

### ROSH HASHANA FEATURE

IN HONOR OF ROSH HASHANA, JEWISH NEW YEAR OF 5735, THE LAS VEGAS ISRAELITE WILL PUBLISH A SERIES OF STORIES TO COMMEMORATE THE HOLIDAY WHICH FALLS ON THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF THE MONTH OF TISHRI, TUES., SEPT. 17 AND WED., SEPT. 18. YOM KIPPUR IS THURS., SEPT. 26.

### Jews "Down Under"

By Charlotte Jacobson  
Chairman World Zionist Org., Amer. Section

I have recently returned from a month long tour which took me to the major cities of Australia. The Jews there -- all 70,000 of them -- have had a shock and their community

life will never be the same. Traditionally supporters of the Labor Party, the Jews of Australia were shaken when the Prime Minister, Laborite Gough Whitlam, embarked upon a course calculated to make Australia the leader of the Far Eastern bloc, or of the Third World -- a course which has led him to an anti-American and anti-Israel stance. One straw in the wind was his suspension of negotiations between El Al and Qantas, the Australian airline. He was even more direct at a meeting with about 100 Jewish leaders, all long-time supporters of Labor, whom he hurt deeply by saying "you people are never satisfied."

In the recent elections, some two-thirds of the Jewish vote went to the Liberal Party nominee, Bill Snedden, who has not been vocal at all on the Israel issue. Whitlam was able to win most of the newly-enfranchised youth by promising increased budgetary allocations for education and other youth programs.

Many Australian Jews have close ties to Israel, with relatives living there and about 500 making aliyah annually. Because of these ties, the Jews of Australia were able to raise an additional \$13 million in the wake of the Yom Kippur War, over and above the regular campaign income of \$3 million, and they are determined to maintain this level of giving even though their contributions are not tax-deductible.

There are about one thousand Israelis living in Australia, and about two hundred thousand people of Arab descent, half from Lebanon, who supported Whitlam in his campaign for reelection not only with significant funds but with a reelection campaign of their own.

Unfortunately, the Jewish community of Australia is not geared to political activity, since there has not been any need for it in the past, Australian policy having always been strongly pro-Israel. As a result of the new direction taken by the Whitlam government, however, the Jews of Australia have had to take a new look at themselves and their organizational structure and are beginning to plan for such activity in the future.

During the Maalot crisis, for example, the adult Jewish community was completely immobilized except for memorial services in the synagogues; it was only the students who were flexible enough to be able to go into action and conducted memorial meetings on campus for the Maalot victims. They had also succeeded, after tremendous effort, in blocking an earlier pro-Arab resolution that was being lobbied for among the university students.

Despite a certain amount of rivalry between the Jews of Melbourne, with a predominantly East-European background, and the Jews of Sydney, most of whom are from England, South Africa, or are native Australians, local Jewish institutions flourish, and the United Israel Appeal; the Jewish National Fund, WIZO and B'nai B'rith are very active.

I was particularly pleased with the opportunity the tour gave me to brief Australian Jewish leadership on activities of Jewish organizations in the United States whose approach can provide guidelines.



**greetings  
in honor of  
New Year**

*Mr. & Mrs. Carl Cohen*

**Happy New Year**



**MEL & JUDY GOLDEN**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

*to our Friends*

**MR. & MRS. MILTON FRANK**

**Happy New Year**



**NICK KELLY**

**New Year  
Greetings**



**MIRIAM & AL KIRSCHNER**

**We Are Pleased To  
Extend Cordial Greetings  
To The Entire Community**



**MR. & MRS. MARV KARNOFSKY**

**happy New Year**





**DONALD & REMA GEE**

**happy New Year**



**Mr. & Mrs. Israel Perlmutter  
and Family**

**Happy New Year**



**Kay Wallerstein**

**Happy  
New Year**



**Dr. & Mrs. Sol. T. DeLee**

**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR**



**Real Estate MAJ. SYDNEY H. KAYE**

**Happy New Year**





**MR. & MRS. HARRY LEVY**

**Happy New  
Year**



**IRVING & ESTHER CORBEN**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR  
To The Jewish Community**



**MR. & MRS. SID BARATZ**