

### Rash Hashanah Message

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The New Year that we usher in with fresh hope coincides with the Bicentennial of the American Revolution. This is an event of special meaning to us, since the Centennial of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion will run concurrently with the nation's Bicentennial.

Thus, it is appropriate to re-examine our role as American Jews in the year to come with respect to the survival of Israel

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and to our role as Reform Jews.

The preceding year has been generally one of lessening crises at home, even though racial struggle, urban blight, and poverty and deprivation in the midst of plenty have not disappeared. However, Israel remains as threatened as ever before. This is then the time when Jews must be most vigilant and bring to bear their capacities for social activism, as well as their yearning for peace.

We are spiritual descendants of the Prophets, and as such must strive to abolish human oppression in all its insidious forms; war and its attendant evils; injustices perpetrated

by one nation against another. And we must insure the survival of our people.

In the coming year of 5736 it is our task as Jews to promote truth among men; to strengthen the pursuit of justice; to establish a mutual relationship of rights, duties and obligations, and to nurture a genuine compassion and concern for the destiny of all men.

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