

## From Jewish Chaplains in Vietnam

### MESSAGE TO AMERICAN JEWRY

Following is the text of the Jewish New Year greeting to the American Jewish community from the four Jewish chaplains in Vietnam -- Ira A. Bader, Howard Shapiro, Glen M. Stengel and Harold Wasserman. The message, which was sent to the Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy of the National Jewish Welfare Board (JWB), offers a prayer for peace and tranquility in this troubled world and expresses deepest gratitude in the name of all the Jewish personnel in Vietnam for religious and morale services provided them by the American Jewish community through JWB. The Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy is made up of the representatives of the three major rabbinic bodies: Central Conference of American Rabbis (Reform), the Rabbinical Assembly (Conservative) and the Rabbinical Council of America (Orthodox).

SAIGON, VIETNAM -- We the Jewish Chaplains, in the name of all the Jewish personnel serving in Vietnam, wish to extend our sincerest High Holy Day greetings.

We are very grateful for the opportunity afforded us by this season to express our deepest gratitude to those who have dedicated themselves to maintaining a bond between the American Jewish Community and the Jewish servicemen throughout the most remote areas of the world. We are especially thankful to the National Jewish Welfare Board and its Women's Organizations' Services for consistently meeting the spiritual and moral needs of our Jewish personnel, thereby assisting them to retain their high morale and the firm convictions of their faith. We are equally grateful to the Jewish Federations, welfare funds and the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York for their heartfelt concern expressed in virtually every Jewish community for our men 13,000 miles from home. This means even more to us than the Mezuzahs, Chanukah Menorahs or Passover candies. Many we also thank our most altruistic friends, those too numerous to mention individuals, who have given so cheerfully to servicemen they have never met.

Serving in Vietnam is not an easy or pleasant assignment. At times we find it very difficult to comprehend God's design, but we will never falter in our belief and trust in His wisdom and benevolence. As the Great Shofar is sounded and but a still small voice is heard, we join with you in prayer to the Almighty that this still

small voice will wax louder and stronger to bring about a reunion with our families in the near future. We will constantly beseech the Almighty to grant all mankind a true peace and bring tranquility to this troubled world.

May you all be inscribed and sealed in the book of life for a year of health and happiness. Lishanah Tovah Tikasevu.

(Signed)

IRA A. BADER, HOWARD SHAPIRO, GLENN M. STENGEL,  
HAROLD WASSERMAN



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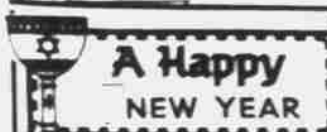


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