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### Happy Birthday to Israel

As Israel marks its twentieth birthday, American Jews are not simply by-standing outsiders. A common fate has linked one Jew with another through the ages, but in the compressed world of today, we are necessarily more involved one with another.

Not so many years ago, a trip to Jerusalem or Tel Aviv took thirteen or fourteen days. It can be done today in less than that many hours.

There are other countries which have larger Jewish populations than Israel, yet the best known Jews of the world today are Israelis -- Ben Gurion and Dayan, Eshkol and Rabin.

Israel has become a kind of show place of the Jews for the world.

The 20th birthday is a significant one. At twenty, the formative years are passed, and the man, with childhood and adolescence in back of him, stands at the threshold of a new era.

The Six Days War has, if anything, accentuated this transition from Israel's formative years. Today, Israel has the respect of the world. By the very reason of her military victory, much more is expected of her economically and culturally.

The enemies of Israel still will not sit down to talk peace with her and Israel must expend much of her resources on military measures, yet she must at the same time press ahead on the economic front. The recent gathering of leading Jewish industrialists in Israel was propitious. Similarly, the plans now approved for a huge pipe line from Elat to Ascalon is a great step forward. It will involve a great expenditure, no less than a hundred million dollars and American Jews will play their part in this, for the cost will be defrayed largely by the sale of Israel Bonds.

Jews of the world, we are confident, will not refrain from doing their part in the year ahead. So with joyousness, Jews of America greet Israel on its birthday and in the old familiar American style, we say to her: Happy birthday, dear Israel, Happy birthday to you!

### TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth  
 Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



### Give, Give, Give

Throughout this entire edition you will be reading stories and seeing pictures, with stark naked facts, evidence of the positive needs required to maintain the ever growing necessities to keep Israel functioning for the purpose on which it was created.

There is not now, and there never was, any doubt that the Jewish community of America will not only continue as heretofore, but will also realize the new responsibilities of the current emergency and respond with greater participation than ever before.

Here in Las Vegas, the ultimate method for each and every member of the Jewish community to do his share in promulgating Judaism throughout the world, is to attend the Combined Jewish Appeal Victory Dinner, Thursday, May 9 at Caesars Palace. It will be a gala event, and those who come will be in the company of the most prominent and distinguished citizens of Nevada, Jew and Gentile alike. If you can possibly make it, don't miss it. Call for reservations right now at 734-1203.

The money you donate to the CJA will be allocated to the United Jewish Appeal, the American Jewish Committee, B'nai B'rith and our local Temple Beth Shalom. Like we said at the outset, there is much evidence throughout this edition, stating the advantages performed by each of these extremely worthy organizations, and the dire need for capital to carry out their honorable and necessary accomplishments. The care of the old, the young, the feeble, the undernourished, the downtrodden, the persecuted and the underprivileged, must and will go on. Enough can never be stated on the subject. But this column believes in first things first, and in keeping with what our readers have become accustomed to, we call a spade a spade.

The biggest and most important problem facing Israel right now is the hostility of the Arab nations.

The cost of defense is draining the financial structure of the tiny democracy surrounded by Commy-controlled Arab states. And the situation is closer to the straining point than at any other time in the history of the 20-year old country, the Six-Day June War of last year, not excluded.

Russia has completely replaced the two billion in arms and supplies lost to or destroyed by Israel last year. In addition Russian scientists and technicians have swarmed into Arab lands to insure the preservation of their new investments. Instructors and advisors are operating all of Egypt's armed forces. Egypt's king is shouting increasingly louder and seemingly more confident threats that point to imminent open aggression. It could happen any minute.

Jordan's terrorists have stepped up their raids killing innocent women and children, or civilian farmers. Retaliation by Israeli raiders is taking its toll, but the frustrations of the sneaky Arab infiltrators, who for the first time are meeting their masters at their own tactics, can result only in hastening the hour for the all-out showdown.

One observation we make in passing, on this point, is the coordination of the Arabs in the concentration of attacks. When an outbreak occurs across the Jordan, almost simultaneously a bombardment commences across the Suez. This can mean only that the Russians are directing each maneuver, heretofore carried on independently, and is proof of the seriousness of immediate future expectations.

Within the past few days, de Gaulle's France has not only reneged on shipment of planes ordered and payed for by Israel, but has added insult to injury by sending the self-same aircraft to the Arabs. All the nonsense about the French excuse for its actions is to keep peace in the Middle East is just that, nonsense. France is out-and-out Communist and as such, is 100 per cent behind the Red-controlled Arabs.

Lastly, the administration running the United States, in its asserted efforts to keep status quo in the Middle East, is running into obstacles. Americans are realizing the State Department appears to be bending a trifle hard in favor of the Arabs, dominated by the Russians, and the objections are coming in stronger. The resignation of Arthur Goldberg as Ambassador to the United Nations is significant.

Whereas the resolution of the U. N. last month, condemning Israel was unanimous with Goldberg acting under orders, the current resolution on Israel's parades on 20th Anniversary was made with U. S. abstaining. Regardless of any public reasons given by Goldberg for resigning, it is obvious that Goldberg, an American through and through, refused to continue under orders in an organization that has become Commy-controlled and is no

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### Editorial

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hope, lay in the combined Jewish Appeal. Through the CJA, American Jews augmented the help that Israel's taxpayers gave to the penniless immigrants whom they had welcomed to their shores as brothers and future Israeli citizens. The ratio of relief was two to one -- two dollars from the Israelis to every dollar from Americans -- but the CJA was working steadily toward shaping that ratio more proportionately to the wherewithal.

Then came the Six Day War. Israel's swift victory in June filled Jews everywhere with pride in "Eretz Yisroel," but it cost Israel hundreds of millions of dollars. And there was suffering. Most of all, a half-a-million immigrants who were still in the process of being absorbed into their new way of life -- they suffered. The ones who should have been the last to suffer, because they had only recently fled to safety from deprivation and persecution elsewhere in the world -- they suffered, because war is costly and there was no money in Israel's still to help them.

And so the CJA mounted its great Emergency Fund campaign in behalf of Israel's people and Jews -- and non-Jews -- responded magnificently.

But that was in June. Unfortunately, the emergency is by no means over. Israel won the war, but while the peace is being debated at an unendurable pace, the needs go on. The heroes return from victory and many have no jobs to return to. Unemployment has become more widespread...the hunger goes on...the needs of the old people and the sick...of the children...all the humanitarian needs go on.

By the same token, and because the needs are too great to be circumscribed by any goal, the Emergency Fund drive must go on too. Anything less is unimaginable to Jewish minds and hearts. The CJA must be assisted to raise more funds -- substantial funds -- for the Israeli people and for Jews in need in 30 other countries.

Our community has a splendid record of past support to the combined Jewish Appeal. This is no time in history to change it.

Be sure to attend the Combined Jewish Appeal Victory Dinner, May 9 at Caesars Palace, and when you decide the amount of your donation, add a little more.

Because the emergency in Israel is far from over!

### Generation of Tears

By Ben Levene

(Ben Levene, a Senior at Yeshiva University, writes out of his experiences in Israel last Spring and Summer.)

I was seated on a couch in Orley Airport in Paris en route to Israel as a volunteer in the impending crisis. Upon arrival in France we had learned that fighting had broken out between Arab and Jew. We were informed of a six-hour delay, at a minimum, and were huddled together in the airport lounge to hear the latest bulletins on the situation. I soon noticed a lonely middle-aged man, a deep scar on his left cheek, weeping profusely. Believing myself able to be of some assistance, I walked over to the man and sat down in the chair next to his.

"Can I get you something, -- a glass of water perhaps?" I asked, handing him a tissue.

"No, no thank you," he answered between sobs, "I'll be okay."

I sat in quiet for a few moments and suddenly the man

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began to speak, not to me but rather to someone much much further away.

"Ah! how wonderful was life once in Poland. Father and I were up at four each morning working in the snow deep mountains of Slotsk. We did not have much -- no -- and yet we had everything. A piece of hard black bread for dinner was a feast a King could not enjoy. There was nothing about which to complain. When I was brought a wife by the matchmaker of Slotsk, we moved into a shanty, making my happiness indescribable. We set up house solely on our devotion to one another. In due time my wife bore me a son -- Yitzchak -- and I cared for him as a jeweler his gems; my family grew to two boys and a girl, and I thanked God for his multitude of blessings.

"And then -- Ay Ribono Shel Olam -- Hitler, may his name be erased, rose to power. Ay vey vey vey -- how my heart aches each time I recall that cursed day. I placed my family on the train I believed would take them to safety. How was I to know -- dear God -- oh why was it not me instead?

"Can you explain to me, Almighty God, why I should have been spared. I have missed praying quite a number of times, and I have overlooked a fast day here and there.

"And then in '47 I came to Israel, -- 'a new start,' they said. 'How can it be?' I asked.

"Time went on and though the former anguish tormented my soul, I carried on. I remarried, a girl who too had experienced Hitler's madness. I once again heard the cries of childbirth. When my sons came of age I again led them to the train, but this time to defend themselves as fighters for Israel.

"Two months ago I received news that a brother I had not seen for over twenty years was living in America. 'Abba,' my children said, 'go see him. All will be well; you have nothing to fear' Why did I leave? Why Ribono Shel Olam? When war seemed inevitable I booked a plane ticket for immediate return. Now I sit in a Paris airport while once again my wife and children face imminent death. Oy Got! Why must I be punished so!"

We arrived in Israel the second day of the war amidst a total blackout and attending confusion. I did not have the opportunity to say goodbye to this gentleman, and though I knew I would not forget his tears, I despaired of ever seeing him again.

I was standing on the road to Haifa waiting for a hitch. I had worked for two months on a Kibbutz and now as the young men were returning home from the Army I was given a few days off for touring the country. As I stood waiting, an Army truck full of young men singing 'Yerushalayim Shel Zahav' rolled by and stopped for me. The boys told me they were returning home for the first time since the war had broken out. One boy in particular -- a handsome youth of about eighteen -- was extremely friendly. He asked my many questions about America and then invited me to his home. I did not want to intrude, but when he insisted, I agreed to spend an evening with him. As the truck pulled near his home his mother came running out with his father at her heels. At once I recognized him. The tears were rolling down his cheeks, but now he was no longer alone.