitals have been confiscated and Jewish patients driven out to make room for the wounded German and Rumanian soldiers. The Jewish doctors have been called to give their services to the wounded soldiers who, by the thousands, fill all the hospitals, synagogues, and even private buildings. Two of the doctors, Dr. Mendelovic and Dr. Bercovici, from Jassy, have been executed for allegedly poisoning wounded soldiers.

The Jews are ordered to mark their homes with a "Mezuza," placed at the door. The Jewish population, above the age of 12, must wear a yellow Mogen David upon their chests. They are not allowed to leave their homes from 8 P.M. to 7 A.M. They may not pay visits to friends or relatives, or visit coffee houses, restaurants or cinemas. They are not permitted to have radios and must always carry their passports with them to prove, if they are halted in the street, that they are registered for forced labor. Any Jew whose passport does not have a stamp from the military authorities showing that he has enlisted for forced labor, is arrested and brought to trial before a military court.

FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES CONDEMNNS ANTI-SEMITISM AS UN-CHRISTIAN

NEW YORK, Sept. 19. (JTA)-- Anti-Semitism was condemned as "un-Christian" and "un-American" in a statement issued here today by the executive committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ. The statement, issued on the occasion of the Jewish New Year, warned that "anti-Semitism is an insidious evil which, if allowed to develop, would poison the springs of our national life."

"Recent evidences of anti-Jewish prejudice in our own country compel us to speak again a word of solemn warning to the nation," the statement said. "Divisiveness on religious or racial grounds is a portentous menace to American Democracy. If one group be made the target of attack today, the same spirit of intolerance may be visited on another group tomorrow and the rights and liberties of every group thus be put in jeopardy."

"We condemn anti-Semitism as un-American. Our nation is a free fellowship of many racial and cultural stocks. It is our historic glory that they have been able to live together in mutual respect, each rejoicing in the rich contribution which the others have made to the common good. Anti-Semitism is an insidious evil which, if allowed to develop, would poison the springs of our national life."

"Even more strongly we condemn anti-Semitism as un-Christian. As Christians we gratefully acknowledge our ethical and spiritual indebtedness to the people of Israel. No true Christian can be anti-Semitic in thought, word or deed without being untrue to his own Christian inheritance."

ORT OPENS TRAINING SCHOOL FOR REFUGEES IN CHINA

NEW YORK, Sept. 19. (JTA)-- Establishment of an ORT training school for refugees in Shanghai was announced today by George Backer, president of the American ORT Federation. The school is supervised by a committee of leading Shanghai Jews.

FORMER HUNGARIAN PRESIDENT DENOUNCES ANTI-SEMITIC PERSECUTIONS BY HORTHY REGIME

LONDON, Sept. 19. (JTA)-- Michael Karolyi, President of the first Hungarian Republic and leader of the Free Hungarian movement here, today deplored the persecution the Hungarian troops are inflicting upon the Jews of Hungary and Poland.

Denouncing the regime of Admiral Horthy, which "twenty-two years ago instigated the white terror by spilling Jewish blood," he pledged the Free Hungarians will "do justice to both perpetrators of these crimes and their innocent victims."

OWING TO THE ROSH HASHANAH HOLIDAYS THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL

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