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## WORLD JEWRY PRAYS FOR JEWS IN RUSSIA ON YOM KIPPUR DURING SERVICES

NEW YORK, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Special prayers for the welfare of Soviet Jewry were incorporated in Yom Kippur services throughout the United States and Canada as well as in other countries, according to reports received here by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Congregations in the United States are using the special prayer for Soviet Jews prepared and distributed by the Synagogue Council of America to its Orthodox, Conservative and Reform affiliates. In Canada, rabbis used the text prepared for the National Day of Prayer for Soviet Jews held earlier this year under auspices of the all-Canadian Rabbinic Conference.

A similar special prayer for Soviet Jews was recited in synagogues throughout Britain during the services. The prayer was distributed through the office of Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie.

In a proclamation issued in connection with the call for prayers for Soviet Jewry, the Synagogue Council declared that "we cannot be silent while Soviet Jewry is threatened with ultimate extinction through the repression of religious freedom and of the opportunity for communal cultural activities."

The statement was issued by the SCA in behalf of the Rabbinical Council of America, the Rabbinical Assembly of America, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the United Synagogue of America, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

### Radio Liberty Broadcasting Yom Kippur Program to Russia

Radio Liberty announced that its programming for Yom Kippur and Succoth had been prepared to attract the interest of the average Soviet citizen as well as the 3,000,000 Jews in Russia. Some of the traditional songs are being broadcast in Yiddish and the narration is in Russian. The programs include a Russian summary of the Hebrew prayers and the Yiddish songs.

"The special Holy Day programs are being broadcast in Russian by the privately sponsored radio station to convey to millions of Soviet citizens an idea of the history of the Jewish faith and its message of brotherhood and spiritual freedom. The programs also intend to bring a message of hope to Jewish listeners in the Soviet Union and to enable them to join with Jews throughout the rest of the world in listening to the sound of the Shofar, the chanting of Kol Nidre and other High Holy Day prayers," a spokesman said.

In Bethesda, Maryland, a newly formed Jewish congregation held its Yom Kippur Eve services in temporary facilities in St. Luke's Episcopal Church. The 30-family congregation was offered the church facilities for all of its High Holy Day services, as well as for its Saturday kindergarten school and mid-week programs for Bar and Nat Mitzvah candidates.

### First Jewish Chaplain Arrives in Saigon for Yom Kippur

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- The first Jewish chaplain assigned to the United States Armed Forces in South Vietnam has arrived in Saigon in time to officiate at Yom Kippur services there, it was reported here today. He is Lt. Col. Meir Engel, who was born in Israel. Jewish chaplains had previously been sent to Vietnam from the Philippines and Okinawa for special services.

The decision to assign a regular chaplain to South Vietnam was made after American Jews in Saigon complained that no chaplain was available to recite the kaddish, the traditional prayer for the dead, when a Jewish enlisted man was killed. A Jewish chaplain was flown to Saigon before the body was sent to the United States.

Secretary of the Air Force Zuckert, acting on an appeal from the Lubavitcher Rebbe in New York, ordered that special arrangements be made to provide a seat on the last Air Force plane leaving for the U. S. Air Force Base in Thule, Greenland before Yom Kippur, to accommodate Rabbi Shmuel Lew, a graduate of the Lubavitcher Yeshiva, sent from New York to conduct Yom Kippur services there for Jewish airmen. The request for the rabbi to serve the Jewish personnel at Thule had been made less than a week ago, too late to arrange his transportation through the usual procedure.

## 29 JEWS NAMED AS CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO BRITISH PARLIAMENT

LONDON, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Twenty-nine Jews will be up for election when British voters go to the polls to elect a new Parliament, it was reported here today. The election was set today for October 15.

The largest number of Jewish candidates for seats in the House of Commons will be in the 22 Labor Party aspirants with three Conservative candidates and four Liberals. All three parties have underscored their friendly interest in Israel in view of the substantial Jewish votes in a number of constituencies.

## AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT MAY DISCUSS ARAB BOYCOTT THREAT TO FIRM

CANBERRA, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- The possibility that the Arab anti-Israel boycott may be raised this week in the Australian Parliament developed today after sharp criticism by major Australian newspapers of a boycott threat against a Sydney manufacturer. A special meeting of the Executive Council of the Board of Deputies of Australian Jewry has been called to consider the boycott threat.

Frank Heller, a producer of bathing suits whose firm acts as an agent here for the Israeli Diva company, was warned in a letter not to trade with Israel. After the United Arab Republic Embassy here admitted the existence of the boycott, the Sydney Daily Telegraph denounced the boycott and called for a protest against Arab interference with free trade. The newspaper also urged the Commonwealth Department of Trade to issue "a firm statement deploring" the boycott threat. It also called the Arab threat "an impudent attempt at blackmail."

The Daily Mirror called the Arab warning "sheer impertinence" and added that "it is time that the Department of External Affairs told the Arabs in Canberra very bluntly that we will not have our foreign trade plans dictated by any outsiders." The Mirror added that "we have already had one apparent instance of Arab pressure in the Qantas Airlines cancellation of its plans to open an office in Tel Aviv." It was believed that many Australian firms had received such warning letters from the Arab boycott League in recent months.

## JEWISH RELIGIOUS TEXTBOOKS FOUND LACKING INFORMATION ON NAZI ERA

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- The Jewish Community Relations Council here today reported that a study of textbooks used by Jewish religious schools in Philadelphia showed that students there have very little awareness and understanding of the Hitler era and the full meaning of Nazism and the swastika. As a result, the JCRC will seek to produce a study guide or textbook supplement for use in Jewish religious schools, I. David Pincus, JCRC leader, announced.

"In light of the rise of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union and in Argentina, the recent Eichmann trial in Israel and the current trials of former Nazi leaders in Germany, and the issues involving extremism in our country, it is most important that our youth have a full knowledge and understanding of the ravages suffered by Jews and all mankind in the past two decades as a result of Fascism, Nazism and all other forms of totalitarianism setting up race against race and religion against religion," declared Mr. Pincus.

"If our youth are to help achieve a society where human rights and human dignity are enjoyed by all regardless of race, religion or ethnic origin, they must have an awareness of the discrimination, persecution and vilification and other unconscionable wrongs perpetrated against the Jews," he added.

In addition to a local study guide on the subject, Mr. Pincus said that the results of the JCRC study of how the Hitler period is treated in textbooks used by Jewish religious schools will be brought to the attention of all national Jewish religious bodies, community relations agencies and the American Association of Jewish Education.

Robert K. Greenfield, JCRC president, commended the subcommittee of local educators, religious and community relations officials, who conducted the exhaustive study and analysis of the principal textbooks used in Jewish religious schools. Chairman of the study committee was Dr. William K. Labritz, education director of the Board of Jewish Education of the United Synagogue of America.

Other members of the committee included Dr. Elazar Goelman, Dean of Gratz College; Rabbi Meir Lasker, representing the Board of Rabbis; Dr. Meir Ben-Horin, professor of education at Dropsie College; Dr. Edwin Rothman, for the American Jewish Committee; Leon Levenson, for the Jewish Labor Committee; Stanton W. Kratzok, for Brith Chalom; David J. Dean, for American Jewish Congress; Mrs. Samuel Drasin, for B'nai B'rith; and Mrs. Leonard Liss, for the Hebrew Sunday School Society.

## ISRAEL PREMIER UNDERGOES EYE OPERATION; CONDITION SATISFACTORY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Premier Levi Eshkol was operated on yesterday for removal of a cataract from his right eye at Hadassah Hospital. The hospital announcement described his condition as satisfactory.

## YOUNG JEWISH LEADERS URGED TO ACCEPT BROADER COMMUNAL RESPONSIBILITIES

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Sept. 15; (JTA) -- The younger generation of Jewish leaders in this country were called upon today to accept broader leadership responsibilities in American Jewish cultural and philanthropic life at a regional Young Leadership Conference addressed by Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, and Louis Stern, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

The conference was jointly sponsored by the UJA and the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. It brought together representatives of communities throughout Ohio and from Detroit and Grand Rapids, Mich.; Indianapolis, Ind., and Louisville, Ky. Their purpose was to assess Jewish educational and philanthropic needs at home and overseas and to set plans for broadening "younger generation" leadership in meeting those needs.

"The spiritual survival of the American Jewish community and both the spiritual and physical survival of many Jewish groups from shattered communities abroad will depend in large measure on you, your contemporaries and the youths who will follow your lead," Rabbi Friedman told the gathering. "Acceptance of such responsibilities actually means the acceptance of adulthood and the acceptance of the service tradition which is bound up in both our American and our Jewish heritage."

"Your presence here," he said, "demonstrates the growing success of the young leadership movement which the UJA has been pressing for the past five years. However, there is still a tendency in some places for a 'let our elders do it' attitude on the part of the rising generation. But the dedicated community leaders of long standing can't go on forever. The new generation must move much faster."

"Our fathers," Rabbi Friedman stressed, "have built a great edifice of Jewish cultural and social welfare services at home, have helped to rescue and rehabilitate 3,000,000 victims of war and persecution abroad and have joined with Israel's people in providing a haven for a million and a quarter uprooted Jews. Your generation must take over the responsibility for continuing the great work of our parents."

### CJFWF President Urges Strengthening of Communal Life in U.S.

Mr. Stern told the gathering "we can have dignity and security as Jews in America only as long as there is security and dignity for Jews everywhere." Urging more participation in American Jewish community affairs, he stressed that "we can meet worldwide responsibilities only as we build our communal strength here--we can give strength only from strength, and not from weakness."

The CJFWF president also emphasized that it was the essence of Jewish ethics to be "deeply concerned with equal rights for all. No minority can be assured of security and dignity if any minority is denied these essentials. No majority can believe itself decent and civilized if it denies equality to any minority."

Gordon Zacks, of Columbus, served as conference chairman. He is Regional vice-chairman of the national UJA Young Leadership Cabinet and vice-chairman of the national CJFWF Committee on Leadership Development. Bernard K. Yenkin, of Columbus, a member of the national UJA Young Leadership Cabinet, served as Conference coordinator. Discussion leaders were Joseph H. Kanter, of Cincinnati, chairman of the national UJA Young Leadership Cabinet, and Lawrence L. Schaen, of New York, chairman of the CJFWF National Committee on Leadership Development.

## JEWISH EDUCATION SOUGHT FOR MONTREAL CHILDREN AT PROTESTANT SCHOOLS

MONTREAL, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Parents of Jewish children attending Protestant schools in Montreal were urged today to make sure the children receive a systematic Jewish education in recognized afternoon Jewish schools. There are no non-sectarian public schools in Quebec, all "public" schools being operated under either Catholic or Protestant auspices.

The appeal was issued by the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Council of Jewish Educational Institutions, which reported also on a survey in the Cote St. Luc area of such Jewish education. The survey found that 69.1 per cent of Jewish children attending the Protestant-sponsored schools do not attend Jewish afternoon schools. The survey was made by volunteers of the Jewish Junior Welfare League, the Temple Beth Shalom Sisterhood and the young married group of the Combined Jewish Appeal.

The statement said that "our aim must be Jewish education for every Jewish child throughout elementary school age and, wherever possible, through high school age." The Board of Jewish Ministers of Greater Montreal asked rabbis to speak on Jewish education during synagogue services and to urge their congregants to act to assure that every child receives Jewish education.

## JEWISH AGENCY TO HOLD EIGHT-DAY PLENARY MEETING IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency executive decided today to hold an eight-day plenary meeting starting October 25. Purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the agenda of the 26th World Zionist Congress meeting here at the end of December.

## MYSTERY OF FIGURES ON JEWISH POPULATION IN MEXICO SOLVED BY EXPERT

NEW YORK, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- An explanation of the more than 600 per cent increase in the official census population figures for the Jews of Mexico in the ten-year period 1950-1960 that has puzzled the Jewish community of Mexico and census officials was given here today by Dr. Raphael Patai, noted social anthropologist, who spent the summer in Mexico delving into this question.

As there was practically no Jewish immigration to Mexico during the ten-year period, and the natural increase of Jews is known to be lower than the 35 per cent increase in the total Mexican population, the mystery of the population increase of "Israelites" from 17,574 to 100,750 was inexplicable until Dr. Patai concluded his research. His explanation today of the increase is that an Evangelical Christian sect, which is not Jewish, listed themselves as Israelites for census roll-call and thereby caused the confusion.

Dr. Patai, director of Research of the Jewish Agency's Theodor Herzl Institute, has done research in Mexico since 1948 when he went there to study the Indian Jews of Mexico. At that time, Dr. Patai located a small Sabbatarian sect which called itself Iglesia de Dios Universal Israelita (Universal Church of God, Israelite). On his recent trip, he re-established contact with leaders of this sect and his inquiries revealed that the membership of the Iglesia de Dios had grown in the ten-year period of the census from a few hundred to 20,000 families, and that preparatory to the 1960 census, the leadership of the Church had instructed their members to list their religion as "Israelita."

After ascertaining that the membership of the Church in 1960 was 15,000 families, or about 60,000 persons, Dr. Patai concluded that the census figures indicating a phenomenal increase of population for the Jews in Mexico resulted from the incorrect listing of this small Christian sect as Israelites or Jews. After discussion with Dr. Albino Zertuche, Mexican Director-General of Statistics, Dr. Patai estimated that the actual Jewish population of Mexico, as of 1960, was approximately 40,000. Dr. Patai's research in Mexico was jointly sponsored by the Theodor Herzl Institute and the American Friends of Tel Aviv University, of which he is president.

## GENERAL ZIONISTS CONFEDERATION WILL HOLD WORLD PARLEY IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- The world conference of the World Confederation of General Zionists will be held in Jerusalem on December 28-29, preceding the Zionist Congress, it was announced by Dr. Israel Goldstein and Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, co-chairmen of the Confederation, at an executive meeting.

In their statement announcing the Conference, the co-chairmen pointed out that it is now incumbent upon all Zionists to justify, through willingness to accept structural changes in the World Zionist Organization the encouraging attitude of the government of Israel. "The new emphasis upon the Diaspora advocated by the leadership of the Zionist movement and endorsed by the State of Israel will no doubt find substantial expression in the deliberations and decisions at the forthcoming Zionist Congress and must be translated into immediate action," the statement said.

"The Zionist movement must strive to emerge from this 26th Congress united in purpose and action, with a program which will enable it once again to become the foremost movement among the Jewish people, as it was prior to the establishment of the State of Israel," the statement continued. "There was never so urgent a need for a strong and vigorous Zionist movement with a fighting spirit and a program for Jewish survival as there is today when the Jewish people are harassed by enemies who camouflage their attacks by leveling their spears at Zionism.

"General Zionism can be united in the Diaspora at once only on the basis of identification with Israel as a whole and not with any of its political parties. A united General Zionist front, based on identification with all facets of Israel's life and not with any of its political parties, can better serve the cause of Diaspora Jewry and the State of Israel," the statement asserted.

## DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN HONORED BY JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

NEW YORK, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Goldstein was honored yesterday by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America on the 50th anniversary of his admission there as a rabbinical student.

Members of the faculty and student body, civic leaders and rabbinical colleagues joined in the ceremony at which the one-time student, who became one of America's outstanding rabbinical and Zionist leaders, presented his alma mater with two portraits, one of Michael Gratz, founder of the Gratz family, and of his daughter, Rebecca, said to have been the model for the heroine of Sir Walter Scott's Ivanhoe.

After graduation, Dr. Goldstein became rabbi of B'nai B'rith Synagogue, second oldest Jewish congregation in New York City which he served for 42 years. Currently world chairman of the Keren Hayesod, he has been president of the Zionist Organization of America, Jewish National Fund of America, American Jewish Congress and many others.