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ISRAELIS TO OBSERVE ROSH HASHANA IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF AUSTERITY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Jews in Israel made last minute preparations today for observance of the Jewish New Year -- which starts tomorrow night -- in an atmosphere marred slightly by the country's economic squeeze which is affecting most families.

Less luxury products are being bought this year and more and more hotels have announced last minute cancelations for the holiday period. Even synagogue services, normally booked long in advance, this year still have seats available. Most of such seats are for special services in hotels priced at seven to \$12 each.

Seats also are available for Reform congregational services which are being held for the first time in the huge B'nai B'rith hall in Tel Aviv, as well as in Jerusalem, Haifa, Nahariya, the upper Nazareth and the Tel Aviv vicinity.

Despite the new economic situation, the annual mass movement of Israelis from one corner of Israel to another is expected. Bus companies have mobilized a special fleet of almost 2,000 vehicles to carry the human tide. Special trains also are being scheduled for last minute departures. Police officials have made special arrangements to handle High Holy day crowds. These include special police units in the Negev to handle traffic and to provide first aid when necessary.

Lydda Airport was ready for a last minute rush of overseas visitors. Planes will be landing every few minutes. At Haifa, the S/S Shalom, with 450 American tourists, is scheduled to arrive tomorrow, along with other tourist ships. Among those arriving for the holidays is West German Ambassador Rolf Pauls, who is due tomorrow from West Germany where he has been on home leave for the past three weeks.

Although shops reported selling less imported liquor and far fewer luxury items than in previous years, the post offices were flooded with New Year cards and presents, which increasingly have become a tradition in Israel.

Special arrangements also have been made for the armed forces. In camps and bases services will be held and festive meals provided. Israel will in effect suspend operations for three days because Rosh Hashana this year falls on Thursday and Friday. For many Israelis, the event offers an opportunity for three days of rest before the country again tackles its problems, principally the economic one.

Start of New Year in U.S. to be Marked by Appeals for Soviet Jewry

NEW YORK, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The ushering in of the Jewish New Year tomorrow evening will be marked by numerous appeals in this country to the Soviet authorities in Moscow to give equal treatment to the Jews in the Soviet Union and restore fully their cultural and religious rights.

An appeal signed by more than 100 dignitaries in government, religion, education, business, labor and professions will be published in The New York Times tomorrow as a full-page manifesto by the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, which is made up of religious and lay leaders of the three major faiths in this country. Signatories will include 35 U.S. Senators, 20 state governors, and religious leaders of the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths.

Rabbi Arthur Schneider, president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, said that sponsors of the manifesto hoped that the document would "awaken the moral conscience of the world to the plight of the 3,000,000 Soviet Jews who are succumbing to a veritable religious and cultural disaster which will eventually result in their complete spiritual extinction and annihilation."

Hundreds of rabbis throughout the United States and Canada will join in similar appeals to the Soviet Government during the High Holy Days. A "Declaration of Rights for Soviet Jewry" will be posted in almost every Jewish institution in the United States during the week between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, according to Rabbi Israel Miller, chair-

man of the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry. The conference is an association of 25 national Jewish organizations. The declaration also will be read from pulpits during the High Holy Day services.

In New York, Rabbi Edward T. Sandrow, president of the local Board of Rabbis, asked the 900 members of the Board "to offer special prayers for the 3,000,000 Jews behind the Iron Curtain with the hope that their spiritual life will witness a rebirth and enable them to practice the religion of their fathers so that it becomes the heritage of their children."

Plans for similar High Holy Day appeals in Canadian synagogues were announced by Rabbi S.M. Zambrowsky, chairman of the religious affairs committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress. He said prayers would be offered "in the hope that the day is not far off when the prophecy of old is fulfilled and 'all nations and peoples will be united in the bonds of brotherhood and there will be no more room for discrimination in any shape or form.'" He added that Soviet Jewry was "threatened with cultural attrition and eventual disappearance as a community unless there is a change of policy on the part of the Government of the Soviet Union."

CHIEF RABBI OF MOSCOW SENDS ROSH HASHANA GREETINGS TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- A New Year's message from Chief Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin of Moscow has been received by the Petach Tikvah Rabbinical Court, Rabbi Shimon Katz, court secretary, disclosed today.

Rabbi Levin said in the message: "May it be the will of Him whose name is peace that the New Year ahead will be a year of blessing and success in all our deeds, a year of glory for the Law and the Commandments, a year in which final peace will prevail in the world."

ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE PROTESTS U.S. ARMS SALE TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Reports of a new Arab denunciation of U.S. arms sales to Israel were received here today from Cairo where the Arab League foreign ministers conference made public its resolutions.

In one resolution, the Arab foreign ministers said that "Arab states assert anew their unequivocal rejection of the so-called balance of power policy in the Middle East adopted by the United States and other Western powers as a pretext to furnish Israel with arms." Another resolution termed Israel's declaration of Jerusalem as capital as a "deliberate maneuver to obliterate the sacred Islamic and Christian features of this Biblical city."

The conference approved a project to reconstruct and "further Arabize" Jerusalem to counter Israeli moves. The Arab ministers also denounced what they described as "Western policy aiming at maintaining an arms balance among Arab states themselves" and charged this policy "aims at fomenting some sort of division among Arab countries."

AGRICULTURAL MEMBERS OF MAPAI AND RAFI SEEK REUNION OF BOTH GROUPS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- A resolution calling for the reunion of the Mapai Party and Rafi, the dissident, former members of Mapai now led by former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, was adopted at a meeting here of representatives of both groups from agricultural settlements, at which Ben-Gurion sharply attacked Premier Levi Eshkol.

As a step in the direction of possible reunification of Mapai and Rafi, the meeting named a committee to investigate the possibilities of changing Israel's electoral system. Such a change has been one of the main issues on which Rafi had split from Mapai.

Although there were still sharp Rafi attacks against the present Government and against Prime Minister Eshkol, at this meeting, the consensus was that efforts toward a new fusion should be continued. The meeting also called on other labor parties to join the effort at labor unity.

ISRAEL SUPREME COURT GETS TEST CASE ON JURISDICTION OVER MARRIAGES

JERUSALEM, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- A hearing opened before the Israel Supreme Court yesterday on applications by two couples for injunctions to order the Interior Ministry and the Safed Rabbinical Court to recognize their marriages as legal. The couples indicated their goal was to win a ruling to upset the exclusive jurisdiction of Israel's rabbinate over personal status matters.

The couples, both from collective settlements, were married before witnesses without participation of a rabbi in 1964. The Safed court refused to issue marriage certificates, contending that there were doubts as to the qualifications of the witnesses.

SECOND TRIAL OF AUSCHWITZ CAMP OFFICIALS ENDS; VERDICT DUE FRIDAY

FRANKFURT, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Summary statements by the prosecution and the defense in the second trial of former personnel of the Auschwitz murder camp were completed here today. The court announced a verdict would be handed down Friday.

The defendants are Wilhelm Burger, 61, Joseph Erber, 68, and Gerhard Neubert, 56. The prosecution has asked life imprisonment for Erber and 12-year sentences each for the other two defendants. The trial began last December.

The Karlsruhe high court reaffirmed today a ruling that the chairman of the Indemnity Senate could be a former member of the Nazi Party.

The court had ruled originally in the case that the chairman could remain in the post though he had been a member of the SS in 1933. The ruling was challenged by a survivor of Nazi persecution. The Karlsruhe court rejected the challenge in affirming its first decision.

NAZI VICTIMS IN GERMANY PROTEST PERMISSION TO EX-NAZIS TO HOLD MEETING

BONN, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The West Berlin branch of the Organization of Victims of Nazi Persecution protested today against the forthcoming meeting of members of HIAG, the association of veterans of the Waffen SS, scheduled in the north German town of Rendsburg on September 18. The meeting will be the second in that town of the veterans of the SS branch which was in military service during World War II.

The protest asserted that the projected meeting was a provocation against all victims of the Nazi era. The Hungarian Organization of Nazi Persecutees also filed a protest against the meeting with the Bavarian Interior Ministry.

GERMAN MINISTER REPORTS ON DESECRATIONS OF JEWISH CEMETERIES

BONN, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The West German Interior Ministry said here that 300 of 857 desecrations of German cemeteries this year were committed against Jewish burial grounds and called the figure for the Jewish cemeteries "frighteningly high."

The Ministry's internal security department, in announcing the data, concluded that anti-Semitic prejudice still existed in West Germany. The department said, however, that many of those arrested in the vandalistic acts had no political motivation for their behavior.

AMERICAN NAZI SENTENCED IN CHICAGO FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT

CHICAGO, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- An American Nazi Party lieutenant was fined \$300 yesterday on charges of disorderly conduct arising from a Nazi march Saturday in a Southside Chicago Negro district. Magistrate Maurice Lee imposed the fine on Ralph Forbes after the Nazi waived a jury trial. He was also found guilty of interfering with police officers when they arrested George Rockwell, American Nazi Party head, who led the march despite refusal of Chicago officials to give him a parade permit.

Magistrate James Sullivan at the same time continued until September 20 a court hearing on charges against Rockwell of holding a public meeting and soliciting funds in a Chicago public park without permits. Rockwell obtained a postponement when he said he needed more time to get an attorney. He said he would ask the American Civil Liberties Union to represent him in court. He remained free under \$500 bond.

LOUIS BROIDO QUILTS NEW YORK CITY POST; WILL DEVOTE HIMSELF TO J. D. C.

NEW YORK, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Mayor John Lindsay announced today that Louis Broido had resigned as a \$1-a-year Commissioner of the City Department of Commerce and Industrial Development to give more time to his post as chairman of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

The Mayor praised Mr. Broido's four years of service as commissioner and said he would continue to serve New York City as a special consultant on land development. Mr. Broido's resignation will become effective Thursday.

RABBI TO BECOME FIRST JEWISH FACULTY MEMBER OF JESUIT UNIVERSITY

CINCINNATI, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Xavier University, a Jesuit school here, announced yesterday that Rabbi Albert A. Goldman has been appointed the first Jewish faculty member of the school's theology department.

The Rev. E.B. Brueggeman, department chairman, said Rabbi Goldman would teach an evening course on "The Intellectual Development of Judaism as found in Biblical and Rabbinical Sources."

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH TO ESTABLISH TRAINING UNIT AT FEDERATION

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Social Work has received a five-year grant from the National Institute of Health to establish a training unit at the United Jewish Federation of Pittsburgh for the purpose of enabling students to become familiar with a broad spectrum of services to the aged, it was announced here today.

The \$27,000-a-year grant will provide for a field instructor and up to six first- and second-year graduate case-work students to work with the Federation's affiliated agencies providing services to the aged. The agencies involved in this program are: Montefiore Hospital, Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged, Jewish Family and Children's Service, Riverview Apartments (a retirement home for the well elderly), Bickur Cholim Convalescent and Nursing Home, and the YM&YWEA-Irene Kaufmann Centers.

Dean William McCullough, of the Graduate School of Social Work, announced the appointment of Herbert Rosenberg as field instructor for the unit. Presently studying for his doctoral degree at the GSW, Mr. Rosenberg has had 12 years experience with mental health clinics in Cleveland and Youngstown. The unit will work out of the Federation building.

Dean McCullough stated that the university applied for the grant because the Federation and its agencies offer a wide array of interconnected and coordinated services to the aged which is unique in the city of Pittsburgh.

"The Federation's cooperation in this program," he said, "will make it possible for a student to have an unusual experience in this vitally important and expanding field of service. At the same time they are learning about the problems of the aged and how the agencies offer social work, medical and housing services, they will be participating in the process. We believe that this will encourage many of them to continue in this field following their graduation."

MOST JEWISH COLLEGE STUDENTS IN COLUMBUS REJECT 'FUNDAMENTALISM'

COLUMBUS, O., Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Most Jewish students on the college level here do not accept the fundamentalist religious beliefs of their parents, although students who belong to Hillel groups tend to accept "fundamentalistic interpretations" more often than those who belong to Greek letter fraternities or sororities, according to a survey made here by Rabbi David Stavsky, of Beth Jacob Congregation.

Rabbi Stavsky made his survey, based on 100 questions, among 120 male and female students belonging either to Hillel or to the Greek letter societies. He reported that he has found "significant differences" in the two groups regarding synagogue attendance, prayer, kashruth observance and Jewish ceremonial observance. On the other hand, he said, the two groups agreed in their attitude about the significance of the home as a source of religious influence.

"The question of socio-economic background," Rabbi Stavsky reported, "was investigated as well as the religiosity of home life. A significant correlation was found to be present between high income and Greek group students, high income and liberal attitudes toward religion. Students tend to show that there is a break from the religiosity of grandparents, (who were Orthodox) to the students themselves (who consider themselves to be Reform). However, there are a number of students who consider themselves to be Orthodox despite the fact that their parents are either Conservative or Reform. This supports the theory of present day sociologists that many university students are not satisfied with the religiosity of their parents and are seeking a more traditional approach to religion."

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS RELEASES JEWISH STUDENTS ON ROSH HASHANA

BOSTON, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The University of Massachusetts has given special permission to Jewish students to be absent on the two days of Rosh Hashana following protests over the scheduling of first classes on the first day of the Jewish New Year.

University officials also indicated that they would take "all appropriate steps" to avoid a similar conflict in the future. The information was contained in a letter to the New England region of the American Jewish Congress which had protested to university officials over the scheduling.

The letter also said that late registration would be allowed on September 19 without penalty and that Jewish students would be assigned to the classes they had chosen previously so that they would not be forced to register for other classes because of Rosh Hashana absences. Faculty members were asked to make arrangements for all students for any assignments missed because of such absences.

The letter said that the existing scheduling methods "should have brought this to light and that it did not do so is difficult to explain." However, the letter said, "to guarantee that it will not happen again is impossible."