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JEWS THROUGHOUT WORLD OBSERVE PASSOVER; SEDERS FOR GI'S IN 63 LANDS

NEW YORK, March 26. (JTA) -- Jews throughout the world will usher in Passover tonight with the traditional Seder celebrating the liberation of the Hebrew people from slavery in ancient Egypt and praying for peace between Israel and modern Egypt and other Arab countries which are again threatening aggression against the Jewish State.

The Passover holiday will also be observed by Jewish military personnel with the United States armed forces on five continents and in 63 overseas countries. Seders and Passover services have been organized for them by the National Jewish Welfare Board, the government-authorized agency for serving the religious and morale needs of American Jewish servicemen and hospitalized veterans.

Arrangements have been made for Jewish chaplains to cover great areas and to officiate at Passover services in Korea, Japan, Hawaii, the Philippines, Alaska, Germany, France, England, Italy and the Caribbean. Some 350 full and part-time Jewish chaplains will be involved in "Operation Global Seder." Thousands of pounds of kosher foods, matzoh, Haggadahs and other Passover items, were shipped by JWB months in advance.

Airlifts will carry American Jewish GI's from all points of the United Kingdom to a mass seder to be held at London's largest kosher restaurant. Complete Passover coverage will be provided in the Caribbean area thanks to a pre-holiday flight of 10,000 miles by the USO-JWB worker in Panama. A rabbi designated by JWB's Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy flew before the holidays to Alaska for seder arrangements. The lone Jewish chaplain with the Sixth U.S. Fleet in the Mediterranean has completed arrangements for transportation by airlifts of Navy personnel to Naples for seders.

The Four Questions will be recited at seders for U.S. personnel on the high seas; and the holiday will be marked by lonely men at desolate radar and air weather stations and aircraft and NIKE installations. For these men and those in other remote areas the JWB has shipped some 4,000 individual holiday food boxes. These packages will be opened at little "solo seders" and will reach their destination in some instances by dog-sled and even helicopter. Hundreds of on-post and community seders will be sponsored by the 262 local JWB Armed Services Committees in the U.S. Patients in some 170 veterans hospitals will attend services to be conducted by Jewish chaplains.

Rosenwald Issues Passover Plea for Intensified Support of U. J. A.

William Rosenwald, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, in a Passover plea to the more than 5,000 campaign units affiliated with the UJA, called today for intensified holiday support of the Appeal's two concurrent multi-million dollar drives "to help Israel's hard-pressed people absorb the mounting exodus of Jews from turbulent North African lands."

"Passover, which traditionally observes Israel's ancient attainment of freedom, is a time for Jews everywhere to rededicate themselves to helping those who seek and need freedom, too," he declared. "Unless Israel's people are helped by us to receive and resettle these refugees, the people of the new State may falter and fail under the weight of this task at a moment when they are also faced by the necessity of assuring their own survival in the face of regional hostility."

In his message, Mr. Rosenwald called for the carrying out of the following three-point program during the Passover period: 1. Each contributor to be apprised that Israel's people are no longer able to participate financially in programs of mass immigration and that "the burden of financing these programs now rests on American Jews;" 2. Each contributor to be called on immediately to make a pledge to both the regular campaign and the Special Survival Fund; 3. Each contributor to be urged to pay his pledge in cash immediately following the end of the Passover period.

Dewey D. Stone, national chairman of the United Israel Appeal, major beneficiary of the United Jewish Appeal campaign, said in a Passover message: "Despite the tightening grip of hostile neighbors and their threats of war, this Passover finds Israel carrying on the task of making a productive homeland for tens of thousands of needy and oppressed Jewish immigrants. In view of the grave dangers facing the Jewish State,

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American Jews can do no less to match the people of Israel's daily heroism with generosity and greater-than-ever support of the United Jewish Appeal's campaign to make possible the rescue and resettlement of Jews in search of freedom."

Abraham Feinberg, president of the Israel Bond Organization, pointed out in his Passover message that at no Passover since it achieved independence has the State of Israel been faced with the sort of crisis that confronts it today. "Armaments from behind the Iron Curtain are flowing to Israel's Egyptian and Arab neighbors," Mr. Feinberg said, "increasing seriously the tensions and war dangers throughout the Middle East." He stressed the important role played by Israel bond investment capital in helping Israel to maintain her economic strength in the present difficult situation.

Jewish Agency, Zionist Leaders Plead for Aid to Israel

Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency, emphasized that Passover this year comes at a time of great danger for Israel. "Israel's whole desire is for peace--peace based on security which will enable her to develop her economic and cultural potentials to their fullest for the benefit of her own citizens and in cooperation with her neighbors. It is not surprising that the forces of totalitarianism and reaction aligned against the Jewish State, the only democracy in the Middle East, are the same which threaten freedom and stability the world over. In this holiday season which is sacred to all men of good will, we call upon our fellow Americans to stand solidly behind Israel in her quest for peace, justice and security."

Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council, hailed the Israeli people who this year "face the same enemy that our forefathers faced over three thousand years ago--with the same will to resist." He predicted that Israel would survive the "later-day Pharaohs in Cairo and Moscow." He called on American Jewry to turn the "hearts of the leaders of the American people" to recognize the community of interests between Israel and the United States and expressed confidence that when that recognition came the U.S. Government would "act decisively to preserve peace in the Middle East."

Mortimer May, president of the Zionist Organization of America, called for redoubled efforts by American Jewry to aid Israel and further its "progress, its stability and security." In the spirit of Passover, he concluded, "let us pray and hope that our freedom-loving America will render Israel, its sister democracy, necessary aid to enable her to ward off her enemies who aim at her annihilation and the enslavement of the free world."

Hadassah president Mrs. Herman Shulman declared in her Passover message that "Americans of goodwill, regardless of faith or creed, are united now in the seasons of Passover and Pesach in their horror of war and in their desire to strengthen the forces of democracy and freedom. Defensive arms for Israel today will avert war in the Middle East and will serve as a warning to the forces of evil and aggression that the American people and the American Government will not countenance the destruction of our cherished liberties and freedom."

Dr. Harris J. Levine, president of the Jewish National Fund of America, reiterated his faith that the United States would "not let Israel down" in its current crisis and called on American Jewry not to "permit Israel to be victimized." He rededicated the JNF to safeguarding Israel through reclaiming and developing the land of Israel. "The soil of Israel," Dr. Harris said, "will be wrested from the waste and ruin of ages and restored to its ancient fertility."

Jewish Groups Stress Existence of Tyranny in Some Countries

Irving M. Engel, president of the American Jewish Committee, said in his message: "We pray for the liberation of those still in the bonds of slavery whether in Soviet Russia or in Saudi Arabia; and for those of our co-religionists in fear of their very existence in Israel. We pray for a just and enduring peace for all enmeshed in the toils of conflict. We of the American Jewish Committee pray that in this season of Passover, 1956, Americans of the Jewish faith will enrich their link with their glorious historic past, gaining inspiration from the story of man's first liberation, and strengthening their contribution to the universal effort to make justice and liberty a reality for all men in our lifetime."

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, declared: "At this Passover season it is appropriate for Jews outside of Israel to renew their pledge to aid her in strengthening her economic sinews and resisting the relentless political pressures and threats which face her. We pray that the Passover promise of freedom will fortify against despair those Jews who dwell in lands where tyranny or ignorance is ascendant, and where they live in fear of persecution. We must resolve to expedite the migration of those Jews from North Africa who have urgently voiced their desire to go to Israel, where they can take up the threads of their life in security and peace."

Philip M. Klutznick, president of B'nai B'rith, declared: "At this Passover season B'nai B'rith renews its pledge to combat all forms of tyranny over the individual and the group, in the sure knowledge that truth and freedom will prevail wherever the human spirit is permitted to strive in its own way toward these goals."

Passover messages were also issued by the Synagogue Council of America, all rabbinical organizations, United Hias Service, American Fund for Israel Institutions, National Council of Jewish Women, Pioneer Women and Mizrahi Women of America.

PASSOVER MOOD EASES TENSION IN ISRAEL; MANY TOURISTS FROM U. S.

JERUSALEM, March 26. (JTA) -- The hotels of Israel were fairly full today on the eve of Passover as a great many tourists from all parts of the world flocked here for the holiday, despite the tension. Hundreds of tourists have arrived from the United States alone in recent days.

Although the holiday mood has eased the tension among Israelis, there is hardly a family in Israel which will not have at its seder tonight a young man or woman subject to immediate mobilization in the event of Arab attack. In the border settlements and in army positions facing the Arabs the traditional seder will be interrupted by young men and women leaving to take their turn at the watch tower or sentry duty.

Military chaplains were sent to the most remote areas of Israel to hold seders for servicemen on active duty. They also conducted services in all camps and rear positions. Meanwhile, all bus facilities were strained as Israelis moved in and out of the cities to spend the holiday with family and friends.

Chief Rabbi Itzhak Halevi Herzog issued a Passover message to the Jews of the world urging revival of the "religious spirit" among Jews and calling for aid to Israel. "In this solemn season," the Chief Rabbi said, "when we remember the miraculous liberation of the Jews from Egyptian bondage, we appeal to every Jew to identify himself with the great task of the liberation, physical and spiritual, which goes on through the ages and which this generation is called upon to realize." Emphasizing that "peace is Judaism's very essence," the Chief Rabbi concluded: "Peace, say our sages, is one of God's names. We hate war. We hate hatred. We pray to our Heavenly Father that He spare this hal-
lowed land from the horrors of war."

The Chief Rabbinate of Israel today proclaimed a worldwide day of prayer for April 15 to commemorate Israel Independence Day, which this year falls on April 16. The proclamation calls on Jews in all countries to pray for Israel's deliverance from the dangers which threaten her.

EISENHOWER'S PASSOVER MESSAGE TO BEN ZVI WELL RECEIVED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, March 26. (JTA) -- The Israeli press has received President Eisenhower's Passover message to President Ben Zvi favorably and has devoted a good deal of space to editorials about the message and reports about its delivery by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, veteran American Zionist.

The press reports that Dr. Silver twice visited President Eisenhower before coming to Israel. It also quotes Dr. Silver as having stated privately that the Arabs would not attack Israel because "President Eisenhower has enough power to keep Nasser's finger from pulling the trigger."

BRITAIN AWAITS OUTCOME OF SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON U.S. PROPOSAL

LONDON, March 26. (JTA) -- The British Government does not intend to announce any action on the Arab-Israel situation until after recommendations offered for today's scheduled meeting of the United Nations Security Council are carried out, it was indicated today in the British Parliament by Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd.

(At the time this Passover issue of the JTA Bulletin went to press, the UN Security Council meeting had not yet opened. Lebanon and Syria were reported to be seeking a delay on action which today's meeting was scheduled to have taken by approving a United States proposal that Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld be authorized to proceed to the Middle East to mediate between the Arab countries and Israel to prevent the outbreak of war.)

Speaking in the House of Commons, Foreign Secretary Lloyd said it would be better to await the proceedings of the Security Council before saying anything about the new plan which the British Government has prepared for dealing with armistice violations along the Arab-Israel frontiers. The British Government, he stated, is concerned at the present moment with maintaining peace.

When some MP's urged that the British Government take stronger action on Egyptian interference with Israeli shipping, Mr. Lloyd declared that the Security Council had adopted various resolutions condemning both Israel and Egypt, but which had not had much effect. He added that the matter resolved itself primarily to a question of whether Arab-Israel peace could be kept by strengthening the UN truce supervision organization.

The Foreign Secretary did not deny that there is a general impression abroad that the United States and France are following somewhat different policies than Britain on the Arab-Israel situation. He agreed that it was desirable to seek a common line of action.

LEHMAN SCORES STATE DEPT. FOR INACTION ON SAUDI ARABIAN BIGOTRY

WASHINGTON, March 26. (JTA) -- Sen. Herbert H. Lehman scored the State Department today for having taken no action about the Saudi Arabian ban on Jewish servicemen at the Dhahran air base in Saudi Arabia and its discrimination against American Jewish businessmen. At the same time, Sen. Lehman called for the United States to study the possibility of breaking off commercial relations with the Arab state as a means of breaking the ban.

CONFERENCE DISCUSSES PLAN TO ATTRACT TEACHERS TO JEWISH SCHOOLS

BALTIMORE, March 26. (JTA) -- A four-point program for coping with the unprecedented shortage of teachers for Jewish religious schools, was presented by Judge Louis E. Levinthal to the Middle Atlantic States Conference on Jewish Education here. The Conference was convened by the American Association for Jewish Education. Specifically, Judge Levinthal suggested:

"1. Most of our schools operate on a schedule of no more than ten or twelve hours a week. So long as the work load of our teachers is not increased, and the scope of the teacher activities is not widened, our communities will not undertake to pay a full week's salary for part time employment. Bold and radical steps must be taken to broaden the functions of our teachers. The teacher's classroom labors must be supplemented by recreational or social services of an educational character so that adequate compensation would be justified.

"2. The prestige, the social status of the Jewish teacher must be enhanced. The content of the school program must be made intellectually challenging in order to attract and retain intelligent and dedicated men and women in the profession. An effort should also be made to see that the teacher is given an honored place in our community life and afforded an opportunity to participate constructively in its activities.

"3. The program of our teachers' training schools and colleges must be expanded. A special effort should be made to comb the college campuses for prospective Jewish teachers. Scholarships and subsidies must be provided for this purpose.

"4. Special care must be taken in the recruitment of personnel for Jewish religious education so that those engaged professionally in the field of Jewish education should be men and women who in their own personal lives practice the ideals we would have them inculcate in our children."

EXCAVATIONS IN ISRAEL YIELD MATERIAL SIMILAR TO DEAD SEA SCROLLS

JERUSALEM, March 26. (JTA) -- The discovery of important archaeological finds in the area of Massada where King Herod's Palace once stood were announced here yesterday by Dr. Yochanan Aharoni, Israeli archaeologist.

He announced that some broken pottery and a papyrus fragment containing inscriptions similar to those of the Dead Sea Scrolls had been found. This would place the fragments at 73 C.E., when the Romans destroyed Herod's Palace, or earlier, thus providing additional proof of the age of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Among the findings at the excavations near the Dead Sea, Dr. Aharoni reported, were: a cave which had served as an arms depot and that had been burned out, a well preserved cave that had been used as a food storehouse and a dry pool and canals which had once served as a water storage system. The excavations are being carried out jointly by the Hebrew University, the government Department of Antiquities and the Israel Exploration Society.

DEPUTY SPEAKER OF KNESSET APPEALS TO U.S. TO STRENGTHEN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, March 26. (JTA). -- "The only country in the Middle East which is not for sale to Russia is Israel," Aryeh Ben-Eliezer, Deputy Speaker of the Israel Parliament, who is now visiting the United States, declared today at a press conference here arranged by the United Zionists-Revisionists of America. He charged that "the Russians do not mind if their arms destroy Israel."

"Israel," Mr. Ben-Eliezer said, "is the only bastion of democracy in the Middle East. By making her strong, by making her big, Israel will be able to contribute in peace as well as in war, to stop the communists in their new schemes of penetration in the Middle East and Africa. It is our aim to bring about a real peace between us and the Arab states. This can only be achieved when both sides fully recognize the right of each nation to exist and live independently within its respective national borders. This will come about when the Arab governments become convinced once and for all that they stand no chance of destroying Israel in a war."

CANADIAN PROVINCE TO OMIT RACIAL QUESTION FROM TRAFFIC TICKETS

VANCOUVER, B.C., March 26. (JTA) -- The Attorney General of British Columbia will recommend the removal of a question concerning racial origin from traffic tickets, he has informed the Joint Public Relations Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith. The committee brought the matter to his attention and asked that a change be made.

ARTHUR MALKENSON, EX-PUBLISHER OF JEWISH DAILY, DIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 26. (JTA) -- Arthur L. Malkenson, former president and publisher of the New York Yiddish daily "Jewish Morning Journal," died here yesterday at the age of 74. Born in Russia, Mr. Malkenson came to the United States in 1896. He had been active in the United Jewish Appeal, Joint Distribution Committee and Yeshiva University.