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U.S. JEWRY STARTS NEW YEAR WITH PRAYERS FOR WORLD PEACE AND ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Jews throughout the United States and the rest of the world will usher in the New Year of 5727 tonight with prayers for world peace, Israeli security and improvement in the position of Russian Jewry.

Through arrangements by the National Jewish Welfare Board, Rosh Hashana will be conducted for Jewish men and women in uniform, in Viet Nam and at more than 600 other overseas and domestic installations of the United States armed forces. Similar services for armed forces personnel will also be conducted on Yom Kippur, which will begin at sundown on September 24.

Max M. Fisher, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, issued a Rosh Hashana statement in which he pointed to UJA's vast achievements in the past but underscored the fact that, in spite of those successes, "the year 5727 will be another period of grave and enormous need." "More than 800,000 Jews," he emphasized, "refugees in flight, immigrants en route to Israel, and the distressed and needy in 30 countries, will have nowhere to turn for aid except the UJA." He expressed the confidence that, once again, American Jewry will help continue "the sacred work of redemption and rebuilding" financed through UJA's nationwide campaign.

Lewis F. Weinstein, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, said in his statement: "At this period of appraisal, we must commit ourselves anew to the task of building a dynamic Jewish community, giving vigorous and inspired expression to the timeless ideals of our people. There must be a deepened sense of the vital and the affirmative in Jewish living. We cannot live defensively, using our energies only to meet crises. Rather, we must build on a positive basis an energetic Jewish life in America within the framework of an open society -- and a vigorous Jewish life in freedom throughout the world."

Israel's Needs Stressed in Rosh Hashana Messages by Leaders

Dr. Dewey Stone, chairman of the United Israel Appeal, Inc., called upon American Jewry to make a supreme effort during the new year in helping the live-saving and life-rebuilding programs in Israel. "If American Jews will continue to work together in dedication and perseverance as they have supported the United Jewish Appeal for well over a quarter century," he declared, "we can make it the kind of a year on which tens of thousands of immigrant families in Israel will look back and remember: 'This was the year when things began to change; this was the year when we really began to strike roots.'"

A New Year message by Abraham Feinberg, president of the Israel Bond Organization, referred to Israel as "a force for progress" but noted that Israel still "has many tasks to perform to bring her social, political and economic life to its fullest realization." "As the developments of the past year have so well indicated," he declared, "Israel's strength and diplomatic influence depend in great measure on the health and vigor of her economy. This is a sector in which our continued participation in the Israel Bond campaign in the New Year can have a truly decisive impact."

Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, chairman of the Jewish Agency-American section, expressed the hope that the year 5727 "will bring peace to a troubled world, so that nations and peoples everywhere can devote their energies to the establishment of a free and better world." Mrs. Halprin also voiced a hope that Israel continue to prosper, and declared that "we are sorely disturbed by the continuing cultural, religious and educational discrimination practiced by Soviet Russia against its Jewish minority."

Soviet Anti-Semitism, Jewish Survival Emphasized in Messages

Soviet anti-Semitism and the resurgence of neo-Nazism in Germany and Austria were among the themes stressed in the Rosh Hashana message issued on behalf of the American Jewish Committee by the organization's president, Morris J. Abram. He also voiced the hope that peace and security will come to the Middle East region, expressing encouragement "at the increase in the voices of moderation in the Arab world in their attitude toward Israel."

A call for "keeping faith with Judaism" was issued on behalf of the American Jewish Congress by its president, Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld. "During the year and years ahead," he pledged, "AJCongress will continue to bend every effort both to preserving the Jewish

heritage and to applying it in the community. This is what we mean by creative Jewish survival."

Samuel Bronfman, vice-president of the World Jewish Congress and chairman of the WJC's North American executive committee, hailed the program "for what amounts to Jewish survival" adopted recently at the WJC's plenary assembly in Brussels.

Rosh Hashana messages were also issued by Dr. William Haber, president of the American ORT Federation; Mrs. Mortimer Jacobson, national president of Hadassah; Jacques Torczyner, president of the Zionist Organization of America; Herman L. Weisman, president of the National Committee for Labor Israel; Samuel Bonchek, president of the Farband-Labor Zionist Order; Mrs. Joseph Willen, president of the National Council of Jewish Women; and leaders of many other Jewish organizations.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON, VICE-PRESIDENT HUMPHREY GREET U.S. JEWS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- President Johnson extended his greetings to the Jews of America today for a Happy New Year, and expressed the hope that all men may become "equal before God." In a special message issued from the White House, President Johnson stated:

"On the eve of Rosh Hashana and the High Holy Days, I am pleased to extend to my fellow Americans of the Jewish faith my warm greetings for a Happy New Year. These are the days when we are reminded that the perfect society is one which we must work to create and fashion in this world and in our own time. The prophets taught the Jewish people never to falter in the world-wide search for the betterment and peace of mankind and never to leave the conflict against the forces of discrimination and poverty.

"These are the precepts which were inherited by our forefathers from those who received them at Sinai. They are beliefs which have been given new and forceful expression in the State of Israel, where they were first proclaimed and where Rosh Hashana prayers were first uttered.

"On this Rosh Hashana, let us pray together for a tranquil society both in this country and around the globe. And let us ask that the heavy hand of tyranny be lifted wherever it exists and that all become equal as they are equal before God."

Vice-President Humphrey, in a message greeting the Jews in this country on the New Year, voiced the hope that persecutions being practiced against Jews in some "unhappy lands" might be eased during the next year. Without identifying any country by name, Mr. Humphrey stated: "In those unhappy lands where despotism restricts Jewish religion and culture, may the year 5727 witness progress toward a better, freer day." The Vice-President referred also to Israel, declaring: "May our sister democracy of Israel further prosper and attain what she most seeks -- lasting peace with all her neighbors, fullest opportunity to be a partner in works of goodness with all."

New York Governor and Mayor Issue Rosh Hashana Greetings

NEW YORK, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Both Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller and Mayor John V. Lindsay issued New Year messages today, addressed to the Jewish people of New York State and New York City.

The Governor referred in his message to the "ancient Hebraic ideals" and stated that "the solemn period of Rosh Hashana" must remind all people "of how faithfully the Jewish people have shared their great heritage of religious and ethical thought."

Mayor Lindsay recalled in his message that New York City was host recently to Israel's President Zalman Shazar of Israel, "a country whose fondest wish is to live at peace with her neighbors." He continued: "We wish Israel progress toward that goal in the coming year, as indeed we pray together with the Jews all over the world for a world of peace, progress and prosperity."

ISRAEL PRESIDENT, IN ROSH HASHANA MESSAGE, URGES TO ACCEPT AUSTERITY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- President Zalman Shazar called upon Israel today, in a New Year's message, to accept current difficulties with "maturity worthy of a people that has experienced many difficulties."

He urged Israel's people to "gird" themselves "for intensified initiative and productivity and, at the same time, to examine our way of living to curtail extravagances and share the burdens of the time so that our brothers may live with us."

He recalled that "once again great communities of our scattered people face bitter trial and for them a ray of light emanates from the State of Israel." He reminded the nation that throughout the past Jewish year, Israel had been a target for threats and even "bloody attack" from its neighbors but he concluded with a wish for peace on earth for Israel and all men.

JEWISH LEADERS HOLD 'CONSTRUCTIVE' TALK WITH GOLDBERG ON VIET NAM ISSUE

NEW YORK, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Dr. Joachim Prinz, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, described today as "useful and constructive" a meeting last night between the Conference and Arthur J. Goldberg, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, over reports that President Johnson had complained about Jewish opposition to his policies in Viet Nam and had linked that opposition with United States aid to Israel.

About 40 representatives of Jewish organizations in the Conference met with Mr. Goldberg at his home in New York. Mr. Goldberg was understood to have lent his good offices in an attempt to clarify the differences arising from the reports. It was reported that Mr. Goldberg said he had called the meeting at the suggestion of Dr. Prinz.

In his statement today on the meeting, Dr. Prinz said: "We had a full and frank discussion on a number of issues of mutual interest, including the prospect for peace in Viet Nam, American-Israel relations and a variety of other concerns."

"We are grateful to Ambassador Goldberg for the opportunity he afforded us to meet with him and to exchange views in an atmosphere of candor and friendship," the statement added. "Our conversation was useful and constructive."

A spokesman for Mr. Goldberg described the meeting as private and added that the Ambassador would have no statement.

ESHKOL REITERATES WARNING TO SYRIA; TERRORISTS CUT WATER PIPE IN NEGEV

JERUSALEM, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Premier Levi Eshkol, in a special statement to the press, warned again today that Syria was sheltering, training and activating terrorists against Israel. "We have stated recently that we are holding the neighboring states responsible for acts carried out by terrorists coming from their territories," he declared. "This is said especially in connection with Syria."

Arab terrorists, believed to belong to the El Fatah sabotage gangs, struck again in Israel last night, cutting a water pipe in the Negev Desert, about seven miles east of the Rock of Masada, the Israel army spokesmen reported today. The damage was discovered by Israeli patrols this morning. Israel filed a complaint against the new terrorist action with the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization.

Gen. Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's Chief of Staff, issuing a New Year's message to the Armed Forces, declared today that it was doubtful "whether our neighbors have as yet learned that these swords they wield are two-edged." He said that it was for this reason that his greetings for the New Year were an appeal for more efforts and more alertness. He added that "only if we, who hold the shield, will keep alert, can Israeli citizens have a secure and calm year."

ISRAEL GOVT. CONSIDERS INVITING FOREIGN INDUSTRIALISTS FOR TALK

JERUSALEM, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Premier Levi Eshkol disclosed today that the Government was considering the idea of a meeting in Jerusalem of industrialists and businessmen from abroad to seek to solve unemployment problems in developing areas.

It was also learned here today that the Government was discussing plans for a new and bigger oil pipeline from Eilat to the new port of Ashdod for a great flow of oil from the Red Sea to the Mediterranean. It was explained that this did not mean that the Government had dropped consideration of the idea of building an Eilat-Mediterranean canal to compete with the Suez Canal but that consideration of such a canal had been deemphasized because of the huge cost of such a project.

ISRAEL CHIEF RABBI ISSUES ROSH HASHANA MESSAGE TO THE JEWS ABROAD

JERUSALEM, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Israel's Sephardic Chief Rabbi, Yitzhak Nissim, issued a New Year's greeting today to Jewish communities outside Israel in which he noted that the present generation of Jews "has seen the beginning of the realization of the prophetic vision about the ingathering of the exiles and the redemption of the Holy Land."

Rabbi Nissim warned that "we must live up to it and avoid the calamity that befell our forefathers. We must treat each other fairly, live with each other in amity and peace, and ask each other's forgiveness when we feel that we have sinned against another man."

The Chief Rabbi expressed the wish to "all our brethren, wherever they are," for "a year of peace and tranquility, prosperity and security, a year in which the ingathering of the exiles will continue and our dedication to our faith will be strengthened, a year of physical and spiritual redemption." Declaring that "the world as a whole is afflicted by materialism and has no time for the things of the spirit," the Chief Rabbi said: "It is incumbent upon us to mend our ways and go back to the Almighty with all our hearts."

DEMENTED MAN ATTEMPTS TO SET FIRE TO ISRAELI EMBASSY IN GHANA

ACCRA, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- A man believed by police to be mentally deranged tried to set fire to Israel's Embassy to Ghana here today and threatened some of the Embassy officials with a dagger.

The man ran into the Embassy's outer corridor, sprayed the walls with an inflammable liquid, and lighted a match. As members of the Israeli mission's personnel rushed forward, some trying to fight the flame and others to capture the man, the latter drew a dagger and threatened several of the Israelis. The fire was extinguished quickly, while the man ran into the street.

A short distance away, he tried to set fire to another Embassy. This time, a Ghanaian soldier among the crowd that had followed him shot the man down. Police said they believed he was demented. No damage had been caused to the Israeli Embassy, and none of its personnel had been injured. A 24-hour-a-day police guard was placed around the Israeli mission's headquarters.

U.S. TO DEAL WITH PROJECT FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY DESALINATION IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- A United States delegation is expected in Israel next month to work out concrete proposals for establishment of a much-delayed pilot project to apply nuclear energy to desalination, sources here reported today. An agreement for the project was signed during Premier Levi Eshkol's meeting last year in Washington with President Johnson.

The principal obstacle to implementation of the agreement reportedly was the problem of money. Israel was understood to need a United States grant of around \$60,000,000, plus a long term loan of about \$150,000,000 to complete the pilot plant.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT PREPARES PLAN FOR ALLEVIATING ARAB UNEMPLOYMENT

JERUSALEM, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- A plan to alleviate the problem of Arab unemployment in Israel, involving the expenditure of 5,000,000 pounds (\$1,700,000), has been prepared by the Ministries of Labor and Agriculture, it was reported here today. Arab joblessness in Israel is officially estimated at 6,000 workers.

An extraordinary session of Israel's Parliament will be held during the current recess of the Knesset to discuss the Government's three-year austerity program approved by the Cabinet this week. The meeting was planned at the request of leaders of the Herut-Liberal Gahal alignment. They asked for a full dress Knesset debate on Israel's overall economic situation.

JEWISH COMMUNITY IN SOUTH AFRICA GREETES NEW PREMIER VORSTER

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Leaders of the Jewish community of South Africa today sent warm greetings to the country's new Premier, Balthazar J. Vorster, who assumed his new office yesterday as successor to the assassinated former Prime Minister Verwoerd.

Teddy Schneider, president of the South African Board of Jewish Deputies, stated in a telegram to the Prime Minister: "On behalf of the Jewish community, I extend to you the heartiest congratulations and warmest wishes." Edel Horwitz, chairman of the South African Zionist Federation, said in his wire that the Federation "extends its best wishes to you on your assumption of the Premiership. May God grant you strength and wisdom to bear the burden of leadership, and may He guide the republic during your term of office and bestow the blessings of peace, harmony, brotherly love and prosperity upon all its inhabitants."

AMERICAN JEWISH PHYSICIAN SHARES IN FIRST STOUTER PRIZE FOR MEDICINE

CLEVELAND, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- An American Jewish physician shared yesterday with a German chemist the first award of the \$50,000 annual Stouffer Prize for research in medicine. Dr. Harry Goldblatt, of Mount Sinai Hospital here and Dr. Ernst Klenk of the University of Cologne received the prize -- second largest in the medical field -- for their research into high blood pressure and the hardening of the arteries.

The prize, set up earlier this year by the Vernon Stouffer Foundation, is topped only by the Nobel Prize in medicine. The awards to Dr. Goldblatt and Dr. Klenk will be presented here in October. Dr. Goldblatt produced high blood pressure in dogs in 1934 and later in other animals, which cleared the way for a better understanding of the disease for surgical treatment of some forms of hypertension.

BOSTON PHILANTHROPIST GIVES \$160,000 TO HADASSAH MEDICAL WORK

BOSTON, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Herman Dana, of this city, who is active in many Jewish philanthropies, has given \$160,000 to the Hadassah, \$150,000 of which is to be used for the construction of a division in child psychiatry in the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem. The remaining \$10,000 is to be used as a grant to an Israeli doctor for training in the United States in the field of child psychiatry.