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Happy New Year

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### JEWS THROUGHOUT WORLD START CELEBRATING NEW YEAR OF 5724 TONIGHT

NEW YORK, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- Jews throughout the world will usher in the Jewish New Year 5724 at sundown today with prayers and hope that the coming year may be marked by intensified action among the world powers for permanent peace and total disarmament, will bring salvation to the Jews in the Soviet Union who are suffering from persecution of their culture and religion, and will strengthen Israel to be able to withstand Arab threats of destruction.

Domestically, American Jews will rededicate themselves to the perpetuation of values now commonly accepted by the Jewish community of the United States. These included support of local, national and overseas relief agencies; expansion of Jewish education; and further strengthening of Jewish culture, including study of the Hebrew tongue. These goals of American Jewry were among others reflected in numerous statements issued by the heads of all the leading Jewish organizations in the United States.

Some 100,000 Jewish members of the American armed forces and their dependents will celebrate Rosh Hashanah at bases in more than 50 overseas localities as well as at military and naval installations across the United States. The GI services will be conducted by the 78 full-time and 262 part-time Jewish chaplains in the U.S., Europe, Africa, Alaska, Asia and Latin America. The Jewish Welfare Board field staff in this country and overseas, as well as thousands of volunteers in JWB's Armed Services Committee, will be working closely with Jewish chaplains in organizing religious services, home hospitality, and various celebrations.

### U. J. A. and J. D. C. Leaders Appeal to U. S. Jews on Rosh Hashanah

Joseph Meyerhoff, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, issued a Rosh Hashanah message to the Jews of the United States, hoping that for the American Jewish community and the people of Israel, the new year "may again be a year in which we can devote our undivided energies to bring life and hope to all the helpless and downtrodden Jews."

"At this critical juncture in Jewry's battle for survival overseas, we must go forward with unhesitating faith and our characteristic generosity to assure the necessities of life to our unfortunate brethren abroad, and share with the people of Israel the costs and sacrifices of accepting and absorbing one of the largest migrations of homeless and dispossessed Jews in a decade," he said.

Edward M. M. Warburg, chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, stressed in his message that today there are still Jewish refugees--as there have been every year since the end of World War II. "Jewish communities," he said, "are disappearing from North Africa and other areas and are multiplying elsewhere. The largest number of refugees, the 100,000 Jews who fled from Algeria last year, will celebrate Rosh Hashanah 5724 in France. In that country, the Jewish community has risen from 350,000 to 500,000. In Israel, this year, as in other years since the war, thousands of new faces will appear at services.

"In their name the Joint Distribution Committee sends Rosh Hashanah greetings--in the name not only of the hundreds of thousands of Jews throughout the world who have been helped by American Jews through the United Jewish Appeal, but of the other thousands who look to the future with hope this Rosh Hashanah because they know that they have not been forgotten," Mr. Warburg stated.

### Jewish Agency Leaders Stress Flow of Immigrants to Israel

Dewey D. Stone, chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc., said: "It is now obvious that tens of thousands of our fellow Jews, who desperately need and want a new home, will have their wish fulfilled this year. For most of them, it will mean the realization of their prayers that their next year will be in Jerusalem. For many years, the Jewish Agency has been the major instrument of Diaspora Jewry for the rescue and rehabilitation of their brethren. The funds which American Jewry has furnished the Jewish Agency through the United Jewish Appeal have enabled us to help meet one of the greatest challenges and opportunities of modern Jewish history. Much more, surely, will need to be done in the New Year. I pray we shall have the heart, the mind and the means to do it.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the Jewish Agency-American Section, declared: "On Rosh Hashanah, let us remember the thousands and tens of thousands of our brethren

seeking sanctuary in the land of Israel and streaming to its shores in reliance upon our aid and generosity. Let us also bear in mind the fate of Jewish communities in lands of oppression and consider our moral responsibility toward them. Let us also give heed to the special problem of 3,000,000 fellow Jews in the Soviet Union who are still denied the right and possibility to preserve their religious and cultural identity and are threatened with extinction as a Jewish community. Above all let us remember that we and our fellow Jews throughout the world are one people, bound together by our common historic experience, by our common faith and spiritual heritage."

Abraham Feinberg, president of the Israel Bond Organization, noted in his New Year message that, while the investment capital mobilized through Israel bonds since 1951 "has literally changed the face" of Israel, a minimum of \$75,000,000 must be provided in 1963 alone to aid Israel's economic development.

Louis Stern, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, called for rededication to fundamental Jewish values. He asked for concrete actions in the fields of human rights, education, "the kind of America we help to build, the kind of Israel we help to make possible, the kind of international brotherhood of all peoples we share in moulding."

#### Situation of Jews in Russia Deplored in Messages.

Emigration was the principal theme of the holiday message issued by Murray I. Gurfein, president of United Hias Service. Pointing out that, in the last quarter-century, United Hias and its predecessor agencies rescued more than 500,000 Jewish survivors of Nazi persecution, he declared that hundreds of thousands of the estimated 3,000,000 Jews in Eastern Europe, North Africa and the Middle East are now potential migrants.

Dr. William Haber, president of the American ORT Federation, also touched upon migration. For entire Jewish communities, he noted, "this is a new DP era." He pointed to the increasing immigration into Israel, the 120,000 Algerian Jews who have come to France, the tens of thousands of others who came from other parts of North Africa, and the fact that, in Israel, ORT schools "are swamped by applicants." More than 17,000 Israelis have been enrolled in the ORT schools for the new academic year, he said.

A. M. Sonnabend, president of the American Jewish Committee, emphasized in his message the plight of Russian Jewry. While referring to the struggle for civil rights in this country, Mr. Sonnabend declared that "of primary concern is the plight of the 3,000,000 Jews in the Soviet Union, victims of an unending campaign of official discrimination against their religious, educational, economic and cultural life."

Rabbi Joachim Prinz, president of the American Jewish Congress, stressed the ecumenical spirit now sweeping the world. He called upon the Jewish people to pledge further support to Israel, and "extend our hand in comradeship to those of our brethren overseas who have been cut off from contact with us."

On behalf of the six rabbinical and congregational organizations of Reform, Orthodox and Conservative Jewry in the United States, embraced by the Synagogue Council of America, Rabbi Uri Miller, president of the Council, urged churches, synagogues and their adherents to spearhead the Negro struggle for equal rights and equal opportunities. "Equality," he pointed out, "is the basis of the Jewish religion, and intolerance and injustice our common enemy." He also pointed to the fate of the Jews in the Soviet Union.

#### Zionist Leaders Deplore Arab Propaganda Against Israel

On behalf of the American Zionist Council, Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the AZC, stated that, while Israel is making steady progress, "we continue to be disturbed by the unceasing propaganda warfare of the Arab states against Israel, and their aggressive acts on Israel's borders."

Dr. Max Nussbaum, president of the Zionist Organization of America, deplored the "fragmentations" in the American Jewish community, and called for the "recreation of a united American Jewish Assembly."

Mrs. Siegfried Kramarsky, national president of Hadassah, expressed the "hope for the security and peaceful development of Israel as a nation among the nations and as the center of our spiritual and cultural lives as Jews."

Dr. Israel Goldstein and Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin, co-chairmen of the World Confederation of General Zionists, appealed to the Soviet Union, without naming it, for permission to Jews there "to pursue their lives as Jews and, if they so choose, to emigrate freely." They expressed "pride" in Israel, which guarantees equal rights and privileges to all its citizens, and asked for rededication to the aim of achieving world peace.

Samuel H. Daroff, president of the American Jewish League for Israel, appealed to all constituents to "make good use of the New Year in enabling the Jewish Agency, by their contributions, to administer a program of substantial immigration to Israel, in fostering the spread of the Hebrew language and in developing spiritual and cultural ties with Israel." New Year messages were also issued by Albert Schiff, president of the Jewish National Fund of America; Louis Segal, general secretary of the Farband-Labor Zionist Order; Blanche Fine, president of the Pioneer Women; Mrs. Joseph Willen, president of the National Council of Jewish Women; and Dr. Lewis Webster Jones, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

#### PRESIDENT KENNEDY GREETES AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY ON ROSH HASHANAH

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- President Kennedy today issued Rosh Hashanah greetings to the American Jewish community through the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, reading:

"Rosh Hashanah, the start of a new year and the period of the Jewish High Holy Days, affords me a welcome opportunity to extend my felicitations to all Americans of the Jewish faith.

"The heritage and religious traditions of Judaism call for a solemn review, at this time, of your deeds and the aspirations of your hearts, so that your lives may be judged and the ennobling goals of your faith reconfirmed. It is also an appropriate time to resolve to take whatever steps may advance the goal of a lasting and universal peace among nations.

"We enter the New Year with both renewed hope for a lessening of tensions between peoples and nations and disappointment in the continuing fires of conflict around the globe. We are committed to the continuing pursuit of liberty and justice, and neither illusion nor disappointments will distract us from our objective. In this basic effort we need the support and commitment of every citizen. I am sure that all Americans, whatever their faith, join me in extending to each person celebrating Rosh Hashanah best wishes for a happy new year."

#### ISRAEL PRESIDENT OFFERS PEACE TO ARABS IN ROSH HASHANAH MESSAGE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 18. (JTA) - The Government and the people of Israel hope that the Big Power treaty on a partial ban of nuclear testing "shall not remain empty phraseology, but have practical consequences," President Zalman Shazar declared here today in a Rosh Hashanah message. Mr. Shazar addressed his message to all citizens of Israel "without distinction as to national origin or faith," and to all Jews all over the world "without distinction as to the country or regime they live in."

President Shazar expressed the further hope that the test ban pact "touch our region." "May we in this part of the world also," he stated, "enjoy the blessing of peaceful and creative life, unshaken by hostility and hatred." He expressed the hope that "the hatred of neighboring peoples, and their threats of strife and annihilation no longer be directed against our land." Despite "bitter tensions," he noted, "our hand is still stretched out in a sincere gesture of peace" with the Arab states with which Israel desires "frank and helpful talk."

#### SOVIET AUTHORITIES BAN 'MINYANIM' FOR ROSH HASHANAH PRAYERS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- Soviet authorities have warned Jews in the Soviet Union against assembly in private homes for Rosh Hashanah prayers, according to reports reaching the Israel Rabbinate and World Jewish Congress office here today.

Unlike prior years, when private minyanim were permitted, it was reported that a warning was issued against such prayer assemblies in homes. Letters arriving in Israel also reported an intensification of the anti-Jewish religious campaign of Soviet authorities.

(A special radio with prayers marking the beginning of the Jewish New Year was broadcast to the Jews in the Soviet Union this evening by Radio Liberty, a non-governmental network beaming broadcasts directly to Soviet listeners from ultra-powerful transmitters located in West Germany.)

#### 19 CONGRESSMEN SEND ROSH HASHANAH APPEAL TO SOVIET ON JEWS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- Nineteen members of Congress today joined in a Rosh Hashanah appeal to Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin to ease restrictions against the Jewish religion in Russia "in view of the efforts presently exerted world-wide for better relations between governments and peoples." The letter was drafted by Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat and co-signed by 18 non-Jewish colleagues. The signatories were all members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Citing the Jewish High Holidays, the letter asked the Soviet Ambassador to request that the Soviet Government consider the deteriorating situation of Soviet Jewry. The letter referred to the closing of synagogues in a number of cities which are now without religious facilities, imprisonment of Jews for distributing matzo, publication of slanders against synagogues to "excite anti-Semitism among the masses," revival of ritual murder charges, and other anti-Jewish developments.

The Ambassador was asked to urge his government "to take steps to alleviate the reported conditions adversely affecting Jewry in the Soviet Union" so that Jews will be treated no differently than other Soviet citizens. "Should such treatment be incompatible with conditions in the Soviet Union," said the Congressional letter, "we strongly urge that you permit the emigration of those Soviet Jews who seek to go to other lands."

In addition to Rep. Farbstein, Committee members who signed the letter were Representatives Charles Diggs, Jr., William S. Broomfield, Edward J. Derwinski, Lindley Beckworth, Donald M. Fraser, Ronald B. Cameron, Dante B. Fascell, Robert R. Barry, Clement J. Zablocki, Harris B. McDowell, Jr., Robert N.C. Nix, Vernon W. Thomson, John S. Monagan, J. Irving Whalley, Barratt O'Hara, James F. Battin, William T. Murphy, and Cornelius E. Gallagher.

# AMERICAN SECTION OF JEWISH AGENCY REPORTS ON EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency's Department of Education and Culture today reported that it was host this summer to hundreds of teachers, principals, communal workers, Bar and Bas Mitzvah boys and girls in a series of seminars and conferences on the East and West Coast and study tours in Israel.

"This summer marked the third year for the Department's Bar and Bas Mitzvah Pilgrimage to Israel," the report said. "One hundred boys and girls took part in this outstanding educational experience. During their seven-week stay in Israel, they toured the country, met educational leaders and prominent personalities, and participated in many events with Israeli youngsters of their own age. The Bar and Bas Mitzvah Pilgrimage has won wide recognition and acclaim among parents and educators."

Other Israel study tours were:

1. A Seminar for Jewish educators, Jewish social and communal workers. Over 50 persons participated in this project, whose aim was to enable persons engaged in Jewish education and community service to study at first hand the dynamics of Jewish life and Hebrew culture in Israel.
2. Sixty youngsters of promising leadership calibre participated in an intensive study seminar in Israel, which combined formal daily instruction in Judaism with visiting all parts of the country and becoming acquainted with the problems of Israel. This group was sponsored by the Department in cooperation with the National Ramah Seminar of the Jewish Theological Seminary.
3. A selected group of 40 American students, engaged in Hebrew studies at Hebrew and public high schools, participated in a special "Israel Summer Seminar for High School Students," which was geared to provide an opportunity to improve their Hebrew and to study and tour Israel.
4. Twenty-five graduates from Beth Shalom school of Kansas City, Mo., participated in a special student workshop designed to translate the classroom study of Israel into meaningful personal experience by enabling schools to transfer their classes to Israel in the summer time as a homogeneous unit.
5. Sixty students participated in an educational project for four weeks, geared for graduates of the Yeshiva University. This study seminar and tour for Yeshiva University alumni combined study and appreciation of socio-economic and political aspects of Israel life with particular emphasis on an examination of methods used in Israel to synthesize the Jewish religious cultural heritage with the modern State.

In the United States, three major projects for Jewish educators took place. At Cornell University, in Ithaca, the Department conducted its 12th Annual Educators Seminar--an intensive three-week study program--for 90 select participants from the Jewish education field. Of special interest in this year's Cornell University Seminar was its annual "Israeli Night" program, attended by 500 faculty members and students of Cornell, including Asian, African and Arab students. Israel's Consul General in New York, Katriel Katz, addressed the gathering.

## 780 BOOKS OF JEWISH INTEREST PUBLISHED DURING YEAR IN U.S., BRITAIN, ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- More than 780 books of Jewish interest published in the United States, Israel and Great Britain during the year ending May 1963, are listed and briefly described in Volume 21 of the Jewish Book Annual, a yearbook of Jewish literary creativity just published by the Jewish Book Council of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

The 243-page volume, unique in that it has articles printed in three languages--English, Hebrew and Yiddish--is one of the media through which JWB and its Jewish Book Council promote an interest in and appreciation of Jewish literature. The books are divided into seven bibliographies covering the following areas: American Jewish non-fiction; American Jewish fiction; American Jewish books for children; American Hebrew books; American Yiddish books; Anglo-Jewish books, and selected books of Israel.

## TELSHE YESHIVA ESTABLISHES TEACHERS TRAINING SEMINARY FOR WOMEN

CLEVELAND, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- A new Yavne Teachers Training Seminary for young women has been established by the Telshe Yeshiva here to help alleviate the shortage of women teachers in Jewish schools throughout the Midwest. A teachers training institute for young men is already operated by the yeshiva.

## MORRIS ABRAMS, NEW YORK JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST, DEAD; WAS 50

CLEVELAND, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- Morris Abrams, industrialist and philanthropist, died of a heart attack yesterday at his home at the age of 50. He was a founder of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City and of the Technion Institute in Haifa.