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## AMERICAN JEWISH TRICENTENARY OPENED WITH SYNAGOGUE SERVICE IN N.Y.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- Led by a reconsecration service at the oldest synagogue in New York, which was greeted by President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Israel's President Itzhak Ben Zvi, celebration of the American Jewish Tercentenary got under way today. In many states, and in 250 cities in the United States alone, and elsewhere around the world, civic, religious and other organizations marked the opening of the observance, marking the Jewish community's 300 years of participation in America's growth and development.

The formal opening of the celebration on the national level took place here this afternoon at Congregation Shearith Israel, the Spanish-Portuguese Synagogue which traces its existence directly to the first group of 23 Jews who settled in what is now New York, in the year 1654. The reconsecration service at Shearith Israel was broadcast coast-to-coast over a national network.

It is to the Shearith Israel service to which President Eisenhower addressed today's message. He telegraphed:

"I send my warm greetings to all members of the Congregation Shearith Israel as you celebrate the Tercentenary of your synagogue. On this occasion you recognize with veneration the sacred belief and inspired deeds which have helped preserve your congregation from its difficult beginning through 300 years and which have led to striking accomplishments in social and community service. May you, on this anniversary, renew with ardor your faith in the religious principles which give men strength to do good work, and which, in turn, intensify the meaning of religious principles by bringing them alive into personal experience."

### President Eisenhower to Attend Tercentenary Dinner

As President Eisenhower's message was received, word came here from the summer White House at Denver that the President has accepted an invitation to attend a Tercentenary dinner in New York on October 20.

President Ben Zvi, in his message, noted the role American Jews have played in providing aid to European Jewry and to the State of Israel, and continued: "American Jews can be proud of their glorious past and of the outstanding achievements of their sons in the new land in the fields of economics, industry, labor, science, literature and the arts - especially since the great immigration expanded their numbers from hundreds of thousands to millions in recent generations."

(In Jerusalem, President Ben Zvi delivered an address over the Israeli radio's national network tonight, in honor of the American Jewish Tercentenary. Rabbis

throughout Israel will preach special sermons next week-end in observance of the American Jewish Tercentenary.)

Representatives of famous Jewish communities in other parts of the world came here to attend the special services at Shearith Israel, which were conducted by that synagogue's spiritual leader, Rabbi David de Sola Pool. The visitors included: Rabbi S. Rodrigues Pereira, who heads the Sephardic Community of Amsterdam, Holland; Rabbi Bueno de Mesquita, of Surinam, Dutch West Indies; and Captain William Sebag Montefiore, representing the Sephardic Congregation of London.

Representing the overall Tercentenary committee of Three Hundred, which has been planning the observance for more than two years, was the Tercentenary chairman, Ralph E. Samuel. At the services at Shearit Israel messages were received from many Jewish spiritual leaders throughout the world, including: Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie, of Great Britain; and Rabbi J. Tal, Chief Rabbi of the Ashkenazic Jewish Community of Amsterdam.

Virtually every organized Jewish group in the United States--on all levels, national, regional and local--has scheduled a large variety of events forming part of the Tercentenary observance, which will last until next May 29.

The National Jewish Welfare Board announced that its lecture bureau has made special Tercentenary plans which include the scheduling of speakers in many communities, and aid to local Jewish centers, YMHA's and YWHA's in the planning of mass programs, pageants, meetings, rallies, book review presentations, adult institutes and other events. The Jewish Book Council, also sponsored by JWB, has prepared a special Tercentenary exhibit, titled "300 Years of Jewish Literature in America."

A Tercentenary statement was issued today by the Jewish Labor Committee, representing more than 500,000 Jewish workers in AFL and CIO unions. Adolph Held, chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee, announced that a special television program dramatically depicting the role played by Jewish labor in the building of America will be broadcast on September 26. Later this Fall, Mr. Held said, a special edition of the Jewish Encyclopedia will be issued in Yiddish and English giving, in historic perspective, a report on the contributions of Jewish labor in helping build the American labor movement as a whole and the American Jewish community in particular.

#### ISRAEL BOND DRIVE PARLEY LAUNCHES DRIVE FOR \$51,000,000

NEW YORK, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- A campaign to raise \$51,000,000 in the next four months for Israel's industrial and agricultural development through the sale of Israel Development Bonds was inaugurated here today at the National Leadership Conference for Israel Bonds which was attended by 400 Jewish community leaders from all parts of this country and Canada. Some \$24,000,000 has thus far been received toward the \$75,000,000 sales goal for 1954.

The campaign was launched in response to pleas--in person and through messages--from Israel's political and economic leaders, including Premier Moshe Sharett, Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, Governor of the Israel State Bank David Horowitz and Ambassador Abba S. Eban. The parley also heard from Henry Montor and Julian B. Venezky, chief executive officer and chairman of the executive, respectively, of the bond drive organization, and from two delegations of American communal leaders who recently toured Israel.

Mr. Eban, who has just returned from the conference in Jerusalem, told the delegates that the military balance of power in the Middle East so laboriously achieved at the expense of Israel blood and treasure, was in mortal danger if the Arab states

were strengthened militarily at this time. If this "precarious balance" were upset, he declared, "then issues of such profundity and urgency as we have never known since 1948 would again arise in their fullest urgencies and dimensions."

### U. S. Policy Brings "Foreboding" to Israel, Eban Says

The Ambassador, underscoring America's foremost role in helping establish the State of Israel and in helping it set its finances, economy and security on strong foundations, asked: "How is it that America should, for whatever purposes or justification, become an agent... in overthrowing this balance of power of which America was one of the chief architects and is one of the formal guarantors?" Outlining Israel's accomplishments in every field of peaceful endeavor, Mr. Eban reported that a "sense of foreboding and impression of Israel's undue isolation from the current pattern of regional and international security" hangs over the country, particularly in the border villages.

In a message to the parley, Premier Sharett called for an intensification of the drive to assure his country's economic independence as a means of overcoming "changes in the balance of power in the Middle East foreshadowed by the policy of arming the Arab states." Linking the success of the Israel bond drive to prospects for peace in the Middle East, he said: "By helping to render Israel impregnable, and by demonstrating faith in her future, it discourages evil designs, and promotes the prospects of constructive peace."

Mr. Horowitz, Israel's foremost financial expert, outlined the economic objectives of his country in his address to the Conference. He listed the "four main objectives of all economic policy in Israel" as:

"1. The transfer of large segments of Jewish population from the Diaspora into Israel; 2. Economic absorption and integration of this new population; 3. Transformation of this transplanted population according to the needs of the country; 4. Transformation of the country, and the expansion of its productive facilities by a large-scale application of capital and skill."

Notwithstanding many major problems, Mr. Horowitz indicated, Israel has made "great progress in the main objectives of its economic policy." The number of gainfully employed doubled, he reported. The cultivated area in agriculture increased by 120 percent, and the irrigated area by 175 percent. Employment in industry increased from 67,000 in 1947 to 125,000 in 1953. Industrial exports increased in 1953 by 80 percent over 1952. Total net investments from 1948 to 1954 amounted to \$1,300,000,000 gross and \$900,000,000 net, he stressed.

### Bond Appeal to Be Made in Synagogues During Holiday Services

Mr. Montor emphasized that "only solid economic foundations can assure Israel the strength to defend herself against the dangers of attack." He announced that Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Adlai E. Stevenson, Trygve Lie, former Secretary-General of the United Nations; Bishop Bernard J. Sheil of Chicago; Governor Theodore R. McKeldin of Maryland, and other outstanding leaders would participate in the inauguration of Israel bond campaigns in various parts of the U.S.

Dr. Barnett R. Brickner, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, called upon Reform Rabbis throughout the United States to stimulate their congregations to respond to the Israel Bond effort during the forthcoming High Holidays. He was joined in this plea by Dr. Norman Salit, president of the Synagogue Council of America, and Rabbi Mordecai Kirshblum, president of the Mizrahi Organization of America, by the Hapoel Hamizrachi and by Rabbi David H. Hollander, president of the Rabbinical Council of America. A message by Israel Chief Rabbi Isaac Halevi Herzog to religious leaders in the U.S. also endorsed the High Holy Day campaign.

SHARETT, AMERICAN DIPLOMAT DISCUSS ARAB-ISRAEL HOSTILITIES

JERUSALEM, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- Premier Moshe Sharett summoned United States Charge d'Affaires Francis Russell to meet with him this week-end on the latest outbreak of hostilities by Egyptians in the Gaza border area. Although the official communique mentioned only the Egyptian matter, it is believed here that Mr. Sharett also raised with Mr. Russell the reported United States rebuke to Israel over a retaliatory attack on a Jordan village ten days ago.

The Premier is presumed to have amplified an earlier statement by an Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman who had suggested that the United States could help in the restoration of peace in this region by conveying its dis-satisfaction to those Arab States responsible for the current heightening of tension. The spokesman had insisted that "at no stage in the series of hostilities has the initiative come from Israel." He also had stressed that the United States was aware of where the prime responsibility for these disturbances lay.

Israel Ambassador to France Summoned Home for Consultations

PARIS, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- Jacob Tsur, Israel Ambassador to France, left Paris this week-end for consultations with government leaders in Israel. Mr. Tsur's visit, which has been described by the Embassy here as "routine," will last a fortnight.

It is believed here that Mr. Tsur has been summoned home for consultations dealing with the Western Powers policy vis-a-vis Israel and the Arab States, and particularly with the new situation created by the British decision to lift its embargo on the sale of arms to Egypt.

ARAB LEGIONNAIRE CONFESSES MURDER OF TWO ISRAEL SOLDIERS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- A single Arab Legionnaire has confessed that he crossed the Israel-Jordan border in the Latrun area Friday and killed two Israeli soldiers, the United Nations truce supervision organization has been told by Jordanian officials.

An Israel military spokesman, announcing this report from the UN staff, noted that Israeli investigators on the scene of the attack found the footsteps of four persons. The investigators, who established that one Israeli was killed by a hand grenade and the other by bullets, said that the Jordanian invaders had apparently tried to hide the bodies.

WORKERS, OIL COMPANY REACH AGREEMENT; END HAIFA STRIKE

HAIFA, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- The ten-day strike of some 250 workers at the Shell Oil Company installations here ended this week-end following mediation efforts by Labor Minister Golda Myerson, who stepped into the picture when gasoline and other petroleum supplies reached a dangerous low. It is understood that the union and the oil company agreed on a pension scheme and other social security benefits.

BEN GURION URGES MOROCCAN IMMIGRANTS TO HELP NEW ARRIVALS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- Former Premier David Ben Gurion, addressing a convention in Beersheba of Israeli farmers who recently arrived as immigrants from Morocco, called upon them to make plans to absorb the expected wave of new immigrants from the North African country.

A party of some 570 Moroccan Jews arrived at Haifa this week-end. They are the first large group of immigrants from the country to arrive this month. Immigration from Morocco is expected to reach 30,000 within the coming year.

ISRAEL RUSHING MEDICINES, BLANKETS TO STRICKEN ALGERIAN TOWN

JERUSALEM, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- The Israel Mogen Dovid, Israel's equivalent of the Red Cross, has organized an emergency shipment of more than one ton of medicine, blankets and warm clothing for victims of the earthquake which struck the Algerian city of Orleansville last week. The shipment will leave here early tomorrow by plane.

Premier Moshe Sharett has cabled a message of sympathy to French Premier Pierre Mendes-France. Mr. Sharett's message asked that the condolences of the Israel Premier and people be conveyed to bereaved families in the stricken area.

750 Jews in Orleansville; Their Fate Still Unknown

PARIS, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- Jewish organizations here continued efforts this week-end to establish contact with the Jewish community of Orleansville, in Algeria, scene of violent earth shocks which destroyed a large part of the city and cost an estimated one thousand lives.

The city has a Jewish consistory and a Jewish population of about 750 souls. Efforts to establish direct communications with Orleansville are unsuccessful because of the damage to lines and the interruption of traffic. So far, the Jewish consistory in Algiers, about one hundred miles distant from the stricken town, has not been able to ascertain the fate of the Orleansville Jews.

ISRAEL-RUMANIAN TRADE PACT SIGNED; DIPLOMAT ORDERED OUT

JERUSALEM, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- Israel and Rumania signed a \$2,500,000 trade agreement here yesterday, the first such pact between the two states. Israel will purchase Rumanian oil, timber and chemicals in return for textiles, pharmaceuticals, refrigerators and razor blades. A Rumanian delegation began a tour of Israel industrial plants today to order items included in the agreement.

(It was reported in London today that the Rumanian Government has demanded that Israel recall Daniel Laor, First Secretary of the Israel Legation in Bucharest, whom the Rumanians charge with having attempted to help a Rumanian national escape the country. The charge was that Mr. Laor had furnished a forged passport to Iancu Aron Grinberg, a Rumanian national working for the Legation staff.)

Israel Reportedly Exploring Soviet Offer to Expand Trade

LONDON, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- The Israel Government has sent a representative to Moscow to confer with Soviet officials on an offer by the USSR to expand trade with Israel, it was reported by the London press.

The dispatch, from Haifa, said that the USSR had invited Israel to broaden trade between the two states beyond the present barter arrangement under which Israel exchanges citrus fruits for Soviet crude and refined fuel oil.

SIAMESE TWINS BORN IN ISRAEL; CANNOT BE SEPARATED

TEL AVIV, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- A team of Israel's top surgeons operated unsuccessfully to separate Israel's first Siamese twins this week-end. The twins came through the operation without any trouble.

During the operation it was learned that the two girls, linked at their abdomen, have only one liver, making their survival as two separate individuals impossible. The two girls, one blond and the other brunette, were born in a southern hospital last Thursday. Their parents are settlers in a Negev collective settlement.

Z. O. A. REGION HITS STATE DEPARTMENT ARMING OF ARAB STATES

NEW YORK, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- A resolution protesting the State Department's policy of arming the Arab states, as one which "creates a serious threat to Israel's security" and provokes tensions and instability in the area, was adopted at the annual convention of the Manhattan Region of the ZOA today.

DEMOCRATIC, REPUBLICAN PARTY CHIEFS PLEDGE BIAS-FREE CAMPAIGN

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- Democratic National Committee chairman Stephen S. Mitchell and Republican chairman Leonard W. Hall issued this week-end separate endorsements of an appeal by religious leaders of the three major faiths calling for the avoidance of religious or racial bigotry in the forthcoming Congressional election campaign.

Mr. Mitchell called the fair election practices declaration an "important contribution to American democracy." He said "the basic issues in this important Congressional campaign can and must be made unmistakably clear to the American people. Any attempt to cloud these issues through the injection of racial or religious bigotry should be denounced by responsible leaders of both political parties and by the candidates aspiring to represent the American people in public office."

In a letter addressed to the six originators of the 1954 "fair election practices declaration," Mr. Hall said, "we thoroughly agree that America's role as leader of the free world demands that our elections be conducted fairly, cleanly and without bitterness of racial or religious bigotry." He added that he would communicate the anti-bigotry declaration to Republican leaders throughout the country.

N. J. ANTI-BIAS EDUCATION LAW APPLIES TO PRIVATE, PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TRENTON, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- New Jersey legislation aimed at eliminating discrimination in education apply to the state's private as well as public schools, but not to the schools of religious organization, state Attorney General Grover C. Richman ruled this week-end. He said the law applied to elementary and secondary schools.

AGUDATH ISRAEL PARLEY HEARS PLEA TO AID JEWS IN MOSLEM LANDS

GREENFIELD PARK, N. Y., Sept. 12. (JTA) -- A call to American Jewry to spearhead a "gigantic rescue program" to save thousands of young Jewish children in Moslem lands in the Near East from "illiteracy and spiritual disintegration" was voiced here this week-end by Rabbi Eliezer Silver, head of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States, at the 32nd annual national convention of the Agudath Israel of America.

Rabbi Silver, who is also a member of the Agudah executive, asked that educators be sent to these countries to open new Torah schools and that new religious children's villages be established in Israel to absorb as many of these children as possible. The convention received a message from President Eisenhower, expressing the hope that the delegates "will carry away new and workable ideas on how you can help to deepen the sense of religious values in every community you represent."

UJA CASH LOAN PROJECT FOR ISRAEL PASSES \$62, 750, 000 MARK

NEW YORK, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- Total cash funds received by the United Jewish Appeal through its special five-year loan project launched last January have soared to \$62, 752, 500 as the result of action taken by 18 Jewish communities during August in arranging loans and transmitting funds to UJA amounting to \$4, 645, 000, it was reported today by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, executive vice-chairman of the UJA.

U.S. JEWISH CHAPLAINS IN EUROPE HOLD PRE-ROSH HASHANAH RETREAT

NEW YORK, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- The German town of Berchtesgaden, where the late Adolf Hitler made his summer headquarters, is the scene of a pre-Rosh Hashanah religious retreat for Jewish military personnel in Europe, which opened this week-end, the National Jewish Welfare Board's Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy announced here. The retreat, attended by 10 Jewish chaplains, was organized by the Army to help GI's who attend to participate actively this year in the conduct of Jewish High Holy Day services for their fellow GI's.