

# LETTERS

**Jack and Bea:**  
Happy New Year to the greatest people in the world. May the New Year bring you all your desire and so richly deserve.

Chick  
(Sen. Chic Hecht)  
(ED. NOTE: We sincerely appreciate the sentiments, Sen. Chic, and of course, the long-stemmed roses. J. & B)

The wonderful Jack Tell family:  
Here's hoping your New Year is filled with delight and each day is happy, contented and bright with the day beginning with the Temple and the sound of the Shofar—the meal with Prayer and Sweets. The year beginning with Reverence, Sweetness, Fullness and Beauty, and the People who take pleasure in them all.

From this Irish friend and admirer, who, as many others respect you for your true American stand on all questions for the good of all Peoples. Truly your writings, council and advice are "The Greatest for all."

Pat Whelan  
(Rosemead, Calif.)  
(EDITOR'S NOTE: From a person we never met or spoke with, your kind words are a deep source of gratification. J.T.)

Gentlemen:  
Enclosed, please find 15 cents. Please send me a copy of your Rosh Hashana edition.

Wishing you a Happy New Year, I remain  
Yours truly,  
Irving Feldman  
(Brooklyn, N.Y.)

**Las Vegas Israelite:**  
Enclosed please find 15¢ for Rosh Hashana number of your worthy paper.

Happy New Year, I remain  
Yours truly,  
Stuart Felix  
(Far Rockaway, N.Y.)  
(EDITOR'S NOTE: Papers on way and thanks for your interest. J.T.)

**Jack & Bea:**  
Have a good year in all respects and all my best to the (numerous and growing) Tells!

All love,  
Margret Elsen  
(NYC)

**Dear Mr. Tell:**  
Just a note to "Thank You" for the nice way you prepared my greeting ad in the Sept. 29th edition.

My best to your family  
Corky Mayberry  
(Radio KYNO, Fresno)

**Jack Tell:**  
Best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Rabbi Irving Ganz  
(Veterans Hosp. Sepulveda, California)

**Dear Tells:**  
Enclosed is payment for Horowitz family New Years, Hanukah, Birthday and Pass-over greetings. I just hope this head start spurs you to three more 32-page editions. Best of luck in the new year.

Son, #4  
(W. Hartford, Conn.)  
(EDITOR'S NOTE: Like converts who become far more religious than those born in a Faith, you Richard, our adopted son, are showing a good example to the others. J.T.)

## Dividends

By RABBI SIDNEY GREENBERG  
Temple Sinai, Philadelphia

For years I have been a part-time salesman for Israel Bonds. My "customers" have been my good friends at Temple Sinai and occasionally, the friends of my friends. In an effort to sell my product I have held forth the promise of a 4% divided return on the money loaned. However, after revisiting Israel during the past exciting summer I must confess that I was guilty of gross misrepresentation.

Oh, the 4% return will be paid. It is very secure. But the real dividends which accrued to the Jewish people everywhere during the Six-Day War in June simply cannot be translated into economic terms.

Because we believed in Israel and invested in her economy, Israel paid a very high dividend of PRIDE.

There are no words to capture that tremendous NACHAS which overflowed our grateful hearts when Israel gave so dramatic and awesome a demonstration of its fierce will to live in the face of overwhelming odds. In its astonishing lightning victory the Israeli army wrote military history. Its battles will be required reading in war colleges. To Jews everywhere, these incredible triumphs meant straighter backs, firmer steps and heads held higher than ever before in our lifetime.

Another rich dividend which Israel paid us was one of unprecedented JOY.

The joy came first and foremost from the relief that the threatened annihilation was frustrated. "The people that dwelled in darkness beheld a great light." The joy flowed also from the reunification of the city of Jerusalem. Hardboiled paratroopers wept when they liberated the ancient Temple site. The most indifferent to religion felt a mystical spiritual exultation when they touched these sun-bleached stones. And no Jewish visitor can escape the haunting echoes of Jewish history when he confronts the Western Wall.

A third dividend we received on our investment in Israel Bonds came in the form of a magnified sense of Jewish DIGNITY.

Some historians have argued that Jews sold their lives too cheaply to the Nazis. They did not resist enough, they did not fight back enough. I happen not to share this conclusion but it has been seriously expounded and it has been detrimental to our self-image and to Jewish dignity.

But Israel's Defense Forces restored the bright honor and supreme value which had been wantonly stripped from Jewish life. Never did fighting men take up arms with greater reluctance, use them with greater brilliance, put them down with greater glory, celebrate their victory with greater restraint!

Israel also gave us an extra dividend of FAITH. Our generation has been haunted by the terrible thought of the eclipse of God. After Auschwitz, after Bergen-Belsen and Buchenwald how does one indeed maintain faith in a benevolent God? This gnawing question has done so much to eat away the vital roots of faith. The Six-Day War did not answer the question. What it did however, was to introduce another decisive factor into the equation.

All who lived during these fateful days in June are persuaded that they were beneficiaries of a "nes min hashomayim" - a miracle from heaven. Even the sterling young people whose valor was responsible for the incandescent victories, were most vehement in disclaiming any credit for it. When asked how they explained the amazing results, they simply shrugged their shoulders and pointed upward. It is easier today to believe in the triumph of right, in the vindication of justice and in the deathlessness of the Jewish people. It is easier to believe in God. On this Rosh Hashanah, the world is a brighter and more hopeful place in which to live.

Though the Six-Day War has been fought and won Israel has not yet been blessed with the Sabbath of rest. Israel desperately needs our continued support. More than likely, some volunteer salesman will be around trying to sell you some Israel Bonds. He will be talking about 4% dividends. Don't believe him. The "dividends" are much higher.

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# GRANDPARENTS

Strangest Creatures on Earth

BY JACK TELL

## Israelite's Granddaughter



BONNIE, NOW 4 1/2

Although this picture of Bonnie Tell is about a year old, it still captures her present charm, personality and beauty. Bonnie now goes to Tiny Tot Nursery School every Tuesday and Thursday. Her first day she was to learn The Pledge of Allegiance, but she knew it cold and outshone the class, natch. When she first comes to nursery at about 12:30, it is nap time (some kids start school earlier and go through a whole day). So Bonnie got her initial test (away from mother) when she arrived. It was the first time she rested without a fifi or bottle. Needless to say she came through with flying colors, natch!

Michele is growing bigger every day. She now has to

be watched like a hawk. Any time she spots the Israelite across the room, she crawls at a mile-a-minute to rip it apart. (Sounds like some people we know in Vegas.) Any newspaper or magazine on the floor is bound to be torn to shreds with Michele around. She is a pro with her bottle--when it pops out of her mouth she looks for it and pops it right back home. Michele is very well scheduled as she is asleep at about 7:15 pm and awakes at about 7:30 am. What a granddaughter!

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