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## AMERICAN JEWISH LEADERS VOICE HOPES, OUTLINE TASKS FOR NEW YEAR

NEW YORK, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- American Jewish community leaders, on the eve of Rosh Hashanah, called on American Jews to rededicate themselves to the struggle for peace and democracy, for the realization of religious and moral values and for continued aid to their less fortunate brethren across the seas in the New Year of 5713.

Continued aid to Israel and the strengthening of Israel-American bonds were urged on American Jewry in messages reviewing Jewry's gains and setbacks in the past year and assessing the problems and tasks facing it in the coming year. Many of the messages pointed with pride to gains made in 5712 on the political scene in America, on the communal scene in providing for local needs, and in the overseas programs by which American Jews help to bring tens of thousands of new immigrants to Israel, have taken the last of the DP's out of camps and have helped return to self-respect and self-sufficiency the Jews of Europe.

The leadership of American Jewry's national organizations indicated awareness that major jobs remain to be done in the fields of civil rights, community organization and local, national and overseas aid during the coming year and sought to enlist the support of every member of the world's largest and strongest Jewish community.

### Urges Fight Against Totalitarianism

Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, paid tribute to the people of the United States for "having taken the lead in pushing forward the goals of our democracy--equal rights and equal opportunity for all." He called the Jewish people to help "check the ruthless forces of totalitarianism" and urged them also to work to "lift the hand of fear which seeks to stifle freedom" in the U.S.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, called for America to assume moral as well as economic leadership of the world and urged resistance in this country to a racist immigration policy. He called for the pledging of increased aid and "an unbreakable bond" of brotherhood to Israel.

In his message for the New Year, Frank Goldman, president of B'nai B'rith, expressed the hope that it would "witness the end of hostilities in Korea" and that the year would be "accompanied by a diminution of bigotry and discrimination." He pledged his organization to continue its aid to Israel and to increase the "interest and activity of American Jews in the expression of our ancient faith and heritage."

Julian Freeman, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, pointed out that a great deal of work remains to be done in providing care for the aged and needy in the American Jewish community and in repairing the human

damage done to Jewry by a decade of Nazi persecution, as well as in helping solve the problems besetting Israel. He stressed the lessons learned by the Jewish community that its efforts could be strengthened by unity.

### Calls for Dedication to Democratic Ideals

Justice Meier Steinbrink, chairman of the Anti-Defamation League, pointed out that the new year will present a challenge to the Jewish community in America. "In a world beset by conflicting ideologies, American Jews must be stronger than ever in their dedication to democratic ideals and the upholding of their own Judaic traditions."

Samuel Bronfman, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, predicted that Canadian Jewry would respond to the challenge of building in Israel a sanctuary where the "hapless of our people" can be sustained until they "can stand firmly on their own feet," and declared: "Every strengthening of Israel is a strengthening of the forces that labor for freedom, democracy and world peace."

Irving Edison, president of the National Jewish Welfare Board, appealed to American Jews to resolve to be true to the "deeply human traditions of Judaism." Ben Touster, president of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), expressed the hope that in 5713 Jews would be permitted to "depart in peace from lands where hostile attitudes and discrimination hem them in," and that discriminatory restrictions barring them from "lands of opportunity and safety" would be dropped. Dr. William Haber, president of the American ORT Federation, said that on the eve of Rosh Hashanah, the ORT "rededicates itself to its chosen task of bringing dignity and independence to Jews everywhere."

### Envoy Praises Partnership of Israel and U. S. Jewry

Abba S. Eban, Israeli Ambassador to the United States, in his Rosh Hashanah message, stressed that "Israel's partnership with American Jewry again yielded generous and heartening response" and added that the U. S. Government, in keeping with its role of friendship with the State of Israel, "extended to Israel considerable and valuable aid." But, the Ambassador stressed, "the coming year will not diminish Israel's responsibilities. It may, indeed, increase them."

Mrs. Rose Halprin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency, said "the past year has been one of great economic trials for the State of Israel, but at its conclusion Israel emerged with increased stability to which the people of the United States, through their government and volunteer organizations, have greatly contributed." She expressed confidence that "this assistance will continue for the coming year and until such time as Israel is completely stable economically."

United Jewish Appeal general chairman Edward M. M. Warburg urged American Jews to "renew their resolve to stand by" the hundreds of thousands of Jewish men, women and children throughout the world who are dependent upon the UJA's constituent agencies. At the same time he called for support of the special three-month UJA drive for \$35,000,000 in cash, which opens in 1,500 communities Monday morning. He stressed that for the people of Israel "it is still a time of austerity and self-denial."

Henry Morgenthau, Jr., chairman of the board of governors of the Israel bond drive, declared: "As the New Year opens, I know that the Jews of America, acting in concert with their fellow Americans of all faiths, will dedicate themselves anew to assisting in Israel's heroic venture in democracy by supporting the State of Israel bond drive. Investment in Israel is an integral part of our country's program of aid to democratic forces throughout the world. Our traditional wishes for a happy and

prosperous New Year will take on new meaning as we translate them into concrete action to aid and strengthen the brave men and women of the State of Israel."

Rudolf G. Sonneborn, chairman of the United Israel Appeal, in his Rosh Hashanah message appealing for aid to Israel, pointed out that "one out of every six newcomers still lives under canvas" in the Jewish State. Dr. Harris J. Levine, president of the Jewish National Fund of America, predicted that Israel "will emerge from its present difficulties as a stronghold of our Jewish civilization and a beacon light to the nations, fulfilling the visions of the Prophets."

### Truman, U.S. People Thanked for Aid to Israel

Louis Lipsky, chairman of the American Zionist Council, in his message said: "Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to the Government of the United States, under the leadership of President Harry S. Truman, for its continuous and wholehearted friendship toward Israel and for the economic aid and guidance they have given to our people in Israel, struggling valiantly, as they have, to provide homes and security for the hundreds of thousands of homeless Jews to whom Israel has served as a sanctuary."

Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the Zionist Organization of America, asserted that the "American Jew has given striking evidence of his maturity and of his solidarity with the Jewish people." He added: "If you believe that each Jewish community, whether in Israel or in the Diaspora, should make its own special contribution to the totality of Jewish civilization, then you will join us in strengthening the spiritual, cultural and economic ties between Israel and American Jewry."

Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, president of the Mizrahi Organization of America, expressed the hope that in the coming year Israel would continue its advance toward the economic stability on which rest "the hopes of all men of good will that Israel will once again become a spiritual beacon for mankind." Joseph Schlossberg, general manager of the National Committee for Labor Israel, pledged that his organization would continue aiding the Histadrut in its task of building the Jewish State and expressed the hope that peace would be established between Israel and the Arab states in the forthcoming year.

Rabbi Simon G. Kramer, president of the Synagogue Council of America, declared: "We look forward to the New Year with trust in God, faith in our country and hope for the entire world." The Orthodox Rabbinat of America, through Rabbi S. J. Rimson, its president, issued a call to American Jewry to unite with Jews everywhere in universal prayer for the cessation of strife and the restoration of world peace. The Rabbinical Alliance of America called upon the Jewish people "to return to the path that leads to G-d."

Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, expressed the hope that the United Nations, under Divine Guidance, would find a way of ending the war in Korea. Saluting the Israeli people, Dr. Eisendrath revealed that the UAHG was organizing a pilgrimage to Israel on the occasion of the forthcoming 3,000 anniversary of the beginnings of the city of Jerusalem.

A call to American Jews to rededicate themselves "to a revival of Judaism as the spiritual, ethical and universal religion of the great Prophets, so remarkably capable of integration with the ideals and way of life of the United States," was voiced here by Rabbi Samuel Baron, religious director of the American Council for Judaism.

**BRITISH CHIEF RABBI VOICES HOPE FOR HAPPIER NEWS**

LONDON, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Brodie, Chief Rabbi of the British Empire, today sent the following Rosh Hashanah message to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency:

"Greetings for the New Year to the directors and vigilant staff of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and to all its subscribers of many lands. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency service emphasizes the unity and common interests of the Jews all over the world. In consequence, local events and problems can be seen in a wider perspective and given a fitting significance.

"It is natural that news and views of the State of Israel should take priority of reportage in the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. I am glad to note that the features of the daily life of the Jewish communities are given due prominence in depicting the global Jewish scene. Alas, that the Jewish Telegraphic Agency is not yet able to bring full and continuous tidings of the communities forcibly sundered from us.

"May the New Year bring us heartening intelligence 'from the beginning of the year to the end of the year' of our peaceful and prosperous communities spiritually strengthened and culturally enriched. More especially do we look forward to acceptable reports of the State of Israel, its economic burdens lightened, its security assured, its hostile neighbors less unrelenting, and above all its spiritual purpose and lofty mission more widely recognized within and without its borders."

**JTA SERVES AS BRIDGE AMONG JEWISH COMMUNITIES, ROCKER SAYS**

NEW YORK, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- Louis P. Rocker, president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, in a New Year's message today, described the past year as "in many respects, the most encouraging one in the past two decades." He pointed out that Israel had demonstrated it was "heroically and successfully struggling with its multiple problems" and that the American Jewish community had shown "a profound awareness of its moral and financial responsibility to Israel while by no means neglecting its own vineyard."

Mr. Rocker expressed pride in the fact that JTA during the past year had "played a prodigious role in linking the two greatest Jewish communities in the world today" and in presenting Jewish developments elsewhere in their full significance to the Jewish people throughout the world.

Mr. Rocker expressed appreciation to the communities, organizations and individuals which, by continued support of the JTA had enabled it to render significant service to the Jewish community. He declared, however, that increased support must be forthcoming if the JTA is to be able to perform on the most effective level as "the eyes and ears of the Jewish people."

**TROOPS OVERSEAS ATTEND SPECIAL HOLY DAY SERVICES**

PARIS, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- More than 400 American Jewish service personnel stationed in France, Germany and other European countries were to be guests of the Paris Armed Services Committee of the National Jewish Welfare Board at New Year services here conducted by U.S. Army Chaplain Morton Lifshutz. French synagogues loaned Scrolls, an Ark and prayer books for the services, while French Jewish families opened their homes to the GI's.

LONDON, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- Some 500 Jews in the British forces in Germany, the Middle East and the Far East were to attend special Rosh Hashanah services. In the Far East, British Jewish servicemen will attend services conducted by U.S. military chaplains.

NEW JEWISH JOURNAL APPEARS IN DUBLIN

DUBLIN, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- The first issue of "Halapid" (Torch), a Jewish monthly magazine devoted "to the interests of Irish Jewry," made its appearance here today.

In a statement of aims, the editors say that the magazine will endeavor to stimulate literary and artistic talent in the Jewish community. They also say that the magazine will not hesitate "to condemn any course of action unworthy of the glorious heritage which is ours or which tends to tarnish our good relations with the people among whom we live."

VETERANS INVITE AJC, ADL COOPERATION IN NCRAC FRAMEWORK

NEW YORK, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- The National Community Relations Advisory Council, as a result of the reorganization plan adopted at its recent Atlantic City plenary conference, "will emerge as a stronger and more effective organization than it has been at any time since its formation," the Jewish War Veterans of America said in a statement today.

Joseph F. Barr, of Washington, who introduced the proposals adopted by the session, declared that "as proponents of the resolution adopted by the NCRAC, the Jewish War Veterans advocated that it be given a primary, rather than an exclusive, responsibility in the veterans area of the community relations field. As a member agency of the NCRAC, we stand ready to carry out such a responsibility. We recognize that the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League are also active in this area. However, the precise meaning of the resolution we sponsored at Atlantic City was that we were prepared to join with these two organizations, as well as with other national and local components of an appropriate standing committee of the NCRAC, in joint planning and an integrated program for this area of the community relations field. We are still prepared to do so, with the explicit understanding that such activity take place within the NCRAC."

Joint planning and programming in the veterans field between the JWV, the American Jewish Committee and the ADL, he said, would consequently depend on the decision by the latter two organizations on their future relationship to NCRAC.

APPEAL TO CHRISTIANS TO WRITE IN MACARTHUR NAME ON BALLOT

CHICAGO, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- A chain letter campaign addressed to "fellow Christians" has been launched here to secure the writing in on the November presidential ballot of the name of Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

The letter describes MacArthur supporters as "Christians united in a sacred cause" and declares that "it is our Christian obligation" to write in MacArthur's name. It asks recipients to fill out a form pledging themselves to vote for MacArthur and says "your write-in will prove that United Christians can and will regain control of our country."

Initiator of the campaign is John W. Moore of this city who describes himself as "Illinois Coordinator" of the "Fighters for MacArthur" headed by John B. Chapple of Ashland, Wisc. Moore also calls himself a "volunteer worker" for Joseph Kamp, Conde McGinley, Gerald B. Winrod and others.

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