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### EISENHOWER, NIXON GREET AMERICAN JEWRY ON THE JEWISH NEW YEAR

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower greeted the Jews of the United States today on the occasion of the Jewish New Year 5718. In a message issued through the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, the President offered American Jewry his "best wishes." The message reads:

"At the beginning of the Jewish New Year, it is fitting for all to give thanks for the past twelve months and to look to the future with confidence born of the mercy of God.

"The blessings of life and the freedoms all of us enjoy in this land today are based in no small measure on the Ten Commandments which have been handed down to us by the religious teachers of the Jewish faith. These Commandments of God provide endless opportunities for fruitful service, and they are a stronghold of moral purpose for men everywhere.

"In this season as our fellow citizens of the Jewish faith bow their heads in prayer and lift their eyes in hope we offer them the best wishes of our hearts."

Vice President Nixon, in a Rosh Hashanah message issued through the JTA, said: "It is a pleasure to extend my best wishes to all members of the Jewish faith on the occasion of Rosh Hashanah. Each new year causes us to renew our hopes for true understanding and brotherhood among all faiths and all peoples. Our prayers are for peace, goodwill, liberty and justice throughout the world.

"Man has been striving toward this goal since his beginning on this earth. Through difficult and happy times he has been sustained in this quest by a strong religious faith. On the eve of the New Year, let us all rededicate ourselves to the attainment of the ultimate happiness and security for all."

### U.S. JEWISH LEADERS OUTLINE TASKS FOR NEW YEAR; STRESS ACHIEVEMENTS

NEW YORK, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Jews throughout the world ushered in the New Year 5718 at sundown today with Rosh Hashanah services. Messages by Jewish leaders stressed achievements in Jewish life during 5717 as well as the tasks for the New Year.

William Rosenwald, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, released a message from David Ben Gurion, Israel Premier, expressing thanks to American Jewry for helping Israel and expressing confidence that "utmost and immediate aid" would be forthcoming through the UJA to cope with "an unabating tide of newcomers in the coming months."

In transmitting the message from Israel, Mr. Rosenwald hailed the Jews of this country for the aid they gave last year, and said: "The officers and leaders of the United Jewish Appeal solemnly rededicate themselves to the tasks which lie ahead. The challenges we face are very serious ones. They literally involve the fate of hundreds of thousands of Jewish men, women and children living in extreme danger and poverty. But there is no problem in human affairs which cannot be solved through the kind of devotion, zeal and energy that made the year 5717 a pinnacle in Jewish history."

Edward M. M. Warburg, greeting American Jewry on behalf of the Joint Distribution Committee, said he is proud to transmit greetings to Jewish communities throughout the United States also "on behalf of hundreds of thousands of Jews overseas who are able to celebrate this New Year with confidence and rejoicing because of the aid which American Jews have provided."

Herbert R. Abeles, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, pointed out in his message that the federations and welfare funds have provided \$150,000, -000 in the last twelve months and that every facet of Jewish life has been enriched during that period.

"A haven has been provided the homeless--tens of thousands rescued and resettled wherever in the world they could go--mainly to Israel," Mr. Abeles stated. "To the sick in body and spirit have come healing and rehabilitation; to the idle has been given work and usefulness. The spiritual font of American Judaism has been replenished through strengthening of religious institutions and schools. Human rights have been fortified for all people

of all faiths. Our Jewish hospitals have pushed forward the frontiers of medical knowledge--and pushed back the ravages of disease. Our family agencies have healed rifts between parents--and between parents and children--have strengthened the bonds of family, the real bond of Jewish life."

#### Challenge to U. S. Jewry Stressed; Vigilance Against Bigotry Urged

Abraham Feinberg, president of the Israel Bond Organization, said: "The year 5718 opens with a challenge to American Jewry to hasten its efforts in behalf of the economic absorption of this new flow of immigrants to Israel. The newcomers must have homes and jobs, so that they can become self-supporting and productive citizens of the country. For this vital purpose, there is no substitute for State of Israel Development Bonds, which must provide a large proportion of the funds needed for immigrant housing and absorption."

Dewey D. Stone, national chairman of the United Israel Appeal, expressed hope that the new year "may be a year of peace for all mankind and that Israel, during this year may be able to consolidate her achievements in every field and to create homes and employment opportunities for the tens of thousands who are waiting to come to her shores. We are confident that American Jews will continue to participate in this great humanitarian work of rescue and rehabilitation with the same dedication and generosity they have shown in the past."

Irving M. Engel, president of the American Jewish Committee, in his Rosh Hashanah message said that "as Jews, we feel a warm concern for the welfare of the people in Israel" while "as Americans dedicating ourselves to democracy, we have an abiding interest in the development of the democratic state in the Middle East." He stressed that one of the most compelling problems in the year ahead is "the achievement of enduring peace and stability in the Middle East."

Mr. Engel urged that Americans redouble their efforts "to make possible the opening of new havens for innocent victims of tyrannies which violate the fundamental rights inherent in the individual." He also stressed that efforts must be intensified "to preserve a national climate conducive to the protection of civil and religious rights." At the same time, he underscored the importance of vigilance "against the injection of a anti-Semitic into pro-segregationist propaganda."

David L. Ullman, chairman of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, pointed out in his message that the closing year "was a year in which covert anti-Semitism was confined to disreputable and crackpot elements and in which discrimination against Jews in employment, in education, in housing--while it continued--became increasingly furtive and oblique." At the same time, he emphasized that the new year will bring its challenges and its problems, as every year does. "Far as we have progressed toward the safeguarding of the rights of all in our democratic society, we have yet many barriers to break down, many obstacles to overcome," he stated.

#### Hope for Admission of More Jewish Immigrants to U. S. Seen

Murray I. Gurfein, chairman of the United Hias Service executive committee, pointed out in his message that as a result of the "stop-gap" immigration legislation passed by Congress this last session "some of those who wait abroad for relief and aid may now hope that they can come to the United States in the near future." Several hundred recent Jewish immigrants, including recent escapees from Hungary, will observe the High Holy Days services conducted by United Hias in its own synagogue here.

Dr. William Haber, president of the American ORT Federation, in his holiday message, noted that ORT was retraining refugees, DP's and recent immigrants in 19 countries, including Israel. In North Africa, he pointed out, ORT's programs have a new significance this year since improvement in the way of life of Jews in these backward countries "is no longer solely a humanitarian effort, but has become a necessary condition for their very existence."

The president of the National Council of Jewish Women, Mrs. Moise S. Cahn, issued a holiday message which called on American Jewry to pray that no Jews in lands abroad "will be refugees during the coming year, and that the dangers that threaten Israel will be replaced by conditions of safety so that her people may fulfill their bright promise." Mrs. Chaya Surchin, president of the Pioneer Women, released a similar message.

American Jewish religious organizations also extended New Year's greetings to the Jewish community. Messages were issued by the Synagogue Council of America; Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Central Conference of American Rabbis; United Synagogue of America; Rabbinical Council of America; New York Board of Rabbis; Young Israel and other religious groups.

Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, in a message to American Jews on the occasion of Rosh Hashanah expressed the hope of good will and understanding for Jews here and abroad. "Education will guide the growth of peoples into channels of good will so that they will enjoy the advantages of a nuclear age," he declared.

JEWISH AGENCY, ZIONIST LEADERS GREET AMERICAN JEWRY ON ROSH HASHANAH

NEW YORK, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency executive in New York, issued today a Rosh Hashanah message reviewing the Agency's achievements during 5717 and outlining plans for activities in the new Jewish year.

Extending good wishes to American Jewry "which has been Israel's faithful partner in the rebirth of the Jewish people," Mrs. Halprin said in her message: "With the continued support of American Jews, the New Year will become a year of increasing stability for Israel and of hope and freedom for the hundreds of thousands who will be coming to make their home there."

Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council, central body of all Zionist groups in this country, spoke in his Rosh Hashanah message of the concern with which American Jews view the "ominous developments" which are now taking place in Syria and which "bode ill not only for Israel, but for the entire world."

"As we confront the year 5718, once again we express the profound hope that the coming year will see the realization of peace in the Middle East, which is the touchstone of peace throughout the world," the AZC leader said. "Once again, we reaffirm the conviction that if it lies within Israel's power, peace in the Middle East and the security of the area will be a reality in the near future."

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America, said in his message that "5718 will be a crucial year for the Jewish people and will present a new challenge to the sense of responsibility of American Jewry. The increasingly grave dangers to Israel must command our deepest concern. Recent events have made it unmistakably clear that there will have to be an even greater mobilization of our resources and our support in order to nullify the unabated threat to Israel's security and to avert Communist domination of the Middle East."

"Just as Israel has continued to move forward in its historic task of nation-building, despite the dark shadow of Soviet-Arab aggression which hovers over it, so must every conscientious American Jew work indefatigably for the achievement of a secure Israel, free from the constant threats of war, furthering the development of its economy, enriching its culture and thereby contributing to the creative development of Jewish life everywhere," the ZOA president stressed.

Dr. Miriam K. Freund, national president of Hadassah, declared in her New Year statement that the United States must increase its economic and political assistance to Israel "so long as rising tensions are manifest" in the Middle East. In addition, she urged Americans to continue to give "wholehearted material and moral support to Israel." Similar greetings were issued also by various other Zionist groups, including the Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi of America, the Farband-Labor Zionist Order and others.

The national executive of the Zionist Organization of Canada, in a Rosh Hashanah message, expressed "assurance to the people of Israel that Canadian Jewry is mindful of its responsibilities to Israel in helping that country absorb another 100,000 immigrants during the coming year."

I. T. A. PRESIDENT STRESSES TASKS FACING JEWRY DURING NEW YEAR

NEW YORK, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Louis P. Rucker, president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, released today the following Rosh Hashanah message:

"We enter the New Year at a time which calls for constant watchfulness and for increased information on developments concerning Jews the world over. Danger signals are seen for Israel in the growing flow of arms to the neighboring Arab countries. Concern is felt over the fate of the 2,000,000 Jews in the Soviet Union who may face new persecution.

"On the other hand, Jewish life in the United States is being strengthened and developed as never before. Interest in Jewish affairs is growing in all communities, large and small. The spiritual font of Judaism is being replenished through the strengthening of religious and cultural institutions.

"The Jewish Telegraphic Agency has for forty years dedicated itself to the task of stimulating interest in Jewish life; of serving as 'the eyes and the ears' of the Jewish people, and of maintaining a link among Jewish communities in all parts of the world, pledges to fulfil these tasks vigorously in the year 5718. It will bring to the attention of the world the creative developments in Jewry and stand guard over developments in which Jews all over the world are deeply interested."

370 JEWISH CHAPLAINS TO CONDUCT SERVICES FOR U.S. ARMED FORCES

NEW YORK, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- The National Jewish Welfare Board had arranged in advance for the shipment of large quantities of kosher food, prayer books and other religious articles to 650 military posts in this country and abroad, including Germany, France, England, North Africa, Alaska, Panama, the Philippines, Okinawa, Japan and Korea. Rosh Hashanah services will be conducted by a corps of 370 Jewish chaplains.