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EISENHOWER, OTHER NOTABLES GREET JEWRY ON OCCASION OF NEW YEAR

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- President Dwight D. Eisenhower paid tribute today to the spiritual teachings of Judaism and to the contribution of American Jews to this country. In a message issued through the Jewish Telegraphic Agency on the occasion of the Jewish New Year, which starts at sundown tonight, President Eisenhower led a distinguished list of men and women in greeting the Jewish community. The President said:

"At this season when men and women of the Jewish Faith sit in judgment on themselves, reviewing their personal practice of moral and religious precepts during the year just ended, I join with my fellow Americans of all faiths in cordial greetings to them.

"Rosh Hashanah is significant to every American for, in the deepest spiritual sense, we are all of the seed of Abraham and Isaac. Our moral code, the ideals that animate us, the faith in God that strengthens us--all these were most clearly and most inspiring-ly proclaimed many centuries ago by men of Jewish blood.

"Their descendants, in race and in faith, have contributed greatly to the knowledge and the skills and the culture of America. In war, they have freely given their lives for the preservation of the Republic. In peace, they have contributed greatly to the advancement of the general welfare.

"At this Rosh Hashanah, I know that all Americans join with me in best wishes to their fellow citizens--their friends and neighbors--of the Jewish Faith."

Nixon Urges Nations to Act with Brotherhood

Vice President Richard M. Nixon, extending "best wishes to all members of the Jewish faith throughout our land," declared that "the outstanding wish for any New Year of this atomic age is that the shadow of war should pass from the world. To all sane persons it must be altogether too plain that civilization, itself, could not survive another world war and that no people would be spared. It is absolutely essential that nations, as well as individuals, should make special efforts to act with understanding, restraint and brotherhood."

Stevenson Offers Prayer for Peace for Israel

From his home in Libertyville, Ill., Adlai E. Stevenson, leader of the Democratic Party, issued the following message:

"As Jews all over the world observe Rosh Hashanah this year, I am grateful for the opportunity to express my own hopes and prayers for the New Year.

"This year, as we offer our prayers to God, we pray especially that peace and understanding may surround the brave new land of Israel and that the courageous citizens who have worked so diligently to carve out this new world may realize their fond hopes and dreams of peace and freedom.

"In wishing a happy New Year to all Americans of Jewish faith, I join with them in praying that the spirit of brotherly love--the endless seeking for peace, which are found in the ancient Hebrew teachings, can become reality this year for all men everywhere."

Kefauver Voices Hope for Lasting Peace

Senator Estes Kefauver, in his message to all Americans of the Jewish faith, expressed "sincere wishes for a year which will bring lasting peace." He said that "I am fully cognizant of the great debt our Republic owes to the principles of the Mosaic Code and to the utterances of the Hebrew prophets. Their vision of a family of nations living side by side in brotherhood is still our vision and hope today."

New Year's greetings to the American Jewish community were also issued by Leonard W. Hall and Paul M. Butler, chairmen, respectively, of the Republican and Democratic National Committees.

PRESIDENT BEN ZVI, PREMIER BEN GURION GREET ISRAEL, WORLD JEWRY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- President Itzhak Ben Zvi sent a message of "sincere and brotherly good wishes for peace from Zion and Jerusalem" to "all our brethren of the house of Israel in all parts of the Diaspora, wherever they may live."

The President declared that the year just drawn to a close was "a year of difficult and incessant trial and struggle, a year of costly sacrifice for the State and its inhabitants." He warned that "our struggle for the survival and progress of the State of Israel is not ended. We shall yet have to face days of hard toil and painful trials and additional efforts will yet be demanded of the people that dwells in Zion and of all our brethren and friends the world over."

Premier David Ben Gurion described the past year as one of "grave anxiety and of deep concern for the peace of Israel" but also as a year "of substantial progress, of steady immigration and of continuous development throughout the country."

The Israel leader said: "We meet the New Year not without cause for anxiety. But we have confidence in our own fighting strength and in the knowledge that Jewry the world over stands united in our support."

"To all the Jewish communities in the Diaspora we send from Israel our best wishes for a New Year of peace, security, freedom and progress; for a year of intensified Jewish unity in all countries and of a growing sense of international brotherhood. For ourselves, we wish a year of immigration, development and security in Israel. And to all our people in Israel and abroad, may it be a year of spiritual and material advancement, bringing us all nearer to the attainment of our ideals."

Continued Support of World Jewry Necessary for Israel, Goldmann Declares

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization and chairman of the Jewish Agency, declared that "Israel, today, is stronger than ever before. Despite this," he warned, "the New Year will still challenge us with many vital and difficult problems. The Jews of North Africa are living on a volcano and their security in their countries and their right to emigrate to Israel will have to be secured. The door has been opened between world Jewry and the Jews of Eastern Europe. We still have to do everything possible to build up contacts with the great Jewish communities in the Soviet Union and other Eastern European countries and try to bring them back into the active stream of Jewish life."

"As for Israel," Dr. Goldmann continued, "it faces crucial economic and political problems and the continued, undiminished support of the Jewish people in all parts of the world will be necessary to help Israel overcome its difficulties. But the experience of the past year gives us the right to hope and be convinced that by continuing to act in solidarity with Israel, by full cooperation of the Jewish communities everywhere, we will help solve the common problems which face us."

GERMAN LEADERS GREET JEWS IN REICH AND THOSE WHO FLED NAZIS

BONN, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- President Theodor Heuss of the Federal German Republic and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer greeted the Jews of Germany in special Rosh Hashanah messages. The President used the occasion to condemn anti-Semitism and neo-Nazism as "political pornography," while the Chancellor extended his greetings not only to Jews living in Germany but also to "all those whom an inhuman system drove from our Fatherland."

Both German leaders pointed with particular satisfaction to the increasing consolidation of the Jewish community in this country. Dr. Heuss urged Germany to remain vigilant "lest the civic rights which it proclaims are ridiculed and abused by the foes of freedom." Dr. Adenauer expressed the hope that German Jewry "will soon occupy, within the world Jewish community, the place that is its rightful due."

AMERICAN JEWISH LEADERS STRESS TASKS FOR COMMUNITY IN COMING YEAR

NEW YORK, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- Leaders of American Jewry utilized the occasion of the New Year today to convey good wishes to the community and to remind it of its continuing obligations and duties during the coming year.

Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency, said that "recent events in the Middle East have brought home more clearly to the American people, and indeed to the American Jewish community, that continued aid to Israel is an integral part of our country's global program of aid to the cause of freedom everywhere. These events have serious implications for the free world, for the people of Israel, and more specifically, for Jews who live in danger areas under totalitarian regimes and who thus may require immediate haven in Israel."

William Rosenwald, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, described the past year as one in which "American Jewry awoke to its full stature" and enabled 40,000 Jewish refugees to enter Israel. He warned that "thousands of Jews fleeing oppression still seek refuge in Israel. And the threat of war still hangs over the people of Israel. We shall have to reckon in the months ahead with these twin emergencies which also marked the past year."

Abraham Feinberg, President of the State of Israel Bond Organization, warned that "Arab hostility to Israel continues, uncompromising and unceasing." He declared that "the months ahead will be most difficult for Israel" and stressed a need for American Jewry to help "maintain Israel's economic structure despite the heavy burden of defense needs."

Klutznick Stresses Need for Strengthening Youth Services

Philip M. Klutznick, President of B'nai B'rith, declared that "changes are in progress and we have a fundamental responsibility to hasten changes in the right direction and obstruct changes in the wrong direction." He declared that one of American Jewry's most pressing problems is the strengthening of youth services.

Irving M. Engel, President of the American Jewish Committee, asked Americans of all faiths "to earnestly search" for peaceful solution of the Middle East crisis. He also called on American Jewry to launch a "spiritual Point Four" program to aid the reconstruction of Jewish communal life in Europe.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, declared that, "as Americans and as Jews," the Jews of this country must "find solutions requiring courage, strength, and, above all, fresh inspiration." He urged the Western Powers to offer defensive arms to Israel as well as "mutilateral security guarantee against aggression."

Bernard H. Trager, chairman of the National Community Relations Council, urged the end of discriminatory practices "against American Jews by Arab states" and condemned "participation by our government in those discriminations."

Murray I. Gurfein, president of United Hias Service, cautioned that the situation of Jews in Europe and North Africa is definitely "not good, it may get worse--and almost without warning." Help from the Jews in the Western Hemisphere is "their sole hope for survival," he stated.

Herbert R. Abeles, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, stressed the current need for a renewal of old concepts of "social justice, man's humanity to man." Such a concept, he stated, included the tasks of "instilling in our children and youth the richness of their Jewish heritage, rescuing those who have had to flee from persecution, rebuilding their lives in the free air of Israel."

Zionists Issue Greetings, Call for Israeli Peace

Rabbi Irving Miller, Chairman of the American Zionist Council, called for "the whole-hearted participation of Jews everywhere in the supreme task of ensuring the survival of the Jewish people and Jewish values." Mortimer May, President of the Zionist Organization of America, declared that "here, on the American scene, we must counter the corrosive forces of assimilation, and develop a fuller expression of our great spiritual heritage." Dr. Harris J. Levine, President of the Jewish National Fund of America, warned that border warfare along Israel's frontiers "may flare up any day into large-scale war."

Prayers for an "end to these constant crises that beset the Middle East" were called for by Mrs. Rebecca Shulman, President of Hadassah. Rabbi Mordecai Kirshblum, President of the Mizrahi Organization of America, asked for prayers for the "peace and prosperity of Israel and of all Jews scattered throughout the world." Joseph Schlossberg, chairman of the National Committee for Labor Israel, demanded that Israel be furnished defensive arms. Chaya Surchin, President of the Pioneer Women, issued greetings to all Jews here and in Israel.

Special greetings were issued by Moses I. Feuerstein, President of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America; Charles Rosengarten, President of the United Synagogue of America, and Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Dr. William Haber, President of the American ORT Federation, asked American Jews to "assume even larger responsibilities" for helping the Jews of North Africa. Mrs. Moise S. Cahn, President of the National Council of Jewish Women, said her organization seeks "not the shadows, but the realities of a lasting peace."

JEWS THROUGHOUT WORLD OBSERVE START OF TEN "DAYS OF AWE"

NEW YORK, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- The Jewish people began its spiritual inventory at sundown today, as Rosh Hashanah services throughout the world marked the start of a 10-day period of penitence, prayer and charity culminating in Yom Kippur, the most awesome day in their spiritual calendar.

Jewish servicemen in all parts of the world, Jewish patients at hospitals and other community institutions, and tiny Jewish communities which might not otherwise have been able to celebrate the holiday were the beneficiaries of special plans made by a host of Jewish organizations operating in their special fields of competence. The National Jewish Welfare Board announced that more than 350 full and part-time Jewish chaplains were taking part in programs for servicemen here and in 65 overseas countries.

The Jews of the Soviet Union heard a special Rosh Hashanah broadcast today in Russian and Yiddish over Radio Liberation by Rabbi George B. Lieberman, of Rockville Center, L. I.

Worshippers Crowd Synagogues in Israel

In Israel; restaurants and movie houses were pressed into service as temporary synagogues to house the overflow of worshippers. Israel transportation companies prepared to move the tens of thousands of persons who were on their way to join their relatives for the holiday in what almost amounted to a mass transfer of populations between the cities and the settlements. Special 24-page Rosh Hashanah editions of daily newspapers appeared to mark the event.

In London, Chief Rabbi-Israel Brodie delivered a message to the Jews of Britain over the facilities of the British Broadcasting Corporation. He contrasted the struggle of Jews behind the Iron Curtain to keep Judaism alive under adverse conditions with the full freedom available to his own people and urged that the opportunity to appreciate their opportunities not be bypassed.

In The Hague, the world-wide facilities of the Dutch Radio Service were turned over last night to a special program, "On the Eve of the Jewish High Festivals." The program included transmission of excerpts from the synagogue ritual by a cantor and choir.

EISENHOWER SEES "VERY LITTLE PROGRESS" IN U.S. MIDDLE EAST POLICY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- The United States has made "very little progress" toward solving Arab-Israel difficulties, President Eisenhower told a White House press conference today. He said general American policies were, on the whole, being implemented favorably.

In The Middle East, the President stated, the United States had hoped the Johnston plan for the Jordan River Valley water development project might have helped ease tensions. However, he said, the Johnston plan has so far proved itself unacceptable, not because of technical differences but because of political hostility. Israel has agreed to the Johnston plan but the Arab governments have not.

ISRAEL RECALLS VESSEL DENIED SUEZ PASSAGE BY EGYPT

JERUSALEM, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- The Greek freighter "Pennegia," bound for the Israeli Red Sea port of Elath and detained at Port Said by the Egyptian Government's refusal to grant her freedom of passage through the Suez Canal since May 25, has been recalled to the port of Haifa by her charterers.

Commenting on the new move, necessitated by what was characterized as Egypt's continued violation of international law and callous disregard of ordinary human rights--the captain and crew of the freighter were not permitted to go ashore during the entire period nor were they allowed to contact the authorities--an Israel Foreign Ministry spokesman here declared:

"Col. Nasser has demonstrated in the most brazen and unequivocal way his contempt for the obligations under the Constantinople Convention and the explicit ruling of the Security Council of September, 1951, at the very time he is seeking to persuade the world that he is ready to safeguard freedom of shipping through the canal."

RABBIS' PLEA TO DEFER SCHOOL OPENING REJECTED IN NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- The Orleans Parish school board here twice rejected requests by the New Orleans Rabbinical Council that the opening of the current school term be set back by two days to avoid a conflict with the Rosh Hashanah holiday. The rabbis were told, however, by Dr. James F. Redmond, superintendent of schools, that Jewish pupils would be excused and their absence would not be recorded.

Initial request for a change in the schools' opening day was made last April in a letter to the board from Rabbi Emil W. Leipziger, president of the Council. In reply he received a letter from Dr. Redmond rejecting the request but assuring him that Jewish pupils would be excused from attendance. Last week, Rabbis Leo A. Bergman and Israel H. Weisfeld appeared at a meeting of the board to renew the request. Rabbi Bergman told "The Jewish Ledger" here that, while he and his colleagues were cordially received, board members remained indifferent to their arguments.

ISRAELI GROUP UNVEILS NEW TOMBSTONE HONORING BARUCH SPINOZA

THE HAGUE, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- A tombstone for the grave of Baruch Spinoza was unveiled here yesterday outside the New Protestant church where he lies buried. The ceremony was attended by Israel Consul Dr. Ezra Yoran, but no officials of the Dutch Jewish community were present.

The monument, of black basalt from Galilee, was sent by the Israel Spinozean Society, and contains the inscription "Amcha" (Your People) in Hebrew. The philosopher was excommunicated 300 years ago by the Sephardic Congregation of Amsterdam.