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1,500 U.S. JEWISH AIRMEN HOLD ROSH HASHONAH SERVICES IN GUAM; PRINT SPECIAL PRAYER BOOK

GUAM, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Rosh Hashonah services were held here under the dome of an airplane hanger that has just been completed to house B-29 Superfortresses. Against the background of B-29s, and surrounded inside and outside the hanger by the giant aircraft, 1,500 men prayed for a new year of "Peace to him who is far off and to him that is near."

It was the first Rosh Hashonah on Guam for the B-29 personnel. For many it will be the last. Tears mingled with prayers and joyous hope; farewells and adieux were exchanged with the lucky ones who may soon be on their way home.

The job of converting the hanger into a house of worship for the Jewish members of the 20th Air Force based on Guam was delegated by the Commanding General to an engineer-officer. Although he was not Jewish, he and his men, representing all faiths, built seats, a pulpit, the Holy Ark for the Scrolls, installed special lighting and public address systems. Synagogue decorations lent the final touches. The house designed for planes was an inspiring House of Prayer.

Printing presses which formerly turned out maps and charts for the B-29 missions printed a souvenir prayer book, a beautifully designed supplement to the Jewish Welfare Board Machzor. Chaplain David I. Cedarbaum of the 20th Air Force officiated at the services. Edward Mogilefsky of Brooklyn and David Weg of New York City led the choir. Henry Shaw of Cincinnati, who plays the French horn in the band, mastered the intricacies of the Shofar.

JEWS IN MUNICH, HAMBURG, OTHER PARTS OF GERMANY CELEBRATE FIRST ROSH HASHONAH SINCE 1938

MUNICH, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The few hundred Jews remaining in Munich held their first Rosh Hashonah services since 1938 yesterday and today in a hall on Herzogmax Strasse, one of the city's principal thoroughfares. During the services the president of the revived Jewish community spoke briefly, reviewing the sufferings undergone by the Jews of Germany and expressing the hope that happier days lay ahead.

In Hamburg, whose pre-war Jewish population of 25,000 has been reduced to a few hundred, the survivors held the first New Year services in seven years, the Hamburg radio announced. In many other cities of the Reich, Jewish chaplains of the U.S. Army cooperated with the surviving local Jews to hold services in synagogues where such were available, or in public halls.

JEWS OF PARIS MOURNFUL AS THEY MARK SECOND ROSH HASHONAH SINCE LIBERATION

PARIS, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The Jews of Paris marked the second observance of Rosh Hashonah since their liberation this week-end, but the general feeling was one of mourning rather than rejoicing. The presence in the synagogues of numerous Allied

soldiers and the absence of thousands who used to come there to worship before the war told the story of the tragedy of French Jewry, which was decimated by Nazi deportations.

Despite a capacity attendance of 4,000 at the U.S. Army services held in the Palais Chaillot, one of Paris' finest halls, many American Jewish soldiers came to local synagogues, and in the famous Rothschild Synagogue at least twenty percent of the worshippers were G.I.'s. Soldiers and officers of the French, Czechoslovak, British and Polish armies also attended, as did troops of the Jewish Brigade.

The Rothschild Synagogue was full, but the congregation did not overflow onto the sidewalk as was the case before the Germans came. The orthodox synagogue on the Rue Favée, in the heart of the Jewish section, which was usually teeming with worshippers before the war was not even filled to capacity.

American soldiers outside of Paris also had an opportunity to attend services. At the huge U.S. recreation center on the Riviera services were held in the large casino theatre in Nîmes. Jewish troops from all points in the recreation area were brought to the theatre in army vehicles.

#### HUNDREDS OF U.S. JEWISH TROOPS IN PALESTINE FOR NEW YEAR; PILGRIMS FLOCK TO JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Three-hundred Jewish officers and men of the U.S. Army, who were brought here in giant transport planes from various parts of the Middle East joined with the Yishuv and the recently arrived refugees from Europe in celebrating Palestine's first peace time Rosh Hashonah.

Other groups of American servicemen stationed in Italy, France, and even Belgium are expected to arrive here during the coming holiday week. A train bearing 1,000 British soldiers, including members of the Jewish Brigade arrived yesterday from Egypt. From all parts of the country thousands of pilgrims have descended upon Jerusalem to hail the new year here.

#### MOSCOW JEWISH COMMUNITY PRAYS FOR REHABILITATION OF JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN EUROPE

MOSCOW, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The Moscow Jewish Community today issued a Rosh Hashonah proclamation addressed "To The Religious Jews All Over the World," emphasizing that Jews must now concentrate on the rebuilding of Jewish life shattered by the German extermination of the Jewish communities in Europe.

"The war has ruined and devastated our people," the proclamation says. "Now all our strength should be directed towards the rehabilitation of all that has been destroyed. We must concentrate on the rapid rebuilding of a new life for the Jewish people who have lost a third of their number.

"We, the religious Jews of the USSR, fervently desire that our brothers and sisters who were under the suppression of the German monsters and cannibals should rebuild their lives as rapidly as we, the Jews of the Soviet Union, are doing it with the assistance of our government. Our continuous prayers and fears have reached the Almighty and He has given us victory over the fiendish enemy who was already at the gates of our capital. We believe that the Almighty will now also hear our prayers of thanksgiving and bestow upon the surviving Jews a happy and joyous life."

In Kiev, to which 50,000 Jews have already returned from the interior, Rosh Hashonah services were held in a synagogue on Shchekavitskaya Street which was placed at the disposal of the Jewish community by the Soviet authorities. The synagogue, which has 400 seats, was repaired and repainted by the community. The well known cantor Lekhiel Gildin came from Moscow to officiate at the services.

JEWISH SOLDIERS FROM AMERICA, BRITAIN, POLAND, SOUTH AFRICA AND PALESTINE AT ROME SERVICES

ROME, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- More than 400 Jewish soldiers of the American, British, Polish and South African armies, together with troops of the Jewish Brigade, attended special Rosh Hashonah services arranged by the U.S. Army in the Quirino Theatre.

British chaplain Myer Berman and U.S. chaplain Robert Katz officiated. A letter from Brig. Gen. Theoburn K. Brown, who was present at last year's services here, was read. Gen. Brown said that he knew "of no group that has suffered such indignities at the hands of the Germans in the overrun countries of Central Europe, and therefore no group who have gained more by victory of the Allies," than the Jews.

Local Ashkenazic and Sephardic synagogues were crowded with men, women and even babies. The atmosphere was one of festivity and rejoicing.

BUCHAREST JEWS JOIN 60 SYNAGOGUES TO MARK ROSH HASHONAH; WORSHIP IN HOMES IN TRANSYLVANIA

BUCHAREST, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The Jews of Bucharest crowded into 60 synagogues today and yesterday to hear rabbis review the tragedy of the Jews of Europe and mourn the heavy losses suffered by Rumanian Jewry, at the same time that they offered thanks for the defeat of the Nazis.

Meals for homeless Jews were served in refugee centers. Social welfare agencies attempted to help the destitute celebrate the holiday, but the assistance required was so vast, especially in Moldavia and Bukovina, that in many cases it was impossible to aid all who were needy. In parts of Rumania, such as Transylvania, where all synagogues were destroyed the New Year was observed at services in private homes.

Many rabbis devoted their sermons to appealing for the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine. The Keren Kayemeth proclaimed a special appeal and the newspaper Munturea, organ of the Jewish Party, published a Rosh Hashonah supplement in Hebrew devoted to Palestine.

U.S., SOVIET AND BRITISH SOLDIERS ATTEND ROSH HASHONAH SERVICES IN SOFIA SYNAGOGUES

SOFIA, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- American, Soviet and British servicemen were among the throngs that filled the big Sephardic and Ashkenazic synagogues here to attend Rosh Hashonah services. Both synagogues were damaged during Allied bombardments of this capital, but they were repaired in time for the services.

Many of the Jewish soldiers attached to the Allied missions here dined and wine in the homes of local Jews. Unfortunately, the major part of the Jewish population could not truly enjoy the holiday as they have not yet recovered from the devastation wrought by the fascists and are without most necessities.

Pointing out that these were the first free services to be held in Bulgaria in five years, rabbis appealed for unity among the Jewish people in order that a better future and "national salvation" may be secured.

JEWISH SOLDIERS IN POLISH ARMY JOIN WITH SURVIVORS IN CELEBRATING ROSH HASHONAH

WARSAW, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Jewish soldiers of the Polish Army joined with the surviving Jews of Poland this week-end in marking the first Rosh Hashonah since the country was liberated. The Ministry of Defense issued a special order exempting Jewish officers and men from duty during the holiday period.

SHABBY JEWS OF PRAGUE OBSERVE NEW YEAR; WORSHIPERS STILL WEAR PRISON CLOTHING

PRAGUE, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The pitifully small Jewish community of Prague filled three synagogues this Rosh Hashonah as they offered their thanks for victory and for their liberation. Services were held in the historic Altneuschul, where the only survivor of the city's rabbis, aged Aladar Deutsch, officiated, and in synagogues on Dushni and Simchov Streets. Although all three were crowded there was sufficient room for Prague's Jews.

The congregations appeared shabby and underfed, reflecting accurately the situation of the Jews in Czechoslovakia. Several of the worshippers wore the striped suits which had been issued to them by the Germans when they were confined in concentration camps. There were few prayer books to be seen and almost no one wore prayer shawls. Many soldiers of the Czech, Russian and British forces were present, and one could hear Czech, Russian, English and Hungarian, but little Yiddish.

The observances differed sharply from pre-war years. The congregants were eager to give thanks for their freedom, but they obviously had much less contact with ancient traditions than formerly. The majority of the Jews visited the synagogues and then returned to their everyday tasks.

BRITISH JEWS GIVE THANKS FOR VICTORY AT ROSH HASHONAH SERVICES; MANY CHILDREN ATTEND

LONDON, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- For the first time in six years the synagogues of London had a peace time appearance during the Rosh Hashonah services which concluded tonight.

The congregations gave thanks for the victory which has been won, prayed for their murdered brethren and voiced their hope for a lasting peace during which peace and freedom for all people will be established on firm foundations.

There were more children in the synagogues than in many years since thousands of youngsters who were evacuated from London during the war have returned home. Jewish soldiers in the uniforms of all the Allies attended the services.

Chief Rabbi Joseph Hertz issued a special New Year message in which he declared that the architects of the world charter adopted at San Francisco intended that Jews everywhere share in the benefits of the Four Freedoms and that "due international recognition be given to Jewish constructive achievement in the land of their fathers." The creation of a free Jewish commonwealth, he said, would be an act of historic justice for Israel and of sheer humanity for the tens of thousands of Jews who "four months after their liberation are herded behind barbed wire fences in concentration camps on a semi-starvation diet."

DECEITFUL OF JEWS IN HOLLAND SEEN DURING ROSH HASHONAH SYNAGOGUE SERVICES

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Rosh Hashonah services held in synagogues throughout Holland for the first time since the liberation of the country from the Germans presented a gloomy picture of Jewish survival in the Netherlands. In the Hague, where 17,000 Jews lived before the war, only 1,500 survived to attend the New Year services.

OVER 1,000 JEWS GREET NEW YEAR AT SERVICES IN VIENNA, HUNDREDS IN UNIFORM

VIENNA, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Rosh Hashonah services, which are being observed here freely for the first time in seven years, were held in the 130-year-old Stadt Temple and in the Vienna Concert House. The occasion brought together over 1,000 Jews from widely scattered parts of the world.

Almost half of the participants wore Allied uniforms, while among the civilians were many who had been in concentration camps in Poland, Germany and Austria. At Stadt Temple Chief Rabbi Isidor Oehlor officiated, assisted by two cantors. Among the American soldiers present were several who had fled Hitler's Reich to avoid anti-Jewish persecutions. U.S. women soldiers also attended. Among those present were men and women from New York, Brooklyn, St. Louis and other cities.

While proud to participate in the services of the Viennese Jews, the soldiers expressed regret that no American Jewish chaplain was here to take part. Although there are several thousand Jewish soldiers in Vienna, there is no Jewish chaplain.

Plans have already been completed here for Yom Kippur services which will be held at the Stadt Temple and the Concert House, as well as the Hotel Continental.

U.S. JEWS HAIL VICTORY ON OCCASION OF NEW YEAR; PROBLEMS OF EUROPEAN JEWRY STRESSED

NEW YORK, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Joy in the final achievement of victory mixed with concern for their surviving brethren in Europe weakened by years of Nazi persecution filled the hearts of millions of American Jews as they observed Rosh Hashonah this year in synagogues throughout the country.

In their sermons yesterday and today rabbis stressed the grave problems of relief and reconstruction for the Jews of Europe which lie ahead, and emphasized that most of the required aid must come from the Jews of the United States, the largest Jewish community in the world. They also pointed out that the struggle against the forces of evil is not over and that a constant fight must be waged against those in this country and abroad who continue to spread hatred and distrust.

The feelings of most American Jews were, perhaps, best expressed by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, who said in his sermon at the Free Synagogue that "The world tragedy is not ended for the bereft, who will, as long as life lasts, bear wounds and scars in their hearts, even though victory has achieved the best for the most... The world tragedy will not end with the ending of the war or with its victories. It will end only when the causes thereof shall have been ended."

NAZI "BUTCHER OF WARSAW GHETTO," CAPTURED IN JAPAN, DISCLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Joseph Meisinger, the "Butcher of the Warsaw Ghetto," who was captured last week by five Americans in Japan, was questioned today by American military authorities in Yokohama, the Tokyo radio reported.

Charged with murdering 100,000 Jews in the Warsaw ghetto between 1939 and 1941, Meisinger disclaimed responsibility and told the American authorities that he was acting only as a soldier carrying out orders. He will be placed on trial as a war criminal.

The five Americans who captured Meisinger included three American correspondents and two army officers - Capt. Adolf Dressler of Philadelphia and Capt. Theodore Schwartz of Milwaukee.

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