

# A Struggle Won. A Dream Fulfilled

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At the very beginning of the Haggadah we read "Let anyone who is hungry come in and eat; let anyone who is needy come in and make Passover."

From its earliest days during World War I, the Joint Distribution Committee has participated practically and symbolically in the Passover seders of hundreds of thousands of Jews around the world.

In those countries where Passover supplies, for one reason or another, are not available JDC has shipped the needed provisions to enable the local Jewish communities to observe the Passover holidays.

In those countries where Passover supplies are available locally, the JDC has issued special grants to enable the needy to obtain the necessary matzos and other Passover supplies. "This year we are here; next year we shall

be in the land of Israel," we continue to read. For tens of thousands the year is now. They are in Israel. For them it is a struggle won, a dream fulfilled.

Additional tens of thousands are sustained by the hope that they, too, will be in the land of Israel next year. "This year we are slaves," the Haggadah states, "next year we shall be free men."

We of the Joint Distribution Committee and our sister organizations financed by the campaigns of the United Jewish Appeal will continue to aid these and other needy Jews in Israel, in North Africa, Europe and other countries. We will provide for their health and welfare needs, their vocational and educational needs, and above all, we will continue to help them to live as Jews.

As we continue through the Haggadah and recount the story of the first exodus of our people from Egypt, our thoughts will go inevitably and inexorably to our fellow Jews reciting the same story under varying conditions of adversity in lands across the sea. And as they recite the saga of Jewish liberation from slavery in Egypt, they will just as inevitably think of us who gave them not only sustenance but also hope.

## Passover Message

By Herman L. Weisman

(President of Zionist Organization of America)

"Passover is the festival of Jewish liberation. It celebrates a Biblical exodus which, for thirty-two centuries, has been the inspirational touchstone of Jewish efforts to realize freedom from oppression and a life of independence and dignity.

"In this Passover season, it is timely and appropriate to evince Jewish consciousness of a new exodus, spiritual and actual. The setting is different: commissars have supplanted pharaohs; slavery is of the spirit, not always the body. But the desire for freedom -- a freedom of total Jewish identity, unthreatened and unrestricted, in a Jewish state -- burns as brightly as in Moses' time.

"The realities of contemporary conditions demand a twofold recommitment among American Jewry: to foster an acceleration and increase of aliya from America, and to continue unabated our protests in behalf of Soviet Jewry until every Jew who seeks to live in Israel, is in Israel.

"In addition, we must intensify our activities on all fronts -- philanthropic and political -- to assist Israel in resettling her newest citizens and in all other practical ways.

"The pursuit of these goals, under the Zionist banner, will assure the survival of the Jewish people in their ancestral homeland and throughout the Diaspora."

WALTHAM, MASS.--Arthur Berger, the Irving Fine Professor of Music at Brandeis and a faculty member since 1953, is one of 13 prominent Americans recently voted into the 250-member Institute.

NEW YORK (WNS)--To enable Jewish communities to celebrate Passover properly, the Joint Distribution Committee has shipped more than 607,500 pounds of matzoh and matzo meal and 21,700 bottles of Passover wine to Europe and North Africa.

NEW YORK (WNS)--Jacques Torczyner, a member of the World Zionist Organization and a former president of the Zionist Organization of America, has resigned as a member of the National Board of the American Zionist Federation.

TEL AVIV (WNS)--Two Soviet MIG-23s (Foxbats), the world's fastest, highest flying combat aircraft (80,000 ft.) made a nine-minute over-flight of Israeli-held Sinai photographing roads and other strategic Israeli emplacements.

UNITED NATIONS (WNS)--The 4,000 Jews of Syria are "prisoners of the (Syrian) State," Jacob Doron, Israeli Deputy Ambassador told the United Nations Commission on Human Rights. Doron said the Syrian Jews were "being discriminated against in the most drastic and cruel manner for no other reason but that they are Jews."

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