NEW YORK -- In a message marking the forthcoming Jewish New Year, Maynard I, Wishner, President of the American Jewish Committee, expressed concern that peace in the Middle East would be endangered by "placing sophisticated weaponry in unstable hands," and he called for rigorous American control of such weapons.

Wishner stated that American Jews heartened by America's determination to find just and humane solutions "for the many problems faced by the peoples of the Middle East.

The American Jewish Committee leader asserted that Jews in this country were "painfully aware of the plight of our less fortunate Jews in the Soviet Union and elsewhere." He said that the same forces that threatened the wellbeing of Jews also endangered the well-being and future of all who aspire to live in freedom. "On Rosh Hashanah." Wishner said, "not

only individuals are judged, according to our tradition, but organizations, communities, nations are also judged as to whether they have lived according to their ideals."

The full text of Wishner's message follows: "At the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah, we take stock of what has happened in the previous year and look ahead to the coming year.

During this last year, we witnessed the growth of violence and terrorism and violations of human rights in many parts of the country. And yet we continue to celebrate the marvel of the Jewish experience in America, and to exult in the miracle of the reestablishment in our time of the Jewish State of Israel.

As Americans and Jews, we have a profound concern for the safety and the future of the democratic State-of Israel. We are heartened by America's determination to find just and humane solutions to the many problems faced by the peoples of the Middle East and we pledge our continuing support in the anguished search for a just and enduring peace.

But that search, in our view, can be seriously endangered by an indiscriminate supply of arms threatening the possibility of a significant shift in the balance of power in that area. We are concerned that placing sophisticated American weaponry in unstable hands is not in the best interest of the United States.

We are painfully aware of the plight of our less fortunate Jews in other lands. Whether in the Soviet Union, the Middle East or elsewhere, we know that the very same forces that threaten the well - being of Jews also endanger the well - being and future of al! who aspire to live in freedom. For all of them. America represents the last best hope. This means America not only as a symbol, but America as strong internally and externally.

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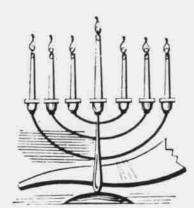
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