

A New Year Message

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As concerned human beings, our hearts go out to the many victims of homelessness in our time, who have come to be called "Boat People." In the spirit of compassion deeply rooted in Jewish tradition, we pledge to spare no effort to bring these tossed refugees to secure and safe shores, providing them the opportunity to re-establish their lives and once again enjoy the comforts of a home.

Many Jews are also homeless, separate, adrift. Young and old, they are torn from the anchor of Jewish identity and have removed themselves from the comfort of Jewish security. Would that we could pluck them from the tempestuous sea as soon as we spot them, and bring them back.

Like the Boat People, they wander, from one foreign shore to another, never finding their home port. This is the season of the year when we hoist the rescue sign of Teshuvah, which means not only repentance, but also return. This is the time when we want our fellow Jews who have become spiritual boat people to anchor their lives, once again, in the meaningful experience of Judaism. It is this framework of values and structure of significance that has allowed us to weather the storms and the cur-

rents of the high seas of human history.

We do not ask for our people to return to a cult or to follow a leader. Instead, we ask them to respond, to attach themselves to a conviction and to follow the living tradition of our faith.

We know full well that material comfort and physical acquisitions are not guarantees for inner peace. We are committed to transmitting a vibrant, living heritage of ideas.

We hope that in the coming days, all of our

people will find safety in the harbor of our glorious heritage and realize that Judaism is indeed a living faith, and a faith for the living.

Attention all Senior Citizens -- A Square Dance Class is being offered on Friday evenings at the Senior Citizens Center at 450 E. Bonanza Road, at 7:30 p.m. There is no charge. Promenade right and join up.

HUNGARY MAY RESUME TIES WITH ISRAEL

JERUSALEM (WNS) --

Hungary is considering resuming diplomatic relations with Israel, according to a report from Budapest by an Israeli delegation. The delegation consisted of Mapam's Chayka Grossman and Charlie Biton of Rakah. The delegates said top-ranking Hungarian officials hope to renew ties with Israel, noting that from the time those relations were severed after the Six-Day War, Hungary had never raised any question about Israel's right to exist.

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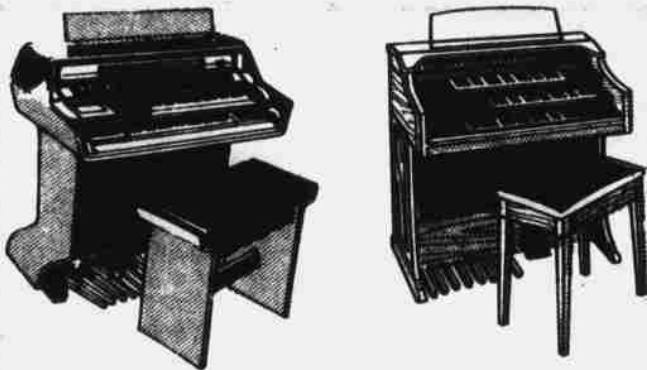
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