

# New Year Message

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The year that has just passed was a year without war. After the last four years we can only feel profoundest gratitude for this. There has been virtually no loss of life among us or our opponents on all the fronts of our besieged land, and a quiet unknown throughout the four years has reigned on both sides of the canal. In day by day life, as well, we have seen the gratifying development of closer ties among peoples and races.

Nevertheless, this has, at the same time, been a year without peace. The best of our youth has still had to live in army conditions. The greatest part of our budget has still been devoted to the requirements of security and cannot yet be spent, as we would wish, to satisfy the pressing needs of all the sectors of our population. Incitement against us still rages. Even though the year saw the growth of dissension among the Arab governments and it was one of them which inflicted unprecedented losses on the terrorist groups, the eyes of the Arab states have not yet been opened to the overriding need for a true peace with us, peace which Israel so ardently desires. Soviet involvement in the life of the Middle East continually increases, each new step making the prospects of peace even more distant. At the same time all the efforts at mediation carried on by our friends throughout the year have not yet borne fruit.

We are still in the very midst of our striving for peace. And it is still a unilateral striving, not matched by genuine movement forward on the other side. The nays of Khartoum have been reasserted at the recent meeting of the three allied Arab rulers. The threat of

reopened hostilities hangs over our heads, proclaimed and re-proclaimed as it is by the President of Egypt. It makes vigilance on our part no less pressing than in the gravest days.

Throughout the dispersion our people continues to give evidence of its devotion, both in generous aid and in aliya. Surging waves of aliya have not ceased to make their way here, at one and the same time from countries of affluence and countries of distress. In astonishment and awe we hear pleas for aliya rising up in places where the very thought is fraught with danger. Tidings of aliya from there reach far and wide and each newcomer is a source of blessing. "In the days to come," we believe with strongest faith, "Jacob shall take root."

The year just past has indeed been an unbroken demonstration of the unity of our scattered people. Jewish communities everywhere have been moved to rage and to a sense of identification with the captive, wretched remnant in Iraq so brutally mistreated by that country's rulers.

And the muffled outcry of the Jews of silence has stirred the pride and conscience of their fellow-Jews in far-off countries. The basic Jewish principle that "all Israel are responsible for each other" has been expressed this year in the Zionist enrollment campaign and, more than that, has left its imprint indelibly upon all the life of world Jewry, which through so many agencies and avenues has reached unprecedented heights in philanthropic giving. This has been in many ways a year of summit in the moulding of our people's unity.

Everywhere in the land we have been witness to intense building activity, but even this has proved inadequate. Homes have had to be prepared for the continuing and growing aliya and not always have there been a sufficient number. At the same time there has not always been a satisfactory solution for the housing needs resulting from inner immigration par-

ticularly in large families, and the resulting strain and tension have sometimes found distorted and unfamiliar ways of expression. So, too, there has been no narrowing but rather widening in the economic gap between the large numbers of the undernourished and the individuals who have grown too easily. "Give me neither poverty nor riches," said the wisest of men. We have been afflicted by both: by debasing poverty, mother of sins, and by deforming wealth that leads to corruption and lack of restraint. Against both of these we will have to struggle systematically, wisely, with a sense of communal responsibility.

It is good that this past year has been one of Jewish spiritual awakening both in Israel and in the Diaspora, both among youth and among the mature. There are new beginnings which must be fostered with educational skill, devotion and talent.

In the year before us let the challenge of great new efforts be directed not only to government and institutions but to each citizen among us. Absorption of immigration must not be the task only of those officially responsible for it: it is theirs first and foremost, but not theirs alone - each one of us must help with all his heart and strength. Economic retrenchment must be practised not only by institutions and government but first and foremost by every household within the limits of its capacity. In our gratitude for being spared great sacrifice of life, let us not be slow to sacrifice waste and luxury.

With dangers still threatening, let us continue to carry out the obligations imperative in years of danger.

Surely the Guardian of Israel will not remove His grace from us and will preserve us from all evil.

May we be inscribed and sealed for a Good New Year, for Life and Peace...

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