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## JEWISH NEW YEAR STARTS TONIGHT; EISENHOWER GREETES AMERICAN JEWRY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- Led by President Eisenhower, numerous members of Congress and State Governors today issued greetings to the Jewish people of the United States in connection with the Jewish New Year of 5720 which will be ushered in tomorrow at sundown by Jews throughout the world.

President Eisenhower's Rosh Hashanah message of greetings, issued through the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, reads: "Greetings to my fellow citizens of Jewish faith as they enter the season of their High Holy Days. The teachings of your ancient belief have long sustained you and strengthened the communities in which you live. By constant repetition--in word and deed--of the commandments of God, you have nourished the noblest principles of mankind. The demands of justice, the plea for mercy, the rights and responsibilities of each individual: these should be uppermost in our thoughts at home and at work, when we sleep and when we awake."

Governor Rockefeller of New York, in his Rosh Hashanah message, said: "Before the establishment of the State of Israel, Jews prayed and tomorrow in Jerusalem." Today the State of Israel serves as a bulwark of free government in an area torn by selfishness, strife and misunderstandings. Let us hope that this Jewish New Year will bring to Israel peace with her neighbors and a feeling of brotherhood among all the Middle Eastern countries."

Rosh Hashanah will be observed by Jewish members of the U.S. Armed Forces in this country and in 72 overseas countries, including remote military bases and jungle warfare units. The global "Operation New Year" has been arranged by the National Jewish Welfare Board which has shipped religious items to domestic and overseas installations for use by Jewish chaplains at the Rosh Hashanah services. Taking part in the "Operation New Year" are 370 Jewish chaplains, some of whom have been flown thousands of miles to overseas bases.

## U.S. JEWRY ASKED TO HELP ISRAEL AND NEEDEY JEWS DURING NEW YEAR

NEW YORK, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- Jews throughout the United States were asked to rededicate themselves during the High Holy Days to the task of helping the development of Israel and the rebuilding of the economic, religious and cultural life of Jews in other countries, in Rosh Hashanah messages issued today by leaders of the major American Jewish organizations.

Morris W. Berinstein, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, made public a Rosh Hashanah message by Israel's Premier David Ben-Gurion to American Jews stating that the support they have given Israel's newcomers "has contributed greatly to the continuing and heartening progress Israel made in the Jewish year of 5719." The Premier expressed confidence that American Jewry "will continue to do the utmost in the year 5720 with that same spirit of devotion that has been the mark of your deeds and actions for many years."

Edward M. M. Warburg, chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, called upon American Jewry to remember during the High Holy Days celebration also those thousands of Jews "who do not celebrate, but can only pray." He emphasized that while many of the harassed Jews have achieved independence and dignity in Israel, in the United States and elsewhere, there still remained those "who are helpless and afraid. Let our help reach out to them, so that next year they too may have cause to rejoice," he appealed.

Abraham Feinberg, president of the Israel Bond Organization, pointed out in his message that American Jewry has greatly helped the development of Israel during the year past, through the acquisition of Israel bonds, and said: "As Americans and as Jews, we seek to reaffirm and demonstrate our faith in the survival of freedom, the dignity of the human being and the truths of our moral teachings. In our concern for the uninterrupted upbuilding of Israel and the welfare of its many thousands of immigrants, the year ahead offers opportunities for renewed endeavor in support of the Israel bond drive."

Dr. Dewey D. Stone, national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, stressed in his message that there are today more than 400,000 men, women and children in Israel who

look to American Jewry for the means to complete their rehabilitation and resettlement. "We cannot, we dare not disappoint their hopes or be found lagging in our efforts to complete the sacred task of rescue which history has placed upon us," he said.

#### Leaders of Jewish Civic Groups Greet U.S. Jews on New Year

Leaders of Jewish organizations engaged in fighting for human rights emphasized in their Rosh Hashanah messages that the new Jewish year arrives at a time when men of good will everywhere pray for a major breakthrough in the cold war. This was especially emphasized by Herbert B. Ehrmann, president of the American Jewish Committee; Dr. Joachim Prinz, president of the American Jewish Congress; and Label A. Katz, president of B'nai B'rith.

Mr. Ehrmann called upon American Jewry to "once again explore their spiritual heritage and their personal commitment to its fulfillment." Dr. Prinz expressed hope that Soviet Russia will, during the new year, cease its "harsh and unyielding policy of suppressing Jewish religious and cultural life in the USSR and permit the Soviet Jews to resume contacts with Jews in other lands." Mr. Katz urged the Jews of the United States to reaffirm for themselves "the eternalities of Judaism" during the High Holy Days.

Rosh Hashanah messages were also issued by Philip M. Klutznick, president of the American Friends of Hebrew University; Dr. William Haber, president of the American ORT Federation; Rabbi Max Davidson, president of the Synagogue Council of America; Dr. Lewis Webster Jones, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews; and by the presidents of the Reform, Conservative and Orthodox rabbinical groups in this country.

#### DR. GOLDMANN URGES 'CLOSEST ATTENTION' TO FATE OF SOVIET JEWRY

NEW YORK, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldman, president of the World Zionist Organization and of the World Jewish Congress, today expressed the hope that the year 5720 may be "a year of fruitful achievements both for the Jewish people and for Israel." He added that the Jewish people "faces the vital task of strengthening the foundations of Jewish life throughout the world, a task which must be accomplished first and foremost by developing Jewish education and by strengthening the attachment of Jewish communities to Israel."

In his Rosh Hashanah statement Dr. Goldman stressed the great problem of securing opportunities for a full Jewish life for Soviet Jewry which "merits the closest attention of the Jewish people." Turning to Israel he expressed his hope that the young state "may succeed in its endeavor to speed the integration and economic absorption of the close to one million immigrants who arrived in the country during its first decade of independence, and in assisting Jewish immigrants from various countries whose only salvation is Israel."

"May the New Year be one of successful efforts of great achievements and of full cooperation between Israel and World Jewry and may this cooperation help to solve the manifold problems which face the Jewish generation of today," Dr. Goldman concluded.

Mrs. Rose Halprin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency, reviewed in her Rosh Hashanah message the Agency's activities for the year past emphasizing that the Jewish Agency has been instrumental in the reception and initial absorption of some 30,000 new arrivals and helped to transfer thousands of immigrants from the weather-beaten ma'abarot to permanent dwellings.

"Recognizing the inequality of opportunity inherent in the poor educational and vocational background of immigrants from Middle Eastern countries, the Agency has made available more than 70 percent of all openings in the Youth immigration program to youngsters from North Africa and other Oriental communities and set aside special scholarships for those who can be expected to profit from education beyond the elementary grades," she said.

#### Mrs. Halprin Stresses Need for Alleviating Unmet Needs in Israel

"However," Mrs. Halprin continued, "despite gratifying progress in every area of the rehabilitation program, the Jewish Agency at the threshold of 5720 views with grave concern the remaining backlog of unmet needs which will have to be alleviated in the year to come. There are still almost 100,000 persons in ma'abarot who have suffered sub-standard housing conditions for up to eight years. There are more than 130,000 newcomers in agricultural settlements established during the past decade who have not yet become fully self-supporting due to lack of equipment and livestock. In addition, there are some 11,000 social cases still awaiting rehabilitation."

"The extent to which the Jewish Agency will be able to deal with these problems in the months to come will depend first and foremost on the gifts of American Jews who through the United Jewish Appeal have supported the Agency's rescue and resettlement program with unfailing generosity. On behalf of my colleagues on the executive of the Jewish Agency and for myself, I wish to express my deep sense of appreciation and

gratitude to all those whose contributions enable us to continue this life-saving work. May the coming year be a year of health and happiness for all of them and a year of peace for Israel and for the world," Mrs. Halprin concluded.

Other Zionist leaders who issued Rosh Hashanah greetings today included Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council; Abraham Redelheim, president of the Zionist Organization of America; Dr. Miriam K. Freund, president of Hadassah; Dr. Harris J. Levine, president of the Jewish National Fund of America; Meyer L. Brown and Louis Segal, president and general secretary, respectively, of the Farband Labor Zionist Order; Clara Leff, president of the Pioneer Women, and others.

#### ISRAEL PRESIDENT, IN ROSH HASHANAH MESSAGE, HOPES FOR WORLD PEACE

JERUSALEM, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- President Izhak Ben-Zvi, in a New Year's message to world Jewry, expressed the hope today that "the God of Israel" would strengthen the hands of all our brethren wherever they are and encourage those of the peoples of the world who sincerely strive for peace among the nations.

Expressing pride in the achievements of Israel during the past Jewish year, the President declared "there is still a long road ahead of us towards the achievements of our main goals--the redemption of the exiles and the strengthening of our State against hatred and hostility." He expressed the hope that the New Year would witness "the realization of the vision of our great ancient prophets who foresaw from the mountains of Zion that 'nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they war any more.'"

The Chief Rabbinate and the Ministry for Religious Affairs rushed last-minute arrangements to assure full observance of the most solemn period in the Jewish year. At military bases, special Rosh Hashanah services will be provided for those members of the Armed Forces who will be unable to be at their homes during the High Holy Days. Military chaplains will distribute Rosh Hashanah gifts to servicemen.

Abundant produce were available on the eve of the New Year but prices have risen, particularly for farm products. It was estimated that more than 8,000 tourists were spending Rosh Hashanah in Israel, about 2,000 more than last year. Israel's hotels were booked fully for the holiday season.

#### JEWS IN MADRID PERMITTED TO OPEN SYNAGOGUE; FIRST SINCE EXPULSION

MADRID, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- The Jewish community of Madrid has received permission to open a synagogue, the first to function in Madrid since the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492.

Madrid Jews now hold services in a private home, although Barcelona Jewry uses two "unofficial" synagogues located in the Jewish Community Center. It was reported that the Madrid Jewish community had been seeking permission to open an "official" synagogue more adequate to the community's needs.

#### ISRAEL PROTESTS AGAINST MOROCCAN SEVERANCE OF POSTAL COMMUNICATIONS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- Israel is lodging a formal protest with the Union Postale Universal in Geneva against the "unilateral" action of the Government of Morocco in severing postal relations with Israel, Government sources said today.

Israel post office authorities disclosed yesterday that Morocco had returned two sacks of mail addressed to Jews in Morocco with the explanation that as a member of the Arab League, Morocco was required to abide by all aspects of the League's policies, including its anti-Israel activities.

Israel considers the action a flagrant violation of the postal convention to which both countries are signatories, the sources said, adding that the matter may also be raised in diplomatic actions and at the United Nations. Senior post office officials said that the normal monthly traffic between the two countries ranged from 20,000 to 30,000 pieces of mail in each direction.

Alarmed North African residents in Israel suggested the idea of delivering all mail for relatives in Morocco direct to United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld's headquarters at the United Nations with a request that he see to delivery. Emotion-packed meetings of Moroccan Jews were held in Israel to protest the Moroccan action.

#### ISRAEL GOVERNMENT REPORTS ON ARREST IN RUMANIA OF LEGATION EMPLOYEES

JERUSALEM, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- Six local employees of the Israel legation in Bucharest--four Jews and two non-Jews--were arrested by the Rumanian authorities, between December 1958 and March of this year, the Foreign Ministry reported today. The non-Jews have already been released but have not returned to work at the legation while four Jews--one man and three women--are still under arrest, the official communique stated.

#### W. J. C. SURVEY SHOWS 12, 082, 000 JEWS RESIDING IN 119 COUNTRIES

NEW YORK, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- There are about 12, 082, 000 Jews in the world living in 119 lands and territories, according to a new survey prepared by the World Jewish Congress' Institute of Jewish Affairs, the results of which were made public today.

The survey lists 6, 176, 000 in the Americas -- 5, 200, 000 of them in the United States of America -- 3, 273, 500 in Europe of whom "there are about 2, 000, 000 persons registered as Jews in the Soviet Union within its present boundaries," 2, 006, 400 in Asia, including 1, 822, 361 in Israel, 560, 900 in all Africa and 64, 500 in Australasia.

Apart from Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Mauritius, where there are no Jews, the smallest Jewish population in the world is in Basutoland where, the survey states, "there are only two Jews, both high officials."

#### SPRING VALLEY POLL SHOWS MAJORITY OPPOSES BARRING JEWS FROM AREA

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- A poll of residents of the restricted national capital residential area of Spring Valley, where many government leaders reside, revealed a majority oppose restrictive covenants barring Jews although they sign such agreements to buy homes in the fashionable suburb. The poll was sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Many members of Congress and high-ranking federal officials live in Spring Valley and have signed anti-Jewish covenants. The ADL cited the findings as "additional evidence that such religious restrictions are largely imposed by real estate developers and agents."

A total of 58 percent of Spring Valley residents revealed they would have been equally willing to purchase their homes if there had been no covenant against Jews. Thirty-five percent of those polled said they did not know or refused to comment when asked if admission of Jews to Spring Valley would cause them to move out. Sixty-five percent said they would remain.

Terming Spring Valley "a pocket of anti-Jewish prejudice," the ADL said: "The fact that some government officials persist in supporting a restrictive covenant is an act of gratuitous offense and raises a serious question as to their fitness to serve all the American people." W. C. and A. N. Miller are the developers and realtors of Spring Valley. Purchasers are also required to retain the Millers as agents for resale.

#### CHICAGO GROUP ANNOUNCES PLAN FOR CONSTRUCTION OF HOTEL IN TEL AVIV

CHICAGO, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- Plans for the construction of Israel's largest hotel, in Tel Aviv, were unfolded here today by a group of Chicago businessmen. The group has formed the Hotel Corporation of Israel, to build the Hotel Tel Aviv in Israel's largest city, according to Martin N. Sandler, corporation president.

Mr. Sandler said the corporation is to be financed with 66, 500 shares of common stock and \$1, 910, 000 in principal amount of five and one-half percent subordinated debentures, of which 39, 000 shares and \$1, 560, 000 in debentures are being offered to the public. The public offering will be made in units, each unit consisting of 30 shares of stock and \$1, 200 may be paid in certain State of Israel bonds, with the remainder payable in United States dollars.

#### BRITISH JEWS URGED TO INCREASE EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL; HEAR SHARETT

LONDON, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- An increase in emigration to Israel from Britain was urged here at a conference organized by the British Zionist Federation and devoted to problems of aliya. The main speaker at the conference was former Prime Minister Moshe Sharett.

Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion of Israel, in a special message to the conference, stressed that Israel "requires the initiative, talent and knowledge in addition to the spiritual, cultural and traditional wealth to be brought to us by the tens of thousands of Jews coming from the free countries." The Prime Minister expressed the hope that an ever increasing wave of immigrants from the Western countries would come to Israel and that many other countries with large Jewish communities would profit from the example of British Zionists.

Mr. Sharett told the delegates he did not come to launch an appeal for aliya from Great Britain "as I consider that begging you to come to Israel is unworthy of our cause." He stressed that there was no higher and nobler thing than for a man to decide to make Israel his home.

#### TURKEY AWARDS GOLD MEDAL TO PROF. WAKSMAN FOR STREPTOMYCIN DISCOVERY

ISTANBUL, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- Prof. Selman A. Waksman, the discoverer of streptomycin, has been awarded a gold medal by the Turkish Anti-Tuberculosis Association. Waksman was cheered when he received the award at the opening of the Fifteenth International Tuberculosis Conference here. Israel was represented by two doctors.

BECAUSE OF ROSH HASHANAH, THE NEXT BULLETIN WILL APPEAR ON TUESDAY