

Rash Hashanah MessageBy Daniel Rose
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At the Jewish High Holy Days each year it is customary for us to indulge in introspection; and particularly in this year of Bicentennial observance it seems appropriate for us, as Jews and as Americans, to look at ourselves in perspective, to ask ourselves where we have been, where we are and where we are going.

The traumas of the recent past were real, but as they recede in time and become the raw material of history, we learn once again that life goes on and that psychological as well as physical survival require that we seek lessons from the past to apply to the future.

Vietnam, Watergate, the Yom Kippur War of 1973 and the world economic crisis have all left their mark; so, too, have increasing Jewish material well-being and social acceptance, along with pressures toward assimilation, intermarriage and loss of Jewish identity. But perhaps the true significance of these factors will be apparent in the years ahead when time reveals how our lives, our goals and our aspirations have been affected by them.

If ever a generation could be expected to develop a sense of maturity and critical responsibility, it should be ours. A realistic balance between the equally insistent demands of continuity and change, of the individual and society, of the material and the spiritual, must be part of all our thinking. Only then, as Americans, can we strengthen and reaffirm the best of the American tradition.

As Jews in an epoch of "Moonies," Zodiac readers, "Jews for Jesus," transcendental meditators and the like, we must strengthen and reaffirm our commitment to those traditional Jewish values that have lent depth and resonance to the Jewish experience across the ages.

We of the JWB family see the Jewish Community Center, together with the synagogue, the religious school and the local Jewish communal service network, as a mainstay of the ever-renewing, ever-living, ever-vital Hebrew tradition.

We affirm our belief that Jewish life in the

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future will survive acceptance and toleration as tenaciously as it has survived persecution in the past.

We affirm our belief that the "SHARSHERET HAKABALA," the chain of tradition from generation to generation, will outlast defection from within as it has hostility from without, that the glorious Hebrew tradition of messianism will not be dissipated in "new left" or "counter-culture" type movements; nor will the equally glorious Hebrew tradition of love of learning and exposure to general intellectual influences necessarily mean a withering of Jewish identification and loyalties.

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At the High Holy Days of this Bicentennial year, as we look toward the next hundred years of Jewish life in America, we of the JWB family pledge ourselves to the strengthening of our culture and tradition and to the continued enhancement of Jewish life here and everywhere; and we pray that at America's Tricentenary our grandchildren's grandchildren will be as concerned with the continuity of Jewish identification and survival as we are.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- A Lebanese father of eight has been saved by heart surgery at Haifa's Rambam hospital.

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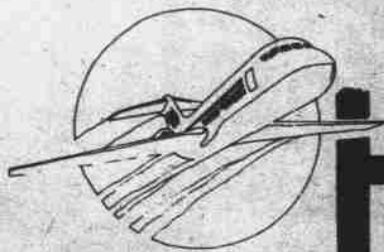
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