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**May The New Year Bring You
 Health and Happiness**

Rosh Hashanah 5742

BY RABBI MARC H. TANENBAUM

"This is the day of the creation of the world. This is the day on which all the creatures of the earth stand under judgement." These are phrases from the mahzor - the Hebrew prayer - book that is used for the services of the Jewish people on Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, which begins at sundown Monday evening, September 28.

The High Holidays of Rosh Hashanah, climaxed by Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, are solemn days that express the universal human need for self - correction, for taking inventory of one's life, and then seeking through fasting and repentance to change one's individual and group existence for the better. More so than perhaps in other years Rosh Hashanah in the year of revelations of corruptions, bigotry, greed and selfishness, makes us highly conscious that the ideas of moral judgment, confession for wrongdoing and determination to change for the better are more than simple religious pieties. These spiritual disciplines are the very pivot of a just and civil society.

The Jewish holy days also underscore how precarious human existence is. "Who shall live and who shall die" are recurring themes in the Jewish prayers and this year they take on compelling meaning. For human life continues to be expendable through nuclear proliferation, oppression and tragic conflicts in Ireland, the Middle East, terrorism of the PLO, Somalia, Argentina, the Soviet Union and elsewhere.

In the face of such widespread human suffering, Rosh Hashana encourages us to do whatever we can to help redeem and heal an anguished world through acts of moral courage, decency, kindness and caring for human lives. May all our readers be inscribed for a good, and above all, a peaceful New Year.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By David Horowitz

A World-Union Press Feature

US-Israel Alliance

UNITED NATIONS (WUP)--The 36th session of the General Assembly opened in a sort of festive mood with Foreign Ministers and Ambassadors within the several blocs exchanging greetings and at the same time indulging in some propaganda on behalf of their favorite pro or anti causes soon to be debated in the seven committees to which the multiple agenda items are allotted. Many of these deal with the Middle East, and the Soviet - Arab - third world blocs stand ready for a repeat 'performance' vis-a-vis Israel.

One thing, however, is certain the United

States under Haig and Kirkpatrick are fully alert for counter - attacks against the onslaughts of the enemies of the Jewish State. A powerful American presence will be felt at this session.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin's meetings with President Reagan and his aides have confirmed what this writer has stated on numerous occasions, namely, come what may, and no matter what differences, in any Mideast showdown America will stand by Israel. This is more certain today than at any time before.

In welcoming Begin, President Reagan made this fact crystal clear. "Israel and America," he stated, "may be thousands of miles apart but we are philosophical neighbors sharing a strong commitment to democracy and the rule of law. What we hold in common are the bonds of trust and friendship -- qualities that in our eyes make Israel a great nation. No people have fought longer, struggled harder, or sacrificed more than yours in order to survive, to grow, and to live in freedom.

The President continued: "The United States and Israel share similar beginnings as nations of immigrants, yearning to live in freedom and to fulfill the dreams of our forefathers. We know Israelis live in constant peril. But Israel will have our help. She will remain strong and secure and her special character of spirit, genius and faith will prevail." Then turning to the danger facing the Middle East, namely, challenges from "forces of aggression, lawlessness and tyranny" he noted that the U.S. wanted "to reinforce the security of the entire region. As we consult about these matters, he told Begin "rest assured that the security of Israel is a principle objective of this Administration, and that we regard Israel as an ally in our search for regional stability..."

To this correspondent it becomes clear that in this historic September 1981 summit, Reagan and Begin have forged a firm U.S. alliance

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King of One Liners



HENNY YOUNGMAN
 ...Man of Many Talents.

JUST HEARD ABOUT THE GIRL WHO WAS PICKED UP SO OFTEN SHE BEGAN TO GROW HANDLES.

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth
 Constitutes A Majority"

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The Jewish New Year has nothing to do with the calendar year. Jews regard January the First as the beginning of the regular year, as everyone else does.

The term, new year, is used by the Jews at this time to mean the new effort which they make to correct mistakes they may have made in the past. It is a new year of conscience, not the calendar.

Actually, the time when we get going all over again on duties and tasks temporarily suspended in the autumn. That's when school starts again after the summer vacation; that's when organizations start their activities again. It's a more logical break in the year than January the First.

At that important time, when the summer is over and the brisk breezes of Fall begin to arouse us, that the Jewish people take time out to try to stir themselves to improve the quality of their deeds.

They do this at worship services in their synagogues. They recite prayers thanking God for giving men and women the power to tell right from wrong. They sit silently and think about the errors they may have committed. They sing hymns in which the idea of forgiving others is emphasized. They listen to the rabbi who reminds them that believing in God means trying to make use of the powers for goodness and mercy which are deposited in all of us, but which we sometimes neglect. They hearken to the Shofar, which is a ram's horn, with a rousing sound, designed to awaken the conscience that might be slumbering.

On the tenth day of this period of penitence, or repentance, there takes place the observance of the Day of Atonement.

As recommended in the Book of Leviticus of the Bible (Chap. 23), the Day of Atonement is a day of fasting. Fasting makes us uncomfortable, so it makes us think of the discomfort we may have brought to others by our thoughtlessness or negligence. As with all Jewish holydays, the observance of Yom Kippur begins in the evening. The worship service then includes the singing of the hymn, Kol Nidre, which means All Vows, a plea for forgiveness for decisions made in haste and without regard for the feelings of others.

On Atonement Day the worshipper thinks of his faults and tries to atone for them; tries hard also to feel forgiveness for those who have wronged him. The prayerbook, the songs, the sermons, the large gathering in the temple.. all these lift him up to a new level of understanding and tenderness, and give him a new sense of the sacredness of life.

These days are high..that is, they lift the worshipper up in an effort to come closer to the Source of good conduct. They are holy, because nothing is more sacred than improving the relationship between people.

When the High Holydays are over, Jews wish one another a happy new year of the spirit. They say to one another, Good Yomtov, which means Happy Holiday. Or, they say, L'shawneh Tovah, which is Hebrew for Happy New Year.

Although the Jewish High Holydays are the most important religious occasions for the Jewish people, there is nothing about the holydays which does not apply to all people. That is why one rabbi once told his congregation, the way that we can really atone is to strive to be at one with everyone.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Charlotte Jacobson, chairwoman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry's Research Bureau, reported that 430 Jews arrived in Vienna in August from the Soviet Union, the lowest monthly figure in the decade since Jewish emigration was permitted on the basis of family reunification and repatriation to Israel. "Clearly few permissions are being granted" Mrs. Jacobson said, "and the total emigration for this year may be the lowest in 10 years as well."