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IF DIPLOMACY FAILS TO STOP ARAB AGGRESSION

Israel Will Use Force

'FROM THE HEART'

of

Jack Entratter

President

Temple Beth Shalom

Where are our people?
Why don't they come forward and become a part of the Jewish community?

A challenging question was asked at our annual meeting as to what percent of the Jewish population of our city are members of the Temple. The answer to this question can only be an educated guess at best, since there is no specific census of the present day Jewish population of our city. A logical conclusion, however, would be that our present membership of about 540 families represents too small a percentage of the total Jewish families. Then the perplexing question remains -- why don't we have at least 1000 members?

We cannot bully people into belonging. There must be willingness on the part of the person to become affiliated. In many cases a simple, personal reminder is all it takes because some of our people just don't take the time to think about it. The report of our Membership Committee indicates that there is, thank God, a definite growth factor. On September 1, 1965, our total membership was 462; on September 1, 1966, the total was 471; and as of April 30,

1967 our membership numbers 538.

Our Membership Committee each year does its very best to get more Jewish families to affiliate. This can be a very frustrating experience, since we know that there must be hundreds of families who should be members and are not, and hundreds of Jewish children who should be attending our religious school and are not.

There is also, unfortunately, a great amount of turnover in membership. There has been an average loss of approximately 50 families per year who move out of the city. It is frustrating and sad. Our people who reside in our city should know the Temple better. The hub of our Jewish life must be kept strong. How wonderful it would be if we had 1000 members.

Probably the most aggravating circumstance of all crops up during the High Holidays, when so many people suddenly remind themselves that they are Jewish and would like to attend services and come to say Yizkor with a "matter-of-fact" attitude. They expect the "red carpet" treatment because they are "customers" and act as if "Es Kooimt Zay". Yet, moments later they are gone and do nothing to support the very Temple they want to serve their personal needs.

Do we have to resort to giving away dishes...or perhaps blue chip or green stamps? I am being facetious of course, but I am also realistic. We are growing, but at a snail's pace. We may never achieve 100% affiliation, but the work must go on and we must never stop looking for the potential member. We must make our unaffiliated Jewish friends cognizant of their duties as Jews. It is true that each membership is another jewel on the crown of Las Vegas Jery, and god knows there is lots more room on the crown.

TEL AVIV (WNS) Premier Levi Eshkol, in a radio address to the nation following a special Cabinet session on the current crisis, disclosed that he would give

diplomacy a chance to resolve the differences with Egypt over its closing of the Gulf of Aqaba to Israeli shipping, but that if it failed there would be resort to

force to defend Israel's borders and its right of passage through the Strait of Tiran.

Disclosing that the Cabinet had approved measures of

both a political and military nature with respect to securing the withdrawal of Egyptian forces from the Sinai Peninsula, Mr. Eshkol
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PLEDGE U.S. SUPPORT TO ISRAEL

Dear Jack:

Thank you for your telegram of May 23rd concerning the Arab-Israel crisis.

I share your concern over this issue. The United States has a history of solemn commitments to guarantee territorial integrity of the countries of the Middle East. President Truman as early as 1950 pledged the United States to preserve the frontiers of Israel and the adjacent Arab countries.

Our pledge and underlying policy has been restated over the last 17 years. I support this policy and the statement made by the President on this issue, copy of which is enclosed, as well as a copy of my press release.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

WALTER S. BARING

(PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT, BARING'S RELEASE P.3)



SENATOR
HOWARD CANNON

Dear Jack:

This will acknowledge your telegram on the grave threat to peace in the Middle East.

I am deeply shocked by this threat and have expressed my concern in strong terms to the White House and the State Department. I have been assured that the United States intends to honor its

commitments.

Convinced that we should preserve peace and security in that troubled part of the world, I fully support the forceful statement made by the President yesterday. I feel that he acted with honor and courage, as well as prudence, in making our intentions clear.

Let us hope that the voice



CONGRESSMAN
WALTER BARING

of reason will be heard and that those who would pursue an aggressive course of conduct will step back from the brink of war to the diplomatic conference table.

Thanks for your support in this matter.

Sincerely,
Howard W. Cannon

Reno Rabbi Concerned



RABBI FRANKEL

Rabbi Jack Frankel of Temple Emanu-el, sent a telegram to Sen. Alan Bible, D-Nev., expressing concern over the crisis in the Middle East.

Rabbi Frankel said the American Jewish community will stand by Israel "shoulder to shoulder, heart to heart, until the Jewish state is secure and the prophetic vision of peace is

realized forever."

The Rabbi urged this nation's leaders to act to preserve peace between Israel and the Arab states.

"We are shocked by the build-up and concentration of aggressive military forces and armaments near Israel's Egyptian and Syrian frontiers in flagrant violation of the 1949 armistice agreement," he said.

Meet Reed Whipple



If ever a person deserved the gratitude of the entire Jewish community, that man is Reed Whipple, who was the very first Mormon in our

area to sign a petition denouncing the injustices being committed upon members of the Jewish faith in Russia.

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YAHREZITS TONIGHT AT BETH SOLOM

Friday June 2, 1967

- Nathan Mack
- Leo Fox
- David Franklin
- Hyam Sweet
- Eldon C. Cooper
- Aaron Weissberg
- Morris M. Azorsky
- Harry Friedman
- Herman Alex Levinson
- Abraham Rystock
- Joseph Kaufman
- Isadore Tarr
- Isadore Pink
- Stephen Leppo
- Dorothy Entratter
- Stefany Follander