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## SUPREME COURT OUTLAWS LORD'S PRAYER AND BIBLE READING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WASHINGTON, June 17. (JTA) -- The United States Supreme Court today declared unconstitutional such religious practices in the public schools as readings from the Bible and recitation of the "Lord's Prayer." The Court's decision was by a vote of 8 to 1.

The Court ruled on two appeals involving daily opening religious exercises in Maryland and Pennsylvania public schools. Justice Clark wrote the majority decision while Justice Stewart was the author of the dissenting statement.

The question was whether prayers and religious practices in public schools were in violation of the Constitution's First Amendment which forbids a government role in establishment of religion and Federal interference in individual freedom of conscience on religious issues.

Justice Clark said that required religious exercises in schools were not "mitigated" by the fact that individual students may be excused "for the fact furnishes no defense to a claim of unconstitutionality under the establishment clause." Nor is it a defense to claim that religious practices may be "relatively minor encroachments on the First Amendment," he argued.

Justice Clark stressed that "the breach of neutrality that is today a trickling stream may all too soon become a raging torrent and, in the words of Madison, 'it is proper to take alarm at the first experiment on our liberties.'"

### Argument for School Prayers Rejected; Justice Goldberg's Stand

Justice Clark rejected an argument that, when a majority which wants school prayers is prevented such exercise of religion their rights are infringed even in the school situation. He said it was never meant that a majority could use the machinery of the State to practice its beliefs. In the relationship between man and religion, the State is firmly committed to a position of neutrality, he held.

While concurring in the decision that it is unconstitutional for the State through schools to "engage in unmistakably religious exercises," Justices Goldberg and Harlan took a more conservative view and emphasized that the Court was not banning all religious aspects from public life.

Justice Goldberg stressed that "today's decision does not mean that all incidents" of religion in the Government are banned. He said, in a statement endorsed by Justice Harlan, that a "delicate" determination was needed in each case to establish religious practices are actually an "accommodation" between Church and State and a genuine encroachment on religious liberty. He held that the courts must distinguish "between real threats and mere shadow."

Justice Stewart, in his dissent from the Clark decision, charged that the court was "trampling on" religious freedom. He said "we err, if we do not recognize, as a matter of history and as a matter of the imperatives of our free society, that religion and government must necessarily interact in countless ways."

### Tax Deductions for Religious Institutions Remain Unaffected

Justice Brennan noted that "nothing we hold today questions the propriety of certain tax deductions or exemptions which incidentally benefit churches and religious tions along with many secular charities and non-profit organizations."

Justice Clark pointed out that nothing the Court said today would bar the study of the Bible or of religion "when presented objectively as part of a secular program of education." But he reiterated that school exercises in the Maryland and Pennsylvania cases did not fall into those educational categories. Rather "they are religious exercises required by the states in violation of the command of the First Amendment that the government maintain strict neutrality neither aiding nor opposing religion."

The issue of "neutrality" toward religion, however, appeared to draw a more civil libertarian interpretation from Justice Clark and Justice Douglas than from Justice Goldberg. While Justice Goldberg sought to limit the scope of today's ruling, in his interpretation of the need for neutrality of the State toward religion, Justice Clark went further and cited the need for rejection of religious encroachment by the majority. Justice Douglas,

in concurring with Justice Clark, said the First Amendment does not say that some forms of an establishment of religion are allowed but says "no law respecting an establishment of religion shall be made." He added that "what may not be done directly may not be done indirectly lest the establishment clause become a mockery."

#### MAJOR AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS WELCOME SUPREME COURT DECISION

NEW YORK, June 17. (JTA) -- American Jewish organizations expressed satisfaction with today's decision by the United States Supreme Court outlawing Bible reading and prayers from public schools.

The American Jewish Committee expressed the hope that the American public as a whole will understand the basic issues involved in the decision, which it said "is a reaffirmation of the historic American principle of separation of church and state." The Committee said the decision should encourage religious groups and individuals to intensify their spiritual and educational activities in church, synagogue, home and religious school.

The American Jewish Congress welcomed the Court's decision "as one that will prove of significant benefit to the cause of religion and religious freedom in America." The Congress' statement said the Court's decision strengthened the public school system "as the symbol of American democracy" and that the majority opinion is consistent with previous rulings safeguarding American religious institutions from interference by the state and state institutions from intrusions by the church.

The National Community Relations Advisory Council, a policy-planning and coordinating agency for six major national Jewish organizations and Jewish community councils in cities throughout the United States, welcomed the Court's rulings as "a victory for religion and for religious freedom."

"We believe that it will also be best for American education and American democracy," the NCRAC said in a statement. "We pledge our cooperation with all religious faiths to help broaden public understanding of the Court's decisions and their meaning for our children, our religious inheritance and our country's tradition of religious liberty."

The six national organizations affiliated in the NCRAC are: American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. A., Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations and United Synagogue of America. The six national organizations and 57 of the community councils affiliated in the National Community Relations Advisory Council had joined in submitting a brief amicus to the Supreme Court in these cases.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith said in a statement that the ruling of the Supreme Court "is a strong reaffirmation of the principle of church-state separation. It preserves public schools from involvement in religious conflicts and competition and adds another safeguard for freedom of religion in the United States."

The Synagogue Council of America said in a statement: "The concept of the separation of church from state has not led to the separation of Americans from God but has led to a genuine demonstration of our people in a more lasting union of America under God. Many of our forefathers fled systems of governments which prescribed for them religious observances which were not in accord with their own religious convictions. They came to these shores to worship their maker according to the dictates of their conscience. History has proven the wisdom of their faith. In our nation, religion separated from the state flourishes as nowhere else in the world."

The New York Board of Rabbis concurred in the decision of the Supreme Court. "It is our conviction that moral and spiritual education is much too important and too sensitive to be diluted and to be entrusted to a school climate where the very atmosphere and spirit of prayer and deep commitment to a personal faith are lacking," the Board said. "Prayer and the Bible are so sacred to us that we consider it ill-advised to hand them over to the public schools which must abide by the American tradition of separation of Church and State. We feel that the Supreme Court decision is a decision not against, but for religion."

#### JEWISH GROUPS PARTICIPATE IN KENNEDY'S CONFERENCE ON CIVIL RIGHTS

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 17. (JTA) -- A large number of Jewish organizations lay and religious leaders, representing virtually every major Jewish organization, participated at the invitation of President Kennedy today in a White House conference on civil rights problems.

Jewish spokesmen pledged support along with other leaders when the President outlined actions desired by an interfaith advisory committee. The President stressed the need for the major faiths to work among their own membership to end bias in real estate policies, employment and other related areas. New initiative by the clergy on a local level was urged.

Jewish spokesmen cited to the President the Jewish tradition on racial equality and said that the National Council on Religion and Race held recently in Chicago, Ill., had not fully achieved its goals and that new initiative was needed in synagogues throughout the country.

# ESHKOL INDICATES HE WILL SEEK SPEEDY FORMATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT

JERUSALEM, June 17. (JTA) -- Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, who has been mentioned as the probable successor to Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion following the latter's resignation yesterday, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that "the speedy formation of a government is the main task," adding that the present moment was therefore not propitious to enter protracted negotiations about widening the present coalition.

Mapai quarters, meanwhile, confirmed that it was the intention of the party leaders to retain the present composition of the Cabinet, although some shifting will be necessary since Mr. Eshkol is not expected to keep his Treasury post if he assumes the premiership.

Pinhas Sapir, Minister of Commerce and Industry, is considered the likely successor for the Finance post, in which case a new Mapai member will be named to replace him.

The question of the Defense portfolio is not yet clear. There is some inclination to free the new Premier of the Defense post in order to enable him to devote all his time to the premiership. But the naming of a Defense Minister may raise complications. While Deputy Defense Minister Shimon Peres appears to be the likely contender for the post, he does not have the support of all the Mapai leadership, with some favoring Agriculture Minister Moshe Dayan.

However, since Ahdut Avoda circles have intimated that they may ask for the Defense portfolio, to avoid complications, the post may be left with the new Premier as was the case under Mr. Ben-Gurion.

Reacting to Premier Ben-Gurion's resignation, a spokesman for Ahdut Avoda said today that "we have no choice but to respect Ben-Gurion's wish." A Mapam spokesman said that while his party was taken aback by the resignation, it is not sorry. A spokesman for the National Religious party expressed hope that the crisis would end quickly, adding that his party would welcome a widening of the coalition.

Elimelech Rimalt, leader of the Liberal party, declared that "if Mapai does not reinstate a stable government in the shortest possible period, it will prove that Mapai has lost the right to lead the country." The Liberals, he said, would not join the Cabinet at the present stage.

## Eban Sees 'Disquieting Prospect' in Ben-Gurion's Resignation

Education Minister Abba Eban described Mr. Ben-Gurion's resignation as a disquieting prospect with serious implications for the Jewish people as a whole. Addressing the first session of a Dialogue between American Jewish and Israeli cultural leaders sponsored by the American Jewish Congress, Mr. Eban said the withdrawal of Mr. Ben-Gurion's leadership "commands us to move with full speed for restoration of stability."

Mr. Ben-Gurion, he said, had a special gift for awakening and mobilizing national energies. The security of the nation and its international policies have been directed by him as an authority largely transcending party barriers and commanding a broad consensus of trust, Mr. Eban declared. It is in the realm of security and international relations that Israel faces ordeals in the 1960's, he pointed out.

The Histadrut daily, Davar, said in an editorial today that the resignation came as a shock accompanied by regret "as well as by the hope that it still might be possible to persuade him to change his mind." An editorial in the independent daily, Ha'aretz, termed the resignation "the end of an era" adding that it ought to be understood also against a background of various "disappointments" in the political sphere. Declaring that Mr. Ben-Gurion could still have served the nation as Premier and Defense Minister, the paper warned, however, that once Mr. Ben-Gurion retired, the new government would be expected to go its own way and not be kind of a "shadow government."

The Liberal daily, Haboker, found it difficult to accept Mr. Ben-Gurion's explanation of his resignation as in accordance with "personal needs" and believed the resignation was the result of "party complications." Haboker, as well as the National Religious party organ, Hatzofe, warned against any prolonged period of transition in view of the political and security problems facing the country.

Al-Hamishmar, organ of the Mapam party, expressed the conviction that the resignation was not solely for personal reasons, attributing it to state and internal party considerations "and several political decisions in Mapai and in the coalition that were not to his liking." The paper stressed that, if the coalition continues along present lines even without Mr. Ben-Gurion, Mapam will not support it.

Lamerhav, the Ahdut Avoda daily, declared that "the influence of a man of Ben-Gurion's stature does not depend on his official position and many achievements and struggles still await him."

Joining most other editorials in expressing high praise for Mr. Ben-Gurion's leadership, the Jerusalem Post declared: "The ultimate source of his immense, one might say legendary, prestige is his unique capacity for seeing into the future for assessing in advance problems that have scarcely yet cast their shadow ahead. To this extent, he has been for once, a prophet with honor in his country."

## U. J. A. ANNOUNCES \$33,425,000 IN CASH COLLECTIONS AT ALL-DAY PARLEY

NEW YORK, June 17. (JTA) -- American Jewish communities responded with a record sum of \$33,425,000 to an intensive United Jewish Appeal six-week cash collection drive, "to translate pledges on hand into a great life-saving flow of funds to aid Jewish refugees in France and the immigrants who are entering Israel in tremendously increasing numbers," Joseph Meyerhoff, UJA's general chairman, announced today.

The announcement was made at a luncheon session of an all-day meeting of the UJA's National Campaign Cabinet, held at the Plaza Hotel. Also attending today's meeting of the UJA's top-planning and policy-setting body, were members of the 61-man UJA National Cash Committee and chairmen of local campaigns from communities throughout the country.

The leaders gathered to hear a report on the progress of the UJA's 1963 campaign by Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, the UJA's executive vice-chairman; authoritative reviews of developments overseas by Abraham Harman, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, Michael S. Comay, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations and S. Z. Shragai, head of the Immigration Department of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem.

A final report of UJA's midyear mobilization of cash which was launched on April 30 to meet rising emergencies in France and in Israel was made by Israel D. Fink of Minneapolis, chairman of the UJA National Cash Collection Campaign. Ambassador Harman, and Ambassador Comay were presented with special awards in recognition of "their arduous and inspiring efforts in behalf of the UJA's 25th Anniversary Campaign."

At today's meeting, Mr. Shragai informed the UJA leaders that the Jewish Agency--the organization responsible for the reception, resettlement and absorption of newcomers to Israel--faces a "piling up of unmet human needs because immigrant aid requirements are far outpacing both the amount we budgeted as well as the flow of available funds. If the whole giant machine of Jewish rescue, resettlement, rehabilitation and relief is not to be slowed or halted, funds must start pouring in as never before," he said.

The first six months of this year, Mr. Shragai reported, was marked by one of the heaviest immigrations in a decade, "most of them coming in with very little in the way of financial resources." He warned that there are thousands more on the way.

Mr. Fink, the UJA national chairman who is serving for the third successive year as chairman of the UJA's National Cash Collection drive, stressed that "it is not only Israel where cash is needed. There is a situation developing in France that haunts the waking and sleeping hours of the Joint Distribution Committee and the French Jewish Welfare Agencies. On July 1, thousands of Algerian refugees in France--Jew and non-Jew alike--may find their government repatriation allowances terminated.

"We hope and pray that the French government will continue this vitally essential humanitarian aid," he said. "But should this happen, there may be as many as 25,000 men, women and children turning to Jewish sources for total assistance. If the French government's one-year repatriation allowance should end, Jewish welfare agencies will turn instinctively to the JDC for this additional financial assistance and we dare not fail them."

Both Mr. Fink and Rabbi Friedman emphasized the absolute necessity for the UJA to realize in full its nationwide 1963 campaign goal of \$96,000,000 including \$36,000,000 for a Special Fund to be used specifically to meet the needs of current newcomers to Israel and related refugee needs.

## CONVENTION OF REFORM RABBIS DISCUSSES ROLE OF JEWS IN AMERICAN LIFE

PHILADELPHIA, June 17. (JTA) -- The place of the American Jew and the role of the American Jewish Community in American society was analyzed here today at the opening session of the four-day convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the rabbinical arm of the Reform branch of Judaism.

Rabbi Albert G. Minda of Minneapolis, president of the CCAR, told the convention in his keynote address that "Providence and history" have combined to permit the Jew and Judaism "to carve out their destiny" in America, in "this ideological context inspired by the genius of our faith."

"Never in the past 2,000 years," he declared, "has the Jew been challenged to carry on a comparable experiment as he has on the American scene. The result of this experiment will refute the claim that Judaism can only survive under oppression, and that it can only flourish as a fungus plant in the shadow of ghetto walls."

Rabbi Minda stressed that the Reform branch of Judaism "was inspired by the faith and conviction that Judaism could not only survive but could also become a positive force in the fulfillment of America's destiny." While the American Jewish community "is young in years," he stated, "our role in American life and our adherence to our ancient heritage, as well as the many contributions we have already made to American society, gives us a sense of spiritual security."

Rabbi Minda expressed dismay that "inter-group relations in the American Jewish scene are marred and distorted at times with lack of confidence." Referring to the current Christian concern with "ecumenicity," he said that something of the same spirit is long due on the

American Jewish scene. "Lack of communication and separatist action account for much of the confusion and waste of energy and resources which characterize many of our organizations in the fulfillment of their programs," he said. "It is, indeed, high time that we, too, catch something of the ecumenical spirit. We must learn to speak to each other and to act together when common purpose demands."

#### Drawing of 'Corrective Program' on Marriage and Family Life Urged

The CCAR president also discussed American home and family life and said that it is "undermined" by seven factors. He cited "juvenile delinquency, sexual immorality, illegitimate births, alcoholism, the divorce rate, the deterioration of parent-child relationships and the disappearance of the home as a sanctuary of religion." He described as "alarming" the statistics of illegitimate births, and noted that the divorce rate also included "marriages of teenagers."

Rabbi Minda emphasized that "there can be no question that the corrosive forces which are undermining the American home are likewise having their negative influence upon the Jewish home. This institution which was able to stand firm in the storms of our history is in danger in the benevolent climate engendered by material well-being."

He listed seven aims which he recommended be embodied in a corrective program to be drawn up by the CCAR's Committee on Marriage, Home and the Family in cooperation with its executive board and other Conference committees, and in cooperation with Reform Judaism's federation of synagogues, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Among his seven aims, Rabbi Minda called for the creation of a "Jewish Family Week" and the selection of a Reform Jewish Family exemplifying "the highest Jewish traditions, values and practices."

"As rabbis," he declared, "we have leaned too heavily on the social worker and the psychiatrist and their techniques which often do not include the resources of religion applicable to the rehabilitation of the family. Depth studies which they have made frequently do not include the depths of spirituality, which we as religious leaders must tap and use in this realm of human life."

#### DIRECTORS FOR JEWISH CENTERS IN EUROPE TO BE TRAINED IN ISRAEL

GENEVA, June 17. (JTA) -- Twelve young men and women from five European countries have been chosen from 240 applicants for enrollment in a training institute for directors for Jewish centers, Charles H. Jordan, overseas director-general of the Joint Distribution Committee, reported today.

He said the Institute, which will begin July 1 in the Paul Baerwald School at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, was a cooperative venture of organizations working for Jewish youth. He listed them as the JDC; the Standing Conference of European Jewish Community Services; the Jewish Agency for Israel; and the Paul Baerwald School. Mr. Jordan said the Jewish Agency will finance an intensive four-month seminar on the Hebrew language and Jewish cultural studies for the enrollees. The JDC will pay for transportation to Israel and maintenance and tuition. The JDC was bringing Yehuda Rosenman, executive director of the Jewish Community Center of Baltimore, to Israel to direct the project.

Mr. Jordan said that whereas ten years ago there was not a single Jewish center in all of continental Europe, there were now 82 such centers in operation created with West German reparations funds made available by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. He explained that "this phenomenal growth" created a need for trained personnel who were not available in Europe.

The 12 enrollees were recommended by specific communities and have agreed to work for the community that recommended them when they complete their training in Israel. They will eventually serve in France, Greece, Sweden, Belgium and West Germany.

#### DOCUMENTARY FILM SHOWS MASS-KILLING OF JEWS IN LATVIA BY NAZIS

LONDON, June 17. (JTA) -- The Latvian Soviet Socialist Republic has produced a documentary film concerning the extermination during the Nazi occupation of 150,000 Latvian Jews, according to reports received here today.

The film is unusual in that unlike previous Soviet war films, it makes no attempt to hide cases in which the non-Jewish local population cooperated with the Nazis in carrying out their program of genocide in the Latvian capital of Riga and other cities in the Republic.

It gives names and addresses of German and Latvian war criminals still at large who took part in one of the mass killings. Among those listed are Heinrich von Lohse, who, the film says, is living in West Germany and Herbert Cukurs, a Latvian, said to be living in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Von Lohse, whose name also appears in files of known war criminals as "Loose," served the Nazis as Reichskommissar for the Ostland and was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in 1948, but was released in 1951.

NEW EXPLANATION FOR RED SEA CROSSING BY JEWS ADVANCED BY SCIENTIST

LONDON, June 17. (JTA) -- A new scientific explanation for the division of the Red Sea's waters to enable Moses and the fleeing Hebrews to escape Pharaoh's army was reported here today by the London Express' correspondent in Athens.

According to the report, Prof. Angelos Galanopoulos, director of the Athens Observatory and a leading authority on earthquakes, has determined that a volcanic explosion on the Greek island of Santorin, in the Aegean Sea, pulled 5,000-foot high tidal waves into a gigantic 70-square-mile crater, one mile in depth.

This happened just as the Hebrews reached a strip of land flanking an inlet called the Lake of Ganes, the professor said, causing the water to be sucked away from the coast and permitting the Jews to cross safely to the other side. Prof. Galanopoulos calculated the strength of the explosion at several times that of a hydrogen bomb. He believes it also caused other unusual incidents recorded in the Bible.

BRITH ABRAHAM CONVENTION DISCUSSES SITUATION OF JEWS IN U.S.S.R.

FALLSBURG, N. Y., June 17. (JTA) -- The 76th annual convention of Brith Abraham opened at the Concord Hotel here today at the first session of which the Brith Abraham Justice Award was presented to Abraham D. Beame, Comptroller of the City of New York.

Mr. Beame expressed deep concern for the situation of Soviet Jewry, telling the delegates, "Tens of thousands of Jews are virtually imprisoned by the Soviets. They are prevented from escaping to Israel, and are persecuted in their homes, their synagogues and their communities.

MINNEAPOLIS JEWISH MAYOR RE-ELECTED; JEWS ELECTED TO IMPORTANT POSTS

MINNEAPOLIS, June 17. (JTA) -- Mayor Naftalin, this city's first Jewish chief executive, has been re-elected to a second term by a larger plurality than he received two years ago, according to unofficial returns released here. Mayor Naftalin secured 63,108 votes to his opponent's 56,495, giving him a plurality of 6,313 compared to a plurality of 1,708 votes two years ago.

Also sent back to office here was Alderman Joe Greenstein. Other prominent Jews named to various offices were Mrs. Charles Hymes, former president of the National Council of Jewish Women, who was elected to the Minneapolis Board of Education; and Benjamin Berger and Mrs. Louis R. Smerling, who were elected to the Park Board.

ILLINOIS SENATE APPROVES SUNDAY CLOSING LAW; GOVERNOR MAY VETO IT

CHICAGO, June 17. (JTA) -- A Sunday closing law for Illinois, approved by the State Senate, headed for the House today amid complaints it was so badly drawn that it might be vetoed by Gov. Otto Kerner or be declared unconstitutional. It includes an amendment exempting Sabbath observers.

Objections cited were that the measure contained an exemption for supermarkets that was not in the original plans for the measure and many other exemptions for different types of commercial enterprises. Some legislators told the Jewish Sentinel, a weekly newspaper published here, that a number of amendments were added deliberately to create a problem of unconstitutionality.

Amendments which would make it possible to auction horses on Sunday but not ponies, and to buy beer but not a can opener were listed as among the bill's inconsistencies. Jewish organizations have expressed opposition on religious grounds.

\$80,000 SCHOLARSHIP FUND ESTABLISHED FOR JEWISH CHILDREN IN MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, June 17. (JTA) -- A fund of one million pesos (\$80,000) for scholarships to be awarded to students of Jewish schools here has been established by Mr. Sam Wishniack, a prominent Jewish financier. The fund was given in the name of Mr. Wishniack's late wife, Fanny Wishniack.

LEADER OF JEWISH COMMUNITY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF BRAZILIAN LABOR PARTY

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 17. (JTA) -- Senator Aaron Steinbruch, a leader of Brazil's Jewish community, has been elected president of the Brazilian labor party, the M. T. R. Senator Steinbruch is the vice-chairman of the Confederation of Jewish communities in Brazil.

DUTCH NON-JEW WHO SAVED JEWS FROM NAZI HANDS HONORED IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, June 17. (JTA) -- The Jewish Culture and Information Institute and the Jewish-Christian Brotherhood jointly paid tribute at a public gathering today to Miss Corrie Ten Boom, a visiting Dutch Protestant leader who rescued hundreds of Jews during the Nazi occupation. Her family was totally annihilated in Nazi camps for similar aid to Jewish fellow prisoners and she herself survived the Ravensbruck concentration camp by what she said was a miracle.