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### JEWISH NEW YEAR STARTS TONIGHT; U.S. JEWRY REMINDED OF ITS OBLIGATIONS

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- With the Jewish New Year of 5723 being ushered in at sundown tomorrow, leaders of American Jewish organizations, in their Rosh Hashanah statements today, made somber reappraisals of the position of Jews around the world and emphasized the obligations of American Jews toward Jewish communities in other countries.

In the Soviet Union, 3,000,000 Jews were seen as suffering oppressions, denial of basic religious and cultural freedoms, and a continuing prohibition against reunification with torn families now residing in Israel and elsewhere in the free world.

In France, more than 100,000 Jewish refugees from Algeria were in precarious need not only in regard to religious reassurance but in general problems facing them culturally, socially and economically.

In a number of Latin American countries, a recent resurgence of neo-Nazism and fascism imperiled the position of the many Jews. Increasing anti-Semitic manifestations, engendered by various fascist groups, bespoke uneasiness even to the well-entrenched Jewish community in England.

The American Jewish leaders looked over to Israel, where a new wave of immigration, unprecedented in its dimensions, brought to the Jewish State fresh problems previously unplanned for--problems of absorption and integration, housing and vocational training for the masses of newcomers who have found their refuge but needed more gently than ever the aid of their people in other lands.

### Meyerhoff, Warburg Pledge Increased Aid to Jews in Need

In the spirit of these problems, Joseph Meyerhoff, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, declared in a New Year message: "We shall be solemnly observing the High Holy Days, grateful for the substance and spirit of freedom that sustains us in this great nation. We shall think with sadness of the thousands of our fellow Jews overseas to whom this boon of liberty has been denied, of the all too many among them who are forced to forsake their homes and to seek sanctuary in Israel and other havens where the cause of liberty and humanity is still held sacred.

"We shall not only pray for their safety, security and redemption, but also firmly resolve to do all in our power through the United Jewish Appeal to render greater aid than ever before--aid which will save lives, sustain hopes, grant opportunities to immigrate to Israel and other areas of freedom," the UJA general chairman stressed.

M.M. Warburg, chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, said that the observance of the High Holy Days must recall "the tens of thousands of Jews who were brought to safety this past year and the hundreds of thousands of other Jews throughout the world who have been helped by American Jewry." Due to such aid, he noted, tens of thousands heard the Shofar this year with renewed courage.

"In this season of devotion and prayer we rededicate ourselves to the task of aiding those still in need so that none shall suffer physical or spiritual want," he continued. "Those in far lands who are still persecuted, those who are hungry and ill, the aged and underprivileged children--all are in our hearts as we usher in the New Year. We reach out our hand to them so that next year they too will rejoice at the sound of the Shofar and offer prayers of thanksgiving."

### Dewey Stone, Rose Halprin Emphasize Increases in Immigration to Israel

Dewey D. Stone, chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc., highlighted the immigration theme in his New Year message, stating: "During the past year, the rising influx of immigrants to Israel has provided her people together with world Jewry with a continuous challenge to express this concern in constructive action. The thousands of newcomers in Israel who will be able this year, for the first time, to celebrate the High Holy Days joyfully and joyously amply testify to the fact that we met this challenge at least in substantial measure.

"In a world beset by political tensions, overshadowed by a threat of mass destruction of magnitude which staggers the imagination, the immigration and rehabilitation programs

which are financed with the help of American Jewry through the United Jewish Appeal are a continued affirmation of our faith in the value and dignity of each individual human life," Mr. Stone pointed out. "In the year ahead, a year which will mark the 25th anniversary of the United Jewish Appeal, this work of rescue and rehabilitation must continue with unflagging vigor."

Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, chairman of the American section of the executive of the Jewish Agency for Israel, noted "the staggering problems of absorption, retraining, housing and resettlement" facing Israel in consequence of the fresh mass immigration, and said:

"The renewed and accelerated increase in immigration to Israel places on the Jews of the free world, and especially upon American Jewry, the high privilege and obligation of participating in this continuing process of rehabilitation and reconstruction. Only if American Jewry, which has so often demonstrated its splendid devotion to the cause of its brothers overseas, will rise to the challenge placed upon it by history, will Israel be able to meet the new needs of rescue and rehabilitation with the courage, determination and faith befitting our great heritage."

Mrs. Halprin pointed out, however, that there is a second task: "The need for maintaining and strengthening Jewish life throughout the world by a deepening and expanding of Jewish education. Jewish communities, large and small, have become aware that survival is intertwined with knowledge, and that a concerted effort must be made to restore to the world Jewish community the mark of knowledge which was its characteristic throughout the millennia."

Abraham Feinberg, president of the Israel Bond Organization, reminded his fellow Jews that Israel, now, "is once again in the limelight as the new home and center of hope for many thousands of immigrants." Noting that the Bond Organization will start redeeming, in 5723, the 1952 bonds which come to maturity next May, he said that the New Year will, indeed, be a "year of redemption," highlighting "not only the role of Israel bonds in the great economic advances that Israel has achieved so far, but also the part they must play in the development tasks now on its agenda."

#### C. J. F. W. F. President Issues Call to Strengthen Communal Life

Irving Kane, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, pointed out in his Rosh Hashanah message that "the sound of the Shofar calls to rededication, to continue the great, never-to-be completed work" of aiding homeless Jews into Israel and into the United States and other free lands, and of building new institutions of worship, of healing, of learning. "Its call is to strengthen further our Jewish communal life; to extend our networks of spiritual, health, welfare, educational and cultural institutions, which serve each of us and our families here and our people everywhere," he stressed.

In separate but complementary statements, Samuel Bronfman, vice-president and North American executive chairman of the World Jewish Congress, and Rabbi Joachim Prinz, president of the American Jewish Congress, expressed their determination to continue to meet the challenges facing Judaism, Israel and humanity in general. Mr. Bronfman referred specifically to the recent outbursts of anti-Semitism in Argentina, Germany and Britain, stating these facts "constitute a somber reminder" that there is no place for complete serenity now, three decades after Hitler launched his powerful anti-Semitic drive.

A wide-ranging summation of problems and tensions facing Jewry was made in the special Rosh Hashanah statement by A. M. Sonnabend, president of the American Jewish Committee. He called on Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev to lift the "harsh, discriminatory and repressive measures" affecting the Jews of the USSR, singled out Argentina as a country where "Jewish security is threatened" by the rise there of anti-democratic elements; noted the tragic situation of the Algerian Jewish refugees who have fled to France; reviewed the Middle East situation where "we, as Jews, feel a particular responsibility for the welfare of the people of Israel," and dealt with problems in the United States.

On the American scene, Mr. Sonnabend identified the major problems concerning Jewry, upholding again last summer's Supreme Court ruling against official prayers in the public schools, calling for "protection of civil and religious rights and guarding against the inroads of bigotry" in this country, and requesting that the U. S. Government halt discriminations against American citizens of the Jewish faith by Arab League countries.

Murray I. Gurfein, a president of United Hias Service, referred in his message to Jewish migration, and declared: "The devotion and dedication of the Jewish community to the cause of the migrant has made it possible for our worldwide agency to help more than three million persons resettle in free lands. We look to continued support of our efforts to aid those still unsettled and hard-pressed thousands in danger areas throughout the world, who eagerly turn to us for migration assistance to the United States, Latin America, Canada and Australia."

Dr. William Haber, president of the American ORT Federation, pointed out that "tens of thousands of Jews are once again uprooted from ancestral homes." He noted the increased migrations in 1962, and pointed to the emigration of North African Jews, and the influx of newcomers to Israel, where ORT schools "are swamped in numbers far beyond capacity or financial means."

### KENNEDY EXTENDS 'WARM GREETINGS' TO U. S. JEWS ON ROSH HASHANAH

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- President John F. Kennedy issued through the Jewish Telegraphic Agency the following Rosh Hashanah greetings:

"On the occasion of Rosh Hashanah and the period of the Jewish High Holy Days, I welcome the opportunity to extend to all of our fellow Americans of the Jewish faith my warm greetings and best wishes for the new year.

"In this solemn period you are called upon to rededicate yourselves anew to the faith, the values, the ideals, and the teachings that have stood the stern test of time in your heritage. It is a time for a personal and spiritual inventory and for reflection on goals and achievements. It calls for a reaffirmation of the willingness to sacrifice that there may be righteousness for all mankind.

"Never was the desire for genuine understanding among the nations of the world stronger than today. The danger of ultimate disaster increases the urgency and need for a common cause of peace. Our people must lead the way toward relief from oppression, hunger and despair so that all may have a share in the age-old vision of a good and righteous life. I know that all Americans join with me in this message of good will."

### ISRAEL PRESIDENT SENDS ROSH HASHANAH GREETINGS TO JEWS WORLD OVER

JERUSALEM, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- President Ben-Zvi extended today "to all the Children of Israel wherever they may be," his best wishes "for a Happy New Year, a Year of Redemption and Salvation."

The President's New Year greetings stressed "as the first and foremost commandment laid upon us" the absorption of newcomers. He noted that "the year now ending was marked by a large flow of immigrants," their number "double of that recorded in the preceding year." He called for cooperation of all Jews in helping "our kin, coming to us from East and West Europe, from Africa and Asia and other lands, to be integrated into our midst."

### AMERICAN RABBIS DECRY ANTI-SEMITISM ABROAD IN ROSH HASHANAH MESSAGES

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- The Synagogue Council, the coordinating body of the rabbinical and congregational organizations of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Judaism, issued Rosh Hashanah greetings containing a prayer for permanent and lasting peace "firmly founded on justice and freedom." The statement was issued by Rabbi Julius Mark, president of the Council.

Rabbi Mark urged that all men "at this time of soul-searching turn away from bigotry and discrimination, hatred and distrust and turn instead toward the complete acceptance of interdependence, the reaffirmation of the sacredness of the human being." He decried the spread of anti-Semitism abroad and urged "the mighty nations" of the earth to pause "in their terrestrial and celestial endeavors to take stock of their spiritual worth."

In a message issued by Mrs. Charles Hymes, of Minneapolis, president of the National Council of Jewish Women, she asserted that "new outbursts of anti-Semitism in South America as well as other parts of the world underscore the fact that democracy is the only real protection against anti-Semitism in the world today." She urged American Jewry to lend full support in behalf of civil rights and civil liberties.

### U. S. Zionist Groups Ask for Stronger Ties with Israel

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- American Jews were urged today in Rosh Hashanah messages by Zionist groups in this country to help increase Israel's strength and to create close spiritual and cultural links with Israel.

Leading in this call was Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council which represents all major Zionist organizations. "As we step over the threshold into the year 5723, may we rededicate ourselves to the enhancement of our Jewish heritage, the love of Zion which has found new expression in the Israel of our day, the more meaningful attachment to our religious faith, a broader knowledge of our people's language and history and a strengthened solidarity among Jewish communities throughout the world," he said.

Statements in similar vein were issued in special Rosh Hashanah messages by Dr. Max Nussbaum, president of the Zionist Organization of America; Mrs. Siegfried Kramarsky, national president of Hadassah, the women's Zionist organization of America; Albert Schiff, president of the Jewish National Fund of America; Samuel H. Dardf, president of the American Jewish League for Israel; Joseph Schlossberg, president of the National Committee for Labor Israel; Louis Segal, general secretary of the Farband-Labor Zionist Order; and Mrs. Sidney Leff, president of Pioneer Women.

### RADIO LIBERTY TO BROADCAST NEW YEAR GREETINGS TO JEWS IN RUSSIA

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Traditional Jewish New Year's greeting and the solemn notes of the Shofar will be broadcast by Radio Liberty tomorrow to all parts of the Soviet Union.

# U. S. DECISION TO SELL MISSILES TO ISRAEL ELATES ISRAELI POPULATION

JERUSALEM, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- The decision by the United States to sell Hawk ground-to-air missiles to Israel was received in Israel with great satisfaction today.

The general tenor of comment was that, while the Hawk missiles will not serve as an answer to the threat of Egypt's ground-to-ground rockets, the United States decision constituted a most important move to strengthening Israel's security and a forceful deterrent to any threat of Arab attack.

The decision also was seen as a significant departure from prior United States policy and as an acceptance of Israel's view that Egyptian President Nasser's military buildup posed a threat to Israel's security. It was seen as well as a demonstration of active United States concern for maintenance of the military balance of power in the Middle East.

The Washington announcement received banner headline treatment in the Israeli press, one newspaper heading its story with a drawing of a Hawk missile trailing a "L'Shono Tovo" card signed by President Kennedy. Another leading daily declared that, while the announcement "does not solve all our security worries, it signifies a welcome change in the direction of United States policy."

No official statement was issued by the Israel Government but a Foreign Ministry spokesman, in reply to a question, confirmed that the Israel Government had approached the United States with a request for Hawk missiles, and that Israel had been informed some time ago that the United States was ready to meet the request.

Israeli newspapers indicated that the decision was the result of tireless efforts by Israeli officials in the United States to explain to Washington officials that, if Nasser became convinced he had weapons superiority, another war against Israel might result. The newspapers also remarked that, while the Hawk is one of the smaller U.S. missiles, it would still serve as a deterrent to Nasser's powerful, Soviet-equipped air force, the pride of Egypt.

## Decision Provokes Excited Discussions Among U. N. Diplomats

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 27. (JTA) -- The United States Government's announcement of agreeing to let Israel have ground-to-air missiles created the biggest sensation here today since the General Assembly convened 10 days ago. There seemed to be not a single diplomat or ranking Secretariat official here who was not discussing the development excitedly.

On the whole, it appeared that the majority of Westerners, Latin Americans, Asians and Africans approved of the United States step, although there was some head-shaking over what many called the "expansion of the arms escalation" in the Middle East. The majority of diplomats and other officials refused to speak for publication, however.

Two who were willing to be quoted by name were Professor G. P. Malalasekera, of Ceylon, who lost his race for the presidency of the Assembly this year, and Ahmad Shukairy, of Saudi Arabia. Prof. Malalasekera stated: "Things like this don't help the situation." Mr. Shukairy, who visited Moscow just before coming to this year's Assembly, fancied himself as the prime spokesman for the Arab bloc. He said bitterly: "This is sheer hypocrisy by the United States. They talk of disarmament here at the UN and at the same time help Israel."

Israelis were not talking for publication, letting the events speak for themselves. They pointed out that their Government's official foreign policy positions, on all important matters, will be revealed here October 9, the day after Yom Kippur, when Mrs. Golda Meir, the Foreign Minister, is scheduled to deliver her annual address here during the General Assembly's "general debate."

Today, Mrs. Meir was busy continuing her intensive round of conferences. Having talked for an hour and a half yesterday with U. S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk, she conferred today with Adlai E. Stevenson, head of the U. S. delegation here. Later, she met for the first time this trip, with Acting Secretary General U Thant.

## Nasser Was Informed by U. S. of the Decision in Advance

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- The radio facilities and press of the United Arab Republic, even before public announcement was made of the United States decision to sell missiles to Israel, launched vitriolic personal attacks on President Kennedy. President Nasser was informed in advance of the decision.

The Cairo radio, "Voice of the Arab Nation," said: "President Nasser put President Kennedy's letter in front of him and perhaps smiled at Kennedy's stupidity and the stupidity of the agents of this Kennedy."

Chairman William E. Miller of the Republican National Committee today issued a statement supporting the sale of Hawk missiles to Israel, but urging the Administration to fulfill pledges to take the initiative for direct Arab-Israel peace talks.

#### SETTLEMENT OF PALESTINE REFUGEES IN ARAB LANDS FAVORED IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- The Palestinian Arab refugees should be told that they cannot expect to return to their former homes in Israel, Harlan Cleveland, Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs, agreed with Chairman Otto Passman of the House Foreign Operations Appropriations Subcommittee, it was revealed in testimony made public today.

Rep. Passman, Louisiana Democrat, told Mr. Cleveland that the Arab refugees should be taken out of refugee camps and permanently relocated in Arab states to establish new lives rather than dreaming of a return to Israel. He said that "for the United States to be cognizant of that situation and not be forthright, and just tell those people that this is a proposition that will never be solved is unbelievable."

Mr. Cleveland affirmed Rep. Passman's statement that the Arab refugees lived only to reclaim a "house" in Israel and that "those people know they will not get the house back." Rep. Passman said the Arabs should be told "the facts as they are, and action should be taken accordingly." He said he would vote for funds to permanently relocate the Arab refugees. He told Mr. Cleveland: "If you would come clean with those people and let them know the score, you would come before this Committee for funds to relocate them."

Mr. Cleveland agreed and told Rep. Passman that "at the beginning of the new Administration, we took a look at this situation. I made the same type of speech as you just made. I must say that we have started a process. We hope it will work."

It was pointed out to Mr. Cleveland by Rep. Gerald Ford, Jr., Michigan Republican, that although aid to Egypt had been increased in fiscal 1962 from \$2,000,000 to \$41,000,000 it did not reconcile the situation. Mr. Cleveland said "that didn't buy peace with Israel."

#### ARAMCO ORDERED TO END DISCRIMINATION AGAINST JEWISH JOB APPLICANTS

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- In a sweeping decision announced today, the New York State Commission for Human Rights ordered the Arabian-American Oil Company (ARAMCO) to stop discriminating against Jewish job applicants.

The ruling, climaxing a six-year legal battle launched against ARAMCO by the American Jewish Congress, was hailed by Shad Polier, who served as counsel for the AJCongress in the case, as "a landmark decision in the effort to protect the equality of all Americans and to safeguard against the importation of foreign prejudice and discrimination to our shores." Mr. Polier, chairman of the national governing council of the AJCongress, listed these highlights of the decision:

1. The Commission vindicated the AJCongress charge that Jews had been excluded from all phases of employment with ARAMCO, including work in New York as well as in Saudi Arabia, in violation of the New York State Fair Employment law.
2. The Commission upheld the AJCongress claim that ARAMCO had no legal basis for screening persons seeking work in Saudi Arabia by requiring them to fill out visa applications and rejecting those from Jews.
3. The Commission recognized it had no power to compel Saudi Arabia to admit Jews but ruled that ARAMCO could not serve as a "catspaw" for Saudi Arabia in barring Jews from entering the country.

#### POPE JOHN XXIII STRESSES JEWISH DEVOTION TO BIBLE IN VATICAN SPEECH

ROME, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Pope John XXIII voiced very high praise for the religious values of the Old Testament yesterday, in an address at the Vatican to the Italian Biblical Association.

"Man awaits and listens to the Word of God," said the Pontiff, "with the same devotion with which the Jewish people received the reading of the Holy Book, given to them by Ezra after the fortunate return of the people from captivity in Babylon. Beloved sons, you will find therein everything that refers to the teaching and to the worship of the Divine Book."

#### JEWISH CONGREGATION OFFERS FACILITIES TO DESTROYED CATHOLIC CHURCH

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Congregation Emanu-El has offered full use of its facilities "for as long as they may be needed" to the congregation of St. Mary's Cathedral after it was destroyed by fire.

Rabbi Alvin I. Fine and president Samuel Jacobs made the offer in a letter to Archbishop Joseph McGuicken, in which they also extended "heartfelt sympathy" on the destruction of "a great religious and historical landmark of our city."

#### ISRAEL GIVES TEMPORARY ASYLUM TO DETROIT JEW SCUGHT BY UNITED STATES

TEL AVIV, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- The Ministry of the Interior said yesterday it would issue a temporary resident's visa to Peter Liberman of Detroit, thus granting him asylum from a United States effort to have him returned to the United States on charges of passport fraud.

It was understood that the United States had accepted the decision and that it would not take any further action. Liberman came to Israel in August as a stowaway on an ocean liner.

The Ministry, in notifying Liberman's attorney of the decision, indicated that a further decision on the Detroit man's application for an immigrant's visa had been postponed. Liberman had sought asylum under the Israel Law of Return.

A Ministry spokesman said that the decision to allow the American to remain did not represent a change of policy and that Israel would continue to bar fugitives from justice and would discourage them from seeking to invoke the Law of Return to force Israel to provide them refuge.

#### NEW YORK JEWISH FEDERATION LAUNCHES ITS \$22,500,000 DRIVE FOR YEAR

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- An increase of 12 percent in contributions at a pre-campaign dinner marked the launching today of the 46th annual drive of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies to raise \$22,500,000 for its 116 affiliated medical and welfare institutions.

Bernard J. Lasker, campaign chairman, said 205 guests pledged a total of \$2,257,000 at the pre-campaign event. He reported that the rise in the goal for this year as compared with last year was made necessary by three major conditions.

He said these were a rise of at least 10 percent in persons requiring assistance from federation agencies in the coming year, the higher cost of supplies, services, wages and equipment used by the agencies, and an increase in the number of agencies receiving Federation support.

#### 'AMERICAN JEWISH WORLD' CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF EXISTENCE

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Fifty years of publishing will be observed by The American Jewish World, Northwest news-magazine, with its Golden Anniversary edition tomorrow. The anniversary number is part of the annual Rosh Hashanah edition.

Founded in June 1912, as The Jewish Weekly, the publication's name was changed to The American Jewish World in 1915. L. H. Frisch, vice-president of the American Jewish Press Association, is editor and publisher of the Twin Cities-based weekly. A graduate of the University of Minnesota, he has been associated with the publication throughout its 50-year history.

Among the many personal greetings are congratulatory messages from President John F. Kennedy, Governor Elmer L. Andersen, Senator Hubert E. Humphrey, Senator Eugene J. McCarthy; University of Minnesota president O. Meredith Wilson; John Cowles, president of The Minneapolis Star and Tribune; Bernard E. Ridder, president of The St. Paul Dispatch and Pioneer Press; the Minnesota Rabbinical Association and other national and local figures in educational, political, civic and industrial circles.

#### CHICAGO GIRL WINS FIRST PRIZE IN ISRAEL'S INTERNATIONAL HARP CONTEST

TEL AVIV, Sept. 27. (JTA) - A 21-year-old Chicago girl, Lynne Alison Turner, today won first prize in Israel's second International Harp Contest. At the first international event for harpists here, three years ago, Miss Turner was the seventh runner-up. As her prize this time, she received a \$4,000 grand concert harp.

Second and third prizes were also taken by women - Guiliانا Albisetti, of Italy, and Brigitte Duportal, of France. All three of the winners will give performances with the Kol Israel Symphony Orchestra here.

#### ISRAELI FIRM WINS AWARD AT INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- A special award for industrial documentary film was won today by the Israel film, "S'dom: Life From the Dead Sea," exhibited in the 1962 International Film Festival of New York. The 14-minute color documentary tells of the industrial progress in exploiting the mineral wealth of the Dead Sea in Israel.

It was produced by the Israel Central Office of Information in Jerusalem under the guidance of Yigal Efrati and Y. Farchi. Zev Havatzelet directed the film, which was written by Moshe Levin. Y. Herschenzon and M. Truhitzer were the producers. The film was exhibited at the New York Festival by the Israel Office of Information in the United States.