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Rosh Hashanah Messa ge

By Dr. Alfred Gottschalf (Pres. Hebrew Union College)

The High Holy Days are a season of re-affirmation of the hopes and principles which have sustained Jews for 6,000 years and which are part of the foundation of Western society. Foremost among these hopes is that all men and women may live in peace, free from the inequities and injustice which breed the hostilities and violence enveloping so much of the world. Nowhere is the hope for peace more deeply felt than in Israel. And nowhere is it more difficult to achieve.

In the effort to find a path to peace, the United States and Israel have a common cause. Yet disagreements over policy and stress in

their relations have appeared. In so difficult and complicated a situation, this is perhaps inevitable. But every Ameri-can citizen and especially every American Jew has a right to expect the governments of both countries to act in such a way as to avoid divisiveness and prevent the bonds between them from becoming frayed. Nothing would please the enemies of freedom and human rights more

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than for tensions to set America and Israel apart.

We hope that in the year to come Israel and all the world will move closer to peace, and that freedom will come to our fellow Jews in the Soviet Union and elsewhere, as well as to other people who are denied it.

New Year Message

By Mrs. Blance Ross

(Pres. N.Y. Assn. for New Americans)

This must be a poignant time of year for the thousands of Jewish newcomers to the United States, and especially for those who arrived from the Soviet Union in time to celebrate Rosh Hashana, They waited so long; they saw the beacon of freedom from so far away. At last to be among their fellow Jews in time to share with them the joy of greeting the year 5738 surely is a symbol of the dream come true.

As in past years, we of NYANA, the New York Association for New Americans, are grati-fied that we have been able to welcome the many thousands of Jewish refugees to New York, to help them find new life, new hope and the oppor-tunity to rediscover their Jewish identity. It is a privilege to express on their behalf as well a privilege to express on their behalf, as well as our own, gratitude and good wishes for the

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coming year to the American Jewish community, which so generously supports our task through the National United Jewish Appeal and the UJA-Federation Joint Campaign in New York. And it is on their behalf that we renew our pledge and our commitment, as the New Year begins, that NYANA will continue to welcome and serve all those who seek help and haven for as long as we are needed.

a greater voice in determining the future of Judaism, President of B'nai B'rith David M. Blumberg, told a news conference that young Jews are looking for "realism in their re-ligion."



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