

A Day of Remembrance

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Rosh Hashanah, in a sense, is a day on which we judge our own actions. It is also a day of remembrance, of remembering not only the distant past but also incidents that just recently occurred.

From this point of view, there is much we have to be thankful for. In six working days, Israel catapulted itself from a small and poor country into a great Middle East power. This historic event was accompanied by a surge of faith by the citizens of Israel and hope for the support of Jews living outside of Israel.

To send New Year greetings to our friends abroad from a united Jerusalem is a special privilege. This ancient dream fulfilled brings in its wake a younger dream fulfilled - the launching of the Jerusalem YM & YWHA. It is still another, and the freshest expression, of the joint endeavors of world Jewry. We look forward to Jerusalem Y's imminent opening with the certain knowledge that the Jewish Community Center will achieve for Israel what it has achieved for countless Jews in countless countries.

Here is just one example of what I mean. Traditionally, the Jewish Community Center serves as a common meeting ground for all segments of the community. Here in Israel this purpose takes on a special urgency. Our fast growth and rapid immigration from more than 70 countries have led understandably but regrettably to some fragmentation and social isolation. Those who are here a bit longer are developing into a breed of self-assured individualists - each one with a mind and ideas of his own. It is our hope that the Jerusalem Y will help our variegated population find those common elements that bind all Jews together.

My board and staff join me in wishing all our benefactors and friends in the World Federation of YMHAs, National Jewish Welfare Board and the thousands in the Jewish Community Center movement a year of achievement, a year of tranquility and a year of peace.

LONDON (WNS) The Kingsbury Synagogue in Middlesex was gutted by fire of suspicious origin.

JACKSON, Miss., (WNS) The Jewish community in this city was rocked when it learned that its only synagogue was bombed by unidentified bigots in a nocturnal attack which virtually destroyed the administrative offices and did extensive damage to the rest of the building.



"L' shana

Tova Tikosevu"

and the prayer

in 5728, that the

people of Israel

will find peace

and understanding

throughout the

civilized world.



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