

## Passover Message

NEW YORK — In a Passover message, Howard I. Friedman, President of the American Jewish Committee, stated that terrorists must be found and thwarted, whether they operate abroad or in the United States.

"Even in our own country," Mr. Friedman said, "there are those who identify themselves with the destroyers, who seek to pit religion against religion, race against race, the native against the foreign-born."

He added: "We must never stop seeking to bring about freedom -- complete and unrestrained -- wherever it is imperilled."

The Passover holiday began Wednesday evening, April 23.

Among the things that Jews have to be thankful for in the year 5746, Mr. Friedman said, were the release of Anatoly Shcharansky from the Soviet Union; the U.S. ratification of the Genocide Convention; the emigration of 14,000 Ethiopian Jews to Israel, and the posthumous pardon of Leo Frank, who was lynched in Georgia in 1913 for a crime of which he was innocent.

Remarking that "lawlessness still haunts the world," Mr. Friedman said: "We cannot lessen our efforts on behalf of Israel's security because we know she is surrounded by remorseless enemies who live only for her destruction. They have allies -- both outspoken and hidden -- and we cannot stop listening for the watchmen's voices."

(The text of Mr. Friedman's message follows):

A Passover Message  
By Howard I. Friedman

President, The American Jewish Committee

As at so many other Passovers, the year 5746 is touched both by happiness and grief. Frightful acts of terrorism -- the unspeakable slaughter of the innocent -- keep reminding us that lawlessness still haunts the world.

Yet we surely have much to be thankful for:

After years of frustration and the dedicated efforts of his devoted wife, Avitol, and of the others who, like her, beat their brows against the iron wall of Soviet obduracy, Anatoly Shcharansky today is free in Jerusalem. We rejoice but, with him, we do not for a moment forget those who still suffer in bondage. We will not let their cries go unheard.

It took even longer for the men and women who had labored tirelessly for U.S. ratification of the Genocide Convention to see the fruits of their efforts. We rejoice that our own country has now joined in this final human rights stand.

We also rejoice because more than 14,000 Ethiopian Jews have now come home to Israel.

## Nevada And Dallas Meet



Governor Richard Bryan and wife, Bonnie with Larry Hagman (left) star of CBS' Dallas at the Nathan Adelson Hospice Butterfly Ball Jubilee fundraiser at the MGM Grand Hotel recently.

There they have embarked on a new and richer life that promises much both for them and for Israel.

And for those for whom time has never assuaged the horror of an innocent young man brutally slaughtered by bigots, the posthumous pardon of Leo Frank has given fresh meaning to this Passover Season.

It gives me much pleasure and satisfaction to know that in the matters I have mentioned, the American Jewish Committee did its part -- fully and without reservation.

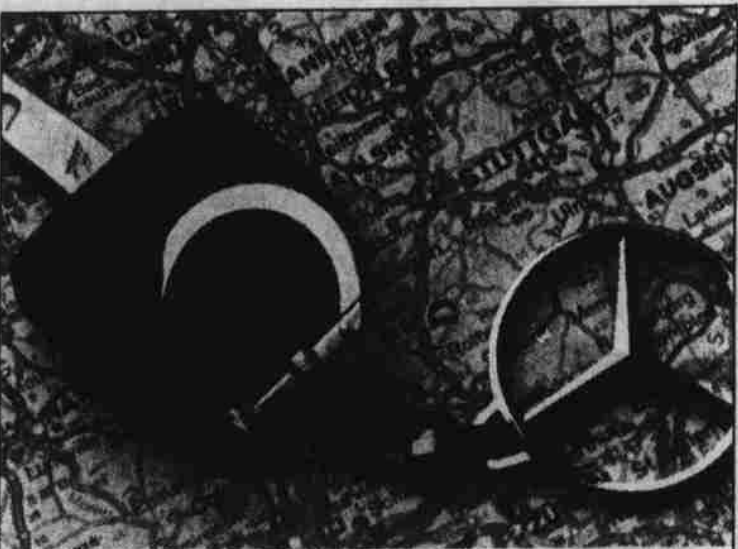
Yet this is not the time for relaxation, for the adversaries of civilized norms do not flag from their own efforts.

The terrorists must still be found and thwarted, whether they operate abroad or in our own country. For, even here, there are those who identify themselves with the destroyers, who seek to pit religion against religion, race against race, the native against the foreign-born.

Nor can we lessen our efforts on behalf of Israel's security, because we know she is surrounded by remorseless enemies who live only for her destruction. They have allies -- both outspoken and hidden -- and we cannot stop listening for the watchmen's voices.

And we must never stop seeking to bring about freedom -- complete and unrestrained -- wherever it is imperilled. We have made progress, but "we have miles to go before we sleep."

As ever, we identify with our forefathers and glory in the deathless traditions of our people. May we and our children never cease to do so or to cherish the Festival of Freedom in our lives.



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## PASSOVER 1986

By Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum

At sundown last Wednesday, April 23rd, the Jewish people began the observance of Pesach, or Passover, the oldest and undoubtedly the most influential of the Jewish festivals. Known in Jewish tradition as Zman Cherutenu, the Season of Our Freedom, Passover commemorates the liberation of the Israelites from bondage to Pharaoh in Egypt.

The Exodus from Egypt was as much an act of liberation from intolerable spiritual bondage as it was redemption from physical slavery. In Egypt, the king was regarded as a god, a divine mediator, he was the source and master of the law, never its servant, and men and women were victims of his whims. The rejection of Egypt by Moses and the Israelites was thus a declaration of spiritual independence, an act of self-determination of a people seeking a life of human dignity and freedom to be themselves.

But Passover celebrates not only redemption as a past event, but through the Seder family ceremonials, it reenacts liberation as a present-day experience. That is why this Passover, the worsening plight of the Jews in the Soviet Union, Ethiopia, in Arab countries and South Africa will be uppermost in the minds and hearts of Jewish families everywhere. When the words "Next Year in Jerusalem" are recited, Jews will be committing themselves to the renewed struggle for liberation and justice, until the Exodus of Soviet and Ethiopian Jews and that of all people who seek freedom and self-determination are realized everywhere.

WASHINGTON (WNS) — Vice President George Bush has accepted an invitation from Israel Premier Shimon Peres to visit Israel this spring. The announcement was made by Peres to reporters after he met more than an hour with Bush at the White House, first privately and then accompanied by American and Israeli officials.



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