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faiths is one in which Americans take great pride. In the struggle for human liberty and human rights in which we are now engaged, the military chaplain stands forth sharply as a living symbol of those principles and qualities which differentiate our world of freedom from the world of tyranny."

President Eisenhower hailed the Jewish Community Center movement on the occasion of its centennial in 1953, declaring: "The century of significant human service the Jewish Community Center has rendered makes it an asset of rare worth to the life and developing civilization of our America. It is good to know that there are close to 350 of these Jewish Community Centers -- and YMHAs, as they are also known -- functioning so effectively in hundreds of our communities throughout the land."

"I should also like to recognize once again the work of the National Jewish Welfare Board," President Eisenhower added, "for it is this organization which is the national association of Centers and Ys. The National Jewish Welfare Board has for many years given direction and guidance, skilled and heartening aid to these Centers. The Jewish Community Center has infused the ordinary lives of an uncounted number of people -- ranging in age from the preschool child to the senior citizen -- with purpose, cheer, creative self-awareness,



UPON BEING APPOINTED CHIEF OF STAFF IN 1945, GENERAL DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER RECEIVED THIS DELEGATION FROM THE NATIONAL JEWISH WELFARE BOARD COMMISSION ON JEWISH CHAPLAINCY, THE HISTORIC MEETING, WHICH SYMBOLIZES EISENHOWER'S INTEREST OVER THE YEARS IN JWB'S SERVICES TO THE JEWISH MILITARY WAS ATTENDED BY (LEFT TO RIGHT) CHAPLAIN HENRY TAVEL; LATE RABBI BARNETT BRICKNER, CHAIRMAN OF THE CHAPLAINCY COMMISSION'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; RABBI DAVID DE SOLA POOL, CHAIRMAN; RABBI LOUIS LEVITSKY; RABBI PHILIP BERNSTEIN, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED TO HIS PULPIT AFTER SERVING AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CHAPLAINCY COMMISSION; RABBI JOSEPH LOOKSTEIN; RABBI SOLOMON FREEHOF, AND RABBI ARYEH LEV, WHO HAD JUST LEFT ACTIVE CHAPLAINCY DUTY TO BECOME THE NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CHAPLAINCY COMMISSION.

and lively meaning. For this dedicated work, the Jewish Community Centers and YMHAs of America deserve the gratitude of millions."

On the occasion of the 1956, 1958 and 1960 biennial conventions of JWB, President Eisenhower paid tribute to JWB for its continuing efforts in promoting good citizenship, fostering the Jewish Community Center movement in the United States and other countries of the free world, and meeting

the needs of men and women in the U. S. Armed Forces at home and abroad.

In proclaiming USO month in April 1956, he cited the USO as "The partner of our military establishment in war and peace, assuring the finest of home and community influences for men and women in service around the world." JWB is a member agency of USO.

JWB is the national Association of Jewish Community Centers and YM-YWHAs. It

is also the government-credited agency for serving the religious, morale and welfare needs of Jewish personnel in the Armed Forces and in Veterans Administration hospitals.

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PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
By DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN
(Chairman, Jewish Agency for Israel-American Section)
General Eisenhower, both as President and as Commander-in-chief of the Allied Forces, was always a man of great humanitarian impulses. His friendly intercession in behalf of the survivors of the Holocaust and his cooperation with many of the refugees in their desire to emigrate to Palestine, contributed to the upbuilding of what is now Israel. He also helped open the doors to those survivors of Nazi terrorism that sought to come to the U. S. As president, he was keenly aware of Israel's need for American help and the necessity of maintaining free access for its shipping in the Gulf of Aqaba and the Straits of Tiran. He was a man of dignity and good will, a man whose passing is sadly lamented by both American Jewry and the people of Israel.

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receiving the first "America's Democratic Legacy Award" from the Anti-Defamation League for his leadership "in the great crusade to bring about the elimination of Nazi tyranny over the oppressed peoples of Europe."

Dr. William A. Wexler, president of B'nai B'rith, in a statement this week, recalled the former President's achievements, adding:

"He will remain enshrined in Jewish hearts as liberator of the remnants of the holocaust."

In September 1959, Gen. Eisenhower was awarded the B'nai B'rith President's Medal for his "positive efforts for peace on freedom's terms -- peace with justice and dignity."

The award was conferred by Label A. Katz, then president of the organization, in a ceremony at the White House.

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