

NEW YEAR FEATURE ...
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have yearned and prayed. Soviet Jewry is imprisoned and is being suffocated culturally and religiously. Here in America we appear to be physically safe although our history has taught us that when there are economic crises and social upheavals our security cannot be taken for granted. Our youth - for the most part - is confused and still fights the Jewish Establishment whether it is the synagogue or the type of Jewish loyalty which expresses itself solely through the checkbook or through an endless series of drives and campaigns. We have failed in our educational process to make our young people see value and meaning in Jewish cultural and spiritual expression as well as in the absolute need for "the campaign" against which they inveigh. Surely, mystical religions and drugs are also obviously not giving them the answer they seek.

It is in this atmosphere of "anxiety" that we approach Rosh Hashanah - a New Year. It would be treachery to assume a foolishly optimistic posture, and sink into a form of lethargy in which we all sit back and are content to wait and muddle through. The days ahead may be trying for all men in spite of the hopeful signs relating to American - Soviet - Chinese relationships. Peace is coming to Vietnam but the postwar period promises no absolute panaceas. The Middle East lives from day to day under the shadow of a tenuous cease fire arrangement, even though Israel certainly prefers such a situation to all out warfare. We Jews face the same problems all human beings face, but we stare in sharp focus at a challenge which is ours and ours alone. What do we want the Jewish community to become in this coming year? Shall we continue to be content with the dribs and drabs of concern we have heretofore exhibited in the area of Jewish education? Shall the Jewish youth on college campuses be permitted to spread the miasma of self hate and indifference without some planned and coordinated dialogue regarding Jewish values?

What is needed is a dynamic move! It is the "reconstitution" of the Jewish people! What is passionately required is a conference embracing all religious, cultural, philanthropic movements on the American scene. We advocate more than another shmoos or rap session. We must ask, "What has our history taught us? What makes us a separate group entitled to positive survival? What must again become the



FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS, A NUMBER OF JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTERS AND YMWYHAs AFFILIATED WITH THE NATIONAL JEWISH WELFARE BOARD CONDUCT SHOFAR-MAKING PROJECTS IN WHICH YOUNG MEMBERS MAKE SHOFARS FROM RAW RAMS' HORNS AND THEN BLOW THEM FOR JEWISH HOSPITALIZED PATIENTS AND SHUT-INS. HERE STEPHEN CHICK, MEMBER OF THE ALBANY, N.Y., JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER, IS TAUGHT HOW TO BLOW HIS SHOFAR BY RABBI EPHRAIM ZIMAND.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Israel's Black Panthers, a group formed to protest Israeli poverty conditions, announced that it would go underground in face of what they called a government intention "to liquidate" them.

REHOVOT (WNS)--Weitzman Institute announced the appointment of Professor David Samuel as the new dean of the Chemistry Faculty, succeeding Prof. Gerhard Schmidt who died last month.

unique role of the House of Israel?" All our resources must be poured into a joint program which will re-emphasize our historical commitment as a spiritual and moral force in society. The world needs to return to sanity and become an "Agudah Ahat," a "united band," as the High Holyday prayer stresses. It is now or never for the Jew and for all human beings. It calls for the strengthening of Jewish values - a love of Jewish culture - a return to the beauties of home life - a respect for Torah and all that it implies in knowledge and experience. It demands a move away from aimlessness to meaningfulness. The Jew must commit himself to all this not only for his own sake, but for the sake of mankind. It is nothing short of what the holyday message and the Shofar call symbolizes - establishing "the Kingdom of God" on earth.



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