## 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.

## One New Year Later

By Robert E. Segal

The Yom Kippur War! If ever humankind has known a paradox locked into four haunting words, it resides in that term. And in the year following the origin of the war which burst upon the world as a stunning and destructive surprise, it is quite possible that the Arab assailants have made their heaviest

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The Yom Kippur War! Each of us preparing to put his mental, moral, spiritual, and physical house in order now for the New Year, will be recalling the audacity of the attacks upon a nation at prayer a year ago. Well organized and skilfully drilled, the Egyptians crossed the Suez Canal and moved with speed into the Sinai. Equally well mobilized, the Syrians thrust on to the Golan area to seize battle-scarred land the Israelis had taken in 1967 for the protection of a vulnerable populace.

The Yom Kippur War of 1973 struck when Israel's defensive units were practicing the meaning of the Day of Atonement. By hallowed tradition they were beseeching the Almighty for forgiveness of sins. Beyond that, they were dwelling lovingly on solemn vows and asking for peace to be close to their maker. They sought "At-Onement;" and their relentless foes shattered that holy and innocent exercise.

A New Year's season later, all who hunger for peace have reason to be encouraged by the agreements achieved thus far by Secretary Kissinger and others feverishly working to stretch a miraculously-won and tentative cease-fire into an honorable era of boundary fixing and assurance of actual peace.

If things go well at Geneva in a few weeks, the new hope can be refreshed and expanded. But what of the temptations of those who assemble in the name of peace to generate new schemes for devastation? With the politics of Oil --- its uneven flow, its potential as a new and effective weapon of war --- now favoring their cause, the Arab states can, if they desire, make the terms for peace unacceptable to Israel. Nor is it oil wealth alone that gives strength to the Arab negotiating position. Americans, the French, the Germans, and surely the Russians are madly courting the Arabs for trade benefits. Nor dare we forget that the Yom Kippur War marked for the Arabs the end of a long season as underdogs. More powerful weapons and greater dexterity in handling them are on their side.

In the peace discussions now shaping up, we may be sure, as we gather together to greet the New Year, that Israel's leaders will be prepared to make territorial and other concessions. These past few weeks, talks of new approaches to the Palestinian problem has been extensive. Jews are no strangers to the art of negotiation and compromise for the sake of peace.

Through the ages, we have heard the prayers for an end to conflict. In modern times, this appeal was put well by President Kennedy: "Mankind must put an end to war or war will put an end to mankind." With knowledge spreading that some 24 nations are in position to acquire atomic weapons within a few years, Kennedy's words cannot be too heavily under-

scored.

And millenia before scientists put into the hands of clever men the means of destroying the world, Isaiah and Micah pointed the way to peace -- pointed to the time when nations would neither lift up the sword against adversaries nor learn war anymore.

This prophecy we shall be poignantly aware of in the New Year season even though past, harsh experience shall remind us also to recall the Psalm wherein it is written: "I am for peace; but when I speak, they are for war."

MONTREAL (WNS) -- The Israel Bond Organization will mark the first anniversary of the Yom Kippur War with an intensive 10-day campaign aimed at enlisting the widest number of purchasers of Israel Bonds.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Worshippers at Safad synagogues have been asked to carry their weapons with them to Rosh Hashana services in case of terrorist attacks.

VIENNA (WNS) -- Vienna Mayor Leopold Gratz has promised to relocate a transit camp for Soviet Jewish emigrants from a densely populated area.





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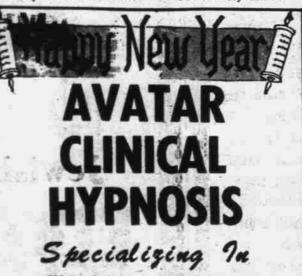
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