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## SURVEY SHOWS LOVE OF ISRAEL BY AMERICAN JEWS

NEW YORK -- Am-(50%) or "very pro-Israel" (44%); 93 per erican Jews are cent believe that "supwholeheartedly in port for Israel is in support of Israel and America's interest": are concerned for her security 83 per cent would see even though most of them the destruction of Israel as "one of the reserve the right to criticize her pogreatest personal tra-gedies of my life,"

At the same time,

Despite their sup-

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port, however, most

majority of his res-

pondents, 81 per cent, disagreed with the

statement that "each

American Jew should give serious thought

to settling in Israel,"

and "by a margin of

better than three to

one (61 per cent to 17 per cent)," they asserted that "there

is a bright future for

Jewish life in Am-erica." However, only 34 per cent agree

with the statement that

"virtually all positions

of influence in Am-

erica are open to Jews."

Assessing Israel's policies in regard to

cent of the respon-

dents considered them

"about right," while

23 per cent said they were "too hawkish,"

and 4 per cent said they were "too

the Arabs,

dovish."

74 per

American Jews

never accepted

to return to

71 per cent do not be-

lieve that "Israel's fu-

are among These the conclusions of a survey of American Jewish views on a wide ture is secure," and 76 per cent believe that "Jews should spectrum of topics from the ranging Middle East to the not vote for candidates who are unfriendly to Israel." domestic agenda of the United States. On the domestic side. the survey reveals although Jews, that like other Americans, Zionist ideal that all have become more Jews should conservative in their political and social Dr. Cohen declared, He views in recent reported that a vast they are still years, more liberal on many

try. The survey was conducted by Dr. Steven M. Cohen, who his finddiscussed ings at a news conference of the Jewish American Committee, The AJC was co - sponsor of the study, together with for Jewish Center Studies.

issues than most of

the rest of the coun-

Mr. Cohen stated that the characteristics of his respondents, selected through an experimental, low - cost sampling technique, matched those appearing in other recent Jewish community surveys. With a median adult age of 49, American Jews are older than the general population. They are better educated, with 59 per cent college graduates, and 33 per cent having attended graduate school. While their median income of \$27,500 is higher than the general American average, there is a greater span in the incomes of Jews than is usually assumed. The comparatively large numbers of affluent households are offset by large numbers of lower middle - income households,

The survey revealed that American Jews ranked two issues above all others in terms of their importance to the American Jewish community -- the security of Israel, and anti-Semitism in the United States.

A nearly unanimous 94 per cent of the respondents characterized themselves as "pro-Israel" either

## HAPPY NEW YEAR 5743 - Remembrance and Anticipation

BY RABBI WILLIAM BERKOWITZ

Unlike the annual celebration of others, the Jewish New Year stresses remembrance and anticipation, in place of revelry and carousing. This is a period to look behind -- and look ahead, both on the individual and collective le-

As we bid farewell to 5742 and welcome 5743, what does the slate look like for the

Jewish people?

The past year was a mixture of light and shadows. Early on, Anwar Sadat and Moshe Dayan were taken from our midst, reminding us of the Middle East and its curious blend of politics and personality. While Sadat's assassins hoped to crush his peace effort, the Egyptian leader's successor adopted his Camp David legacy. As the year progressed, we witnessed how Israel made a great sacrifice for peace, and as part of the peace process returned the Sinai to Egypt. Observers noted the depth of the sacrifice of the oil - producing land, and a withdrawal in the face of intense Israeli do-

mestic opposition.
Yet 5742 will also be remembered for Israel's Northern border and the events of Lebanon. No one can forget how Israel offered its most previous possession -- its sons -in order to end PLO terrorism on its border in the North and restore sovereignty to Le-banon, thereby increasing peace to that region. No one can forget the many stories of Israeli soldiers who fought with humanity and restraint, incurring losses and injury rather than needlessly harming civilians. Now can we forget how the PLO terrorists hid behind the skirts of civilians, using small children as shields, setting military installations in hospitals, schools, mosques and apartment houses, and finally taking an entire city hostage. We asked in wonder how the world could be indifferent to the 7 - year agony of the Lebanese people who endured torture, rape, pillage and total life disruption by the PLO. Moreover, we were stunned by the gross exaggerations and outright lies which provided cover and sympathy for PLO intransigence and terrorism.

Indeed, Lebanon served to focus on two issues of 5742 which disturbed us greatly. The first was the attempt to use moral concerns or the memory of the Holocaust as a weapon to further de - legitimize the Jewish state. By attacking Israel's moral standing, the hope of some was to make her an outcast state.

The second issue which Lebanon highlighted was the gross media distortions and editorial-

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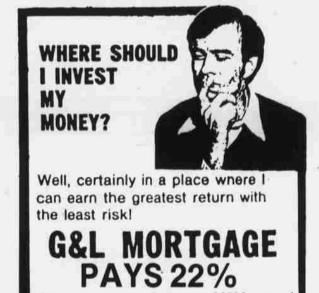
izing. Across the year, the mass media have abounded with articles and programs which strongly portrayed Israeli policy or events in the Middle East. The War in Lebanon climaxed a year of such disinformation and misinformation, sensitizing us further to its dangers.

Last June, the rabbinic cabinet met in Washington, D.C. to discuss the coming cam-paign. At the time, the theme of the campaign was to be the 15th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem. Since then, events have caused that theme to be combined with the emergency campaign launched in the wake of the war in Lebanon.

The High Holy Day campaign has its origins in the very beginnings of the Bond Organization over three decades ago.

The Bond Organization initially held a High Holy Day appeal in two cities; Paterson, N.J., and Washington, D.C. The results encouraged a rapid expansion of the effort.

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