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A SPECIAL ROSH HASHANAH INTERVIEW

CARTER REFLECTS ON 5740

(ED. NOTE: Our Israelite White House Correspondent found President Carter in a reflective mood talking about the Jewish New Year.)

WASHINGTON, D.C. "One thing a new year does is to challenge us to take time for introspection. It addresses itself to channel our lives in the coming year in a way that will be more acceptable in the eyes of God, and where our service can be more effective for fellow human beings."

With these words, President Jimmy Carter was reflecting on his personal sentiments and professional goals during a private interview in the Oval Office to mark Rosh Hashanah, 5740.

"What I will do in my service as president is continue to work for world peace as I did in the past year," Carter told me. "My most challenging and exciting and gratifying experience was to bring together the ancient enemies of Egypt and Israel. And with the courage and sensitivity of both Premier Begin and President Sadat, we had some notable successes during the past year -- successes which we certainly didn't anticipate."

"During the coming year, I will aggressively pursue this process -- depending more and more, however, on the personal relationship now evolving between Premier Begin and President Sadat."

Also on Carter's agenda is his unwavering commitment to the issue of human rights. He pointed out that the struggle for human rights is, perhaps, the oldest continuing struggle in human history. "It has gone on for centuries before our time, and it'll go on for long after we shall have left this earth," he said. "It's important that the United States stand before the world committed to such a great moral issue. If America can't stand up publicly for human rights, then what can we stand for?"

The President added that our nation was founded upon our respect for, and belief in, the dignity of the individual. "No government, no society, no civilization, no matter what it may provide in a material sense, can endure without a commitment to this basic principle."

The President said he is deeply concerned about the right of Jews to emigrate from the Soviet Union. He cited the all-time record in the rate of emigration of Jews from Russia. "When I came to office, only 14,000 Jews were leaving that year," he said. "During this year,

50,000 or perhaps more, will leave the Soviet Union."

The President noted that the past year also saw the first exchange of two spies in the U.S. for Soviet citizens, almost all of whom had been severely oppressed, some of them Jews. "I want to continue this demonstration of humane-ness that is involved in the human rights issue," he told me. "And I expect that the next session in Madrid on the Helsinki Accords will be as effective as the one in Belgrade (in 1978) when Arthur Goldberg represented us."

By the end of this month, President Carter will have received the report of the Holocaust Commission, whose members recently returned from a Study Mission in Europe and Israel. Last April, Carter attended a Capitol Rotunda ceremony to commemorate the Holocaust. The year before, on Israel's 30th birthday celebration on the White House South Lawn, before hundreds of invited guests -- including Israeli Premier Menachem Begin -- the President had announced the formation of the 34-member Holocaust Commission. "I want to see our nation equated in the mind and heart of every person with the decent thing, the proper thing, and the humane thing to do," Carter told me in the interview. "These are universal characteristics which I hope to exemplify in my own personal life as well."

Referring to the onset of the New Year, when world Jewry will reaffirm its will for creative survival, the President observed: "I know that despite the historic persecution of Jews, for their religion to have survived so long, is a testimony not only to the moral and ethical soundness of the foundation of Judaism, but also to the tenacity and courage and commitment of individual human beings down through history."

Jimmy Carter was in a meditative mood as he spoke of the approaching High Holy Day period. "My hope for the year 5740," he concluded, "is that my religious beliefs will be strengthened and their implementation in my daily habits and in my public service will be apparent to God and other human beings."

GOP ISSUES MESSAGE

WASH. (WNS) -- Republican Party chairman Bill Brock extended Rosh Hashanah greetings to the Jewish community on behalf of elected and appointed Republican officials throughout the country. He said: "We express our sincere wishes for peace and prosperity in the coming year to the Jewish people in America, in the

State of Israel, and throughout the world. "We send a special New Year's message of solidarity and concern to the Jews of the Soviet Union and other countries of oppression, with our pledge to support their struggle for freedom and basic human rights. L'shana tova takatevu."

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The Jewish Community Relations Council's Task Force on Missionary Activity has warned parents to watch for Christian missionary comic books being distributed to Jewish youth. Dr. Seymour Lachman, Task Force chairman, said that the Spirer Christian Comics feature well-known cartoon characters and subtly suggest that youngsters accept Christianity as their "true religion."

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