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PRESIDENT EISENHOWER ISSUES ROSH HASHANAH MESSAGE TO U.S. JEWS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- President Dwight D. Eisenhower sent the following New Year's greetings to the Jews of America through the Jewish Telegraphic Agency:

"I am happy to extend my warmest greetings to all Americans of Jewish faith on the occasion of the Jewish New Year.

"Among the greatest lessons your history can teach, as the world struggles to find its way toward peace, are the patience and goodwill that have so frequently seen expression in the thousands of years of Jewish life.

"May this New Year bring to peoples of good faith everywhere the reassurance that more tranquil days are indeed near, and that the citizens of all nations will learn to live together with the understanding and harmony that God-loving people so fervently desire."

In a similar message, Vice President Richard M. Nixon declared: "Within the heart of every man and woman, as he sees the dawn of a New Year, is a prayer for peace, serenity of soul, happiness and security for his family and his people. May it come to pass soon that there will be planted the lasting roots for understanding and brotherhood among people of all lands and all faiths, so that mutual trust will replace doubt and persecution. And may the hand of friendship extend around the globe from one to another, and all the nations of the earth be blessed with the love of liberty so that justice for all will prevail throughout the world."

AMERICAN JEWS OBSERVE ROSH HASHANAH; KOREA GI'S MARK HOLIDAY

NEW YORK, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- As Jews throughout the United States begin the celebration of Rosh Hashanah this evening they will be joined in spiritual observance by 150,000 of their sons and daughters in the American armed services scattered over four continents. For American Jewish GI's in Korea this will be the first peaceful New Year's celebration in four years.

On the devastated Korean peninsula GI's will come by train, plane, jeep and truck to six corps areas where chaplains provided through the National Jewish Welfare Board's chaplaincy commission will hold services. The JWB has recruited 350 full and part-time chaplains to help American servicemen and women in all parts of the world mark the Rosh Hashanah holiday. Months ago the welfare agency sent huge

quantities of religious supplies, literature and kosher food to army encampments, ships of the fleet and air bases for the High Holy Days. In the U.S. 262 local JWB armed service committees are helping chaplains in arrangements for services at camps and veterans hospitals.

Communal Leaders Issue Messages

In keeping with their annual custom, leaders of Jewish communal organizations of all types today issued holiday messages to the Jews of this country. Edward M. M. Warburg, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, said in his message that although American Jews in the past year "have pushed back the boundaries of pain, hunger and despair" through their support of the United Jewish Appeal, their help "will be needed as never before" in the next 12 months to sustain Israel's embattled economy, save tens of thousands from lands of turmoil, and aid other thousands suffering oppression and extreme poverty.

He pointed out that, while "the refugee tents are fewer and the parched areas smaller, Israel needs every assistance to settle and absorb a total of 330,000 recent immigrants, more than 200,000 of whom are still sheltered in transient camps." Outside of Israel, Mr. Warburg pointed out, "the help of the United Jewish Appeal will be needed on the greatest scale throughout the coming year to conquer disease and ease the poverty of Jewish communities poorly favored by circumstance, especially in the Moslem world." Referring to the Jews of Eastern Europe, he expressed the hope that the New Year would bring with it a re-opening of emigration to Israel.

Henry Morgenthau, Jr., head of the Israel Bond Organization, in his New Year's message, declared that the year 5713 has witnessed Israel's "emergence as a stronghold in the global struggle for freedom. In every crisis that has arisen, Israel has unequivocally aligned herself on the side of human dignity, and has stood firm against those who would turn back the clock of human progress." Calling for American support for Israel's economic growth through the State of Israel bond issue, he pointed out that "an Israel which is economically strong will be an Israel equipped to give new vitality to the finest elements in the democratic tradition."

United Israel Appeal chairman Rudolf Sonneborn, detailing the work done in Israel with the assistance of U.S. Jewry and the work which still must be done, stated: "The time is certainly quickly arriving when, in thinking about Israel, we will not only consider how she should be helped, but how Israel, itself, can help the world. There is emerging with the strengthening of Israel, strong beginnings of an era of mutuality in which Israel as a nucleus of democracy, as a social laboratory where there has been undertaken one of the most unprecedented human experiments in history in which Israel, in fact, as a productive and peaceful nation, can exist as one able and willing to make large contributions for the good of humanity and for the advance of democracy."

Israel Needs U.S. Skills, Goldmann Says in Message

In his message, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, said that Israel "continues to count on American support, and Israel and all of Jewry rely on America's championship of right." Pointing out that "unstinting generosity and good will" of U.S. Jews "helped place Israel on firmer foundations," Dr. Goldmann said that "the country needs skilled hands to hasten her development and looks to the many well trained young American Jewish professionals and technicians to fill this need."

American Jews can buttress the efforts of "the brave men and women struggling against dictatorships in other lands by setting inspiring examples of what unfettered men can accomplish with their freedoms here in America," Jacob Blaustein, president

of the American Jewish Committee, said. "We can give new hope to those resisting tyranny by our determination to continue fortifying the moral and spiritual outposts of freedom throughout the world; by strengthening our democratic allies; and aiding Israel, democracy's young vigorous bulwark in the Near East," he added.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, stated that "we Jews, who have throughout the centuries been among the foremost in cultivating the ideals of human freedom and dignity, must in the year ahead rededicate ourselves to the continuing struggle for the triumph of those ideals which are inextricably linked with the heritage of Judaism. This precious religious and cultural heritage we must zealously guard and enrich as we aid in promoting the world-wide dream of peace, progress and social justice."

Julian Freeman, president of the Council of Jewish Federation and Welfare Funds, in a message declared that through the federations, welfare funds and community councils and through national and overseas agencies "we have achieved much in the year now closing. There is much more that cries out to be done in the year ahead. The High Holy Days will have meaning only as each of us dedicates himself individually and our organizations collectively to its achievement--for the well-being of ourselves and for the well-being of mankind."

Holiday greetings by Philip M. Klutznick, president of B'nai B'rith, pointed out that the New Year begins with "more hope for peace in the world than we have had for some time." He pledged his organization to "strive with all its resources for the cultural and spiritual advancement of Jewish life everywhere."

Henry E. Schultz, Anti-Defamation League chairman, declared: "The New Year 5714 brings with it a host of new challenges to the conscience and reason of the American Jewish community. Together with all freedom-loving citizens, we shall meet these challenges as humanely and wisely as possible."

Zionist Groups Review Past Actions, Future Tasks

Louis Lipsky, chairman of the American Zionist Council, spokesman for all Zionist groups in the country, in his message, reviewed the accomplishments of the State of Israel and outlined the major tasks still facing the Jewish State and the dangers in its path. But, he stressed, "the record shows more assets than liabilities. All these resources represented by a million and a quarter of sturdy, resourceful, rejuvenated people, thousands of acres of land redeemed, the network of roads built, cities recovered and enlarged, ships and planes connecting Israel with the free world, do not figure effectively in the bank balances of the State of Israel. Our faith should be strengthened by the fact that there is light ahead, and our sacrifices should be encouraged by the gathering of assets against the day to come."

Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the Zionist Organization of America, asserted that "Zionism continues to give evidence of an inner vitality which cannot be found in any other movement in Jewish life. Despite all obstacles, and with little encouragement from quarters in which we had a right to expect support, Zionism is still the most potent force in American Jewry." He added: "We believe that there is a future - even a great one - for the American Jewish community, and reject the notion that Israel's establishment implies the spiritual and cultural disintegration of American Jewry."

Rabbi James G. Heller, president of the Labor Zionist Organization, said: "It is our hope that the year that begins with this Rosh Hashanah may find our own native land and all the world walking the paths of peace, finding its deep discords assuaged, and justice and brotherhood advanced in all lands." In her message, Mrs. Samuel J.

Rosensohn, president of Hadassah, called upon the organization's membership in every state of the Union to "redouble your efforts in the coming months to assist Israel in its fight to achieve economic independence, to preserve Jewish traditions and education, and to remain vigilant against any violation, whether at home or abroad, of the fundamental freedoms which we all cherish."

Religious Leaders Call for Spiritual Rededication

Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, urged Jews to revitalize their faith and to serve their brethren in other lands, and declared: "May the Almighty One prod us into new acts of righteousness and benevolence as we hear the Shofar in our synagogue this year. And may He speed the day when the world will enjoy genuine neighborliness and peace."

In his Rosh Hashanah message Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, called upon humanity to return to an embracing religion as the only way in which to regain its sense of security and peace. "It is only such a concept of religion which can give dignity to the individual and combat the pagan philosophies which make him only a cog in a large wheel," he said.

A message by Dr. Ira Eisenstein, president of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, declared: "In this High Holy Day season, when Judaism teaches that we must re-examine our past to the end that we may better direct our future - now we sense once more that the elemental laws which undergird the structure of society are our only salvation."

Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, greeting all Jews, said: "Rosh Hashanah, and the Ten Days of Repentance introducing the new year, is the time for self evaluation and mature reflection on the profound lessons of these solemn days." He added: "Each and every individual must realize that his whole essence and purpose consists in the predominance of the true human element of his being and the 'humanization' of the inanimate, vegetable and animal parts of which he is composed."

Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, in a message emphasizing Jewry's contributions to the cause of freedom, also noted that the "last twelve months have produced less overt conflict among Protestants, Catholics and Jews and more cooperation among leaders and institutions of religion. During the coming year we may anticipate a quickening of this cooperation as leaders of all faiths face the growing attack on freedom within our country."

Holiday messages were also issued by Ben Touster, president of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society; Dr. William Haber, president of the American ORT Federation; Milton Weill, president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York; Nelson Glueck, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion; Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University; Pincus Iseson, president of the national council of Young Israel; and many others.

JTA PRESIDENT ISSUES HOLIDAY MESSAGE; PLEDGES CONTINUED SERVICE

NEW YORK, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The Jewish year 5713 witnessed a series of developments which will affect the future course of Jewish life here and abroad, Louis P. Rocker, president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, noted in a Rosh Hashanah message.

Trends and developments revealed in the past year, he pledged, will be vigilantly followed by JTA during the New Year so that the community may be quickly and

accurately apprised of events anywhere in the world that may affect the Jewish position.

"The past year witnessed a number of major news developments of vital concern to every Jew," Mr. Rocker said. "A major 'story' was the continued, heroic and painful consolidation of the State of Israel which, today, must concern every Jew. A dramatic development was the recognition by the German Government of the German people's moral debt to the Jewish people and the payment of reparations to Israel and the world Jewish organizations.

"Another serious development was the launching of a powerful anti-Semitic campaign by the rulers of the Soviet Union which also involved the governments of the Iron Curtain countries and the Communist Party machines throughout the world. A fourth major development was the continuing struggle here in the United States for revision of our immigration laws and enactment of a code based on justice, humanity and the country's real needs.

"I am proud that in covering these and other new developments throughout the year, JTA was able to function effectively, efficiently and honestly as the information arm of the Jewish community. We are particularly proud of JTA's sustained and sensitive coverage of the Israel scene and of its alertness and energy in exposing and revealing the threat of Communist anti-Semitism.

"It has, naturally, been a source of considerable satisfaction that the significance and importance of JTA in the communal pattern is being given increasing recognition by the American Jewish leadership. We trust that in 5714 this understanding will be translated into provision of means enabling JTA to broaden its operations and, thus, its utility to the entire community."

ISRAEL PRESIDENT, LEADERS ISSUE NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Greetings on the New Year were issued today by President Yitzhak Ben-Zvi, President of the State of Israel, to all the inhabitants of Israel "irrespective of creed and community," and "unto all our brethren of the House of Israel, wherever they may be."

Voicing hope that the New Year will be "a year of blessing and success for all," President Ben-Zvi said:

"We enjoy the privilege denied to our forefathers throughout many generations, to live and see Israel's statehood reborn. We have lived to be recorded once again in the scroll of life as a nation amongst the nations of the world. We have lived to witness the rebirth of our language. Our flag flies high amidst the flags of other nations, despite the opposition of our enemies who still attempt to deny us our sacred right to live in freedom and independence like all other peoples of the world. Our foes still strive to undermine our very existence and to wipe us off the face of the earth. However, their schemes will succeed no more than did those in the past, and Israel arisen anew shall live and not perish."

Joseph Sprinzak, Speaker of the Israel Parliament, in a message of "heartfelt greetings to our brethren, wherever they may be," expressed the wish that they would have "security and honor and increase their participation in the upbuilding of the State and raise a generation faithful to its nation and full redemption."

He greeted "all peace-loving countries" and voiced the hope that the New Year would be a "year of faith and good will and worldwide peace."

Abba S. Eban, Israel Ambassador to the United States, in a message to the Jews of America, said that the traditional friendship between the United States and Israel

in the past year "has remained firm and I am sure it will remain so in the coming year." The Jews of Israel, he said, "are fortified by the knowledge that we are not standing alone. The Jewish communities throughout the free world and you, above all, have stood by us. It is you who have made the successful continuance of our work possible. You have stood with us, fully appreciating the glory of the partnership, in the building anew of our ancient land."

GERMAN LEADERS GREET JEWS ON HOLIDAY; HOPE FOR UNDERSTANDING

BONN, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The hope that an understanding between Germans and Jews may come in the new year was expressed here today in a New Year's message issued to the German Jews by West German President Theodor Heuss.

In a similar message, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer hoped that German Jews would enjoy in the coming year "many blessings." He described the last year as one of "harmony and good neighborliness."

Erich Ollenhauer, chairman of the German Social Democratic Party, called for change among the German people so that surviving Jews in Germany might feel secure in the country. Erich Lueth, founder of the "peace with Israel" campaign, said that the "Germans will remain a sick people as long as anti-Semitism, no matter how disguised, continues to corrode the fabric of our society."

In the Charlottenburg district of West Berlin, the second largest synagogue in Germany will be rededicated this Rosh Hashanah. Partly destroyed by the Nazis in 1938, it has been rebuilt since.

ARGENTINE JEWISH PRISONERS TO BE FREED FOR HOLY DAYS

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Jewish prisoners serving sentences in Argentine jails for minor contraventions of the law will be provisionally released for the New Year and Day of Atonement holy days, it was announced yesterday.

Inspector General Miguel Gamboa, head of the Argentine police, announced the action, which he said conformed to President Peron's policy of respecting religious rights, after a delegation representing the Jewish Community had requested it. The delegation was composed of Jacobo Bronfman, vice-president of the DAIA, and Dr. Moises Goldmann, president of the Buenos Aires Jewish community.

BRITISH CHIEF RABBI ISSUES NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE TO JTA

LONDON, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Brodie, Chief Rabbi of the British Commonwealth, released the following New Year's message to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency:

"I send cordial greetings for the New Year to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and its many readers, both here and abroad. I trust that in the coming year, its bulletins will report good tidings from Israel and communities in other parts of the world. More particularly do I pray that they will carry authentic news from our brethren behind the Iron Curtain, which will tell of their material well-being and of their complete freedom to renew and cultivate their spiritual and cultural life."

NACCOUNT OF ROSH HASHANAH THE NEXT BULLETIN WILL APPEAR MONDAY