

# New Year Message

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With each new year, the advent of Rosh Hashanah and the High Holy Days brings Jews everywhere back to the emotional and historic nerve-center of our very survival -- the Jewish communal family.

We celebrate the Creation, we "choose life," we reflect on the joys and sorrows of the past year, on promises kept and those still unfulfilled -- all within the context of our ancient

communal family traditions.

In North America, our communal family is the Federation, extending its warmth and help and vital humane services to American and Canadians alike, in hundreds of communities served by the Federations and Welfare Funds.

As a family, we feel the pain of the aged and the sick and we respond; as a family, we seek to fight poverty and injustice and to strengthen our Jewishness in the home and the community; as a family, we know that tomorrow's good citizens are children exposed to the riches of Jewish culture and education today.

As one, we celebrate the small and large joys of our people, justly feeling that we played our part in each success.

We rejoice when the dream of Israel and freedom becomes reality for Jews from the Soviet Union and other oppressed lands, and we keep faith with those yet to come. We rejoice in Israel's strength and determination to remain free and strong against all odds.

And, as a family, we are outraged by a single or collective act against us, which offends and threatens our dignity as Jews and free men.

We react as a family to the disgraceful slander from the UN, once the hope of the world for peace and unity among nations. We are outraged by the terrorist attacks against us, where violent men hide behind political banners, bartering human lives, with the protection of foreign dictators.

We react to the drama of Entebbe with pride and sorrow. Overwhelming pride in Israel which showed the world its true grit, honor and daring; we mourn for the fallen leader of the mission, who made the rescue possible, and whose loss is felt within our family.

Remembering Entebbe helps us reaffirm our commitment to ourselves, to each other, to our people and to all people in the year ahead. The collective conscience of the Jews must always be a weapon against all forms of tyranny -- against poverty and loneliness, against discrimination, against lack of education and the disintegration of family life. It must always fight for the enhancement of man's dignity.

When the sound of the Shofar is heard this year, let us dedicate ourselves to the re-birth of the finest ideals of our Jewish heritage and

reach out to help our brothers and the family of man.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- In special ceremonies at the Headquarters of the World Zionist Organization here, the World Council of Synagogues, the umbrella organization of the Conservative movement, joined the WZO.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Saying that the greatest danger to Israel is the large number of young Israelis leaving the country, former Defense Minister Moshe Dayan urged American Jews to replace them in Israel.



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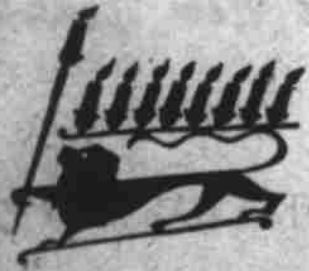
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