

JEWIS IN MILITARY TO OBSERVE HIGH HOLY DAYS

NEW YORK -- The high holy days this year will be observed by U.S. Jewish military personnel and their families in such far-flung places as Germany, Greece, Turkey, Italy and the Far East as well as in the U.S., through arrangements made by Jewish chaplains and JWB's Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy.

"There are only 55 full-time Jewish military and Veterans Administration chaplains," says Rabbi Judah Nadich, Commission chairman. "The Commission will help mobilize civilian and reserve rabbis to conduct Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur services at every base where there are Jews."

This year Rosh Hashana will begin at sundown on September 21 and end after sunset September 23. Yom Kippur will begin on the evening of September 30 and end at nightfall the following day.

Both JWB's Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy and JWB's Women's Organizations' Services have sent shipments of prayer books and prayer shawls, yarmulkes, Torah scrolls (ram's horns), Jewish calendars and inspirational literature for use during Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret and Simhat Torah.

Services will run the gamut from large assemblies in base chapels to small gatherings on isolated sites or ships at sea. They will be held in the early snows or freezes of Fairbanks, Alaska, or in the tropical heat of Subic Bay in the Philippines. The first services will take place on Guam, just across the International Date Line, and starting times will follow the sun. Pearl Harbor traditionally has the honor of being the last to finish, its post-Yom Kippur shofar blast signalling the end of the High Holiday period.

"While ambulatory patients generally attend hospital services," Rabbi Nadich notes, "the cassettes are often played over VA hospital networks so that bedridden Jewish patients can participate as well." Jewish chaplains arrange special "break-the-fast suppers for those

patients who fast on Yom Kippur."

Holiday leave policy for Jewish servicemen is traditionally liberal. Those servicemen who can't get home for the holidays are offered home hospitality by local Jewish families. Single men and women are often guests of military families on their bases.

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INCREASE FUNDS TO FIND NAZIS

WASH. (WNS) -- The House has approved increasing from \$1.5 million to \$2.3 million the appropriation for the unit which will investigate and pro-

secute Nazi war criminals living in the United States. The unit was recently moved from the Immigration and Naturalization Service to the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice.

The increased funding for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 was in an amendment proposed by Reps. Elizabeth Holtzman (D. N.Y.) and William Lehman (D. Fla.) Holtzman stressed that the additional money "is necessary to assure that the Nazi investigations unit has adequate funding to complete its cases expeditiously.

Given the number of cases which need investigation, the delays already encountered, and the ages of the suspects and witnesses involved, it is imperative that the office be fully staffed and operational immediately." Lehman noted that more than 200 accused Nazi war criminals have lived

in the U.S. since the end of World War II. "The failure to prosecute them or to take steps to withdraw American citizenship where they have obtained it by fraud and denial of their past record is unworthy of the high human rights ideals of our country," he said.

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WJC PRESIDENT VISITS WITH SADAT

World Jewish Congress president Philip M. Klutznick ended a ten-day visit to Egypt with a private meeting with Anwar Sadat in Alexandria. Following his meeting with the Egyptian President and other high government officials, Mr. Klutznick indicated he was considerably encour-

aged that the peace process was moving forward.

During his visit, Mr. Klutznick met with Jewish community leaders in Cairo and Alexandria, and was escorted through the ancient Ben Ezra and Rambam Synagogues.

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