New Year Message

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We join with Jews throughout the world at the beginning of the religious New Year 5736 in the prayerful hope that Israel will soon achieve a negotiated military disengagement and an interim agreement in the Sinai, and that the coming year will bring progress toward a just peace and the reconciliation of Israel's neighbors with her.

This solemn season of the High Holy Days



turns our thoughts also to fellow Jews in the Soviet Union, Syria, Rumania and other lands as we offer fervent prayers that they and others will be permitted religious and cultural freedom, with the right to emigrate without penalty, if they so desire.

As we enter the period of the Days of Awe, which is a time of reflection on one's personal and societal conduct, let us respond to the Shofar's call to conscience by seeking spiritual renewal and striving for social justice on behalf of all humanity.

Judaism believes and prays for the coming a time when there will be understanding and good will among men, women and children of every nation, creed and race so that all will live in harmonious development. Toward this end, we strive to translate the ethical principles of our faith into meaningful action.

The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, whose program serves Jewish and humanitarian causes, includes more than 100,000 Jewish women in 630 Sisterhoods throughout the United States and in cities of Canada and 13 other countries of the United Nations. NFTS is engaged in a diversified program which includes service to local synagogues and communities: work on behalf of the blind; religious and family education; intergroup relations; projects of social justice; support for Israel and Soviet Jewry; youth activities; rabbinic student aid, service to the elderly; and efforts to improve international understanding.

NFTS is the women's agency of the Union

of American Hebrew Congregations, the central organization of Reform Judaism in America, and is affiliated with the World Union for Progressive

Rosh Hashana Message

BY RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER PRES. UNION OF AMER, HEBREW CONG.

As we face the advent of a New Year, with its hopes and burdens, trials and joys, it seems to me that all Americans, and American Jews especially, must not lose sight of three essential, practical and moral steps that need to be taken at once.

The first is to urge a universal and uncon-

ditional amnesty for all Americans who chose flight over a war which most citizens feel was a stupendous blunder. With one stroke, the President can restore sons to their families and

start to purge the deep anger that lingers in the hearts of many young people.

Simultaneously, we must take the second step; to appeal to our constituents and fellow Americans in all 50 states to take part in the resettlement of the 130,000 Vietnam refugees who have flocked to our protection. These refugees must have sponsors, and sponsorship means moral responsibility -- never an easy or light undertaking.

Thirdly, we must not and shall not forget our brethren in Israel who have been backed into a very grim corner. No one knows if there a very grim corner. No one knows if there will be another explosion. God knows that the people of Israel are sick of war. They have peaceful work to do, and they are weary of the endless, pointless bloodletting and the terrible, wasteful drain. All that we here can do is agonize with them, support them, sustain their morale and pray with them that one day soon they will be granted the blessing of peace.

That is the burning, urgent message for the year of 5736 -- lasting, enduring peace with dignity and honor for all who crave and have died for peace. May their memories sustain us in the hours of our trial and enrich our

crusade toward the brotherhood of man, (The Union of American Hebrew Congrega-tions represents 715 Reform synagogues in the United States and Canada, serving more than 1,1 million members.)

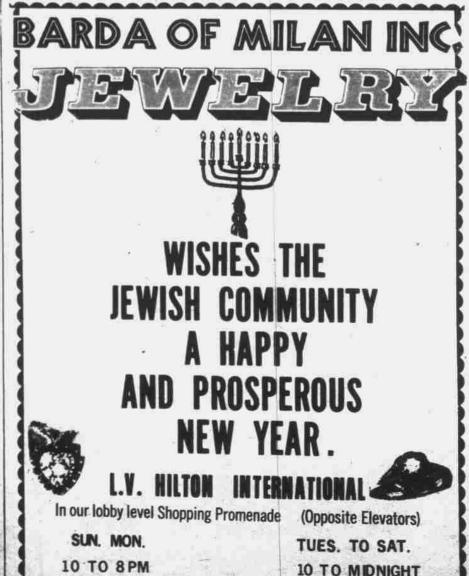
DETROIT (WNS) -- Allegations that the Ford Motor Company plans to stop doing business in Israel has been denied by Henry Ford II, chairman of the company. The denial was chairman of the company. The denial was in the form of a letter delivered to Philip Slomovitz, editor and publisher of The Jewish News, Detroit's Anglo-Jewish weekly, who had questioned the reports published in another

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Jewish emigration from Rumania triplied in June as compared to the previous month, according to Pinhas Sapir, chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization Executives.



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