

**Looking To One Another
or Forgiveness
High Holiday Message
From Harold M. Jacobs
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The High Holiday Season is a time when each one of us is bidden to search his or her soul, to discover and acknowledge our transgressions during the past year, and to beg forgiveness for them of the Almighty. The concept of Teshuva -- repentance -- is central to the High Holidays because, through our sincere repentance, we can win the intervention of Divine Mercy to temper and even reverse the verdict of the Heavenly tribunal. Our traditions teach us, however, that even Divine Mercy has its limitations. It can intercede only in the case of transgressions between Man and G-d, but where there is an injury inflicted by one human being upon another, Divine forgiveness can be granted only after the individuals involved have forgiven each other.

Our hearts are troubled at this normally joyous time of year, because this is the time of unprecedented conflict within the Jewish people. We are faced with serious challenges of assimilation and intermarriage, highlighting our fundamental differences with non-Orthodox groups on basic theological issues. These accelerating forces have strained the good will among Jews and Jewish leaders of various groups close to the breaking point.

The issues are truly grave, thus our statements of position have been forceful and deeply felt and, unfortunately, all too often subject to misinterpretation. We of the Orthodox community have felt compelled to speak out against radical solutions to these challenges, such as the patrilineal descent doctrine and an aggressive conversion program for the non-Jewish partners

in mixed marriages. We are convinced that they not only violate fundamental concepts of Judaism and compromise the basic integrity of the Jewish people, but are also ultimately doomed to catastrophic failure, at a terrible cost to our people.

Unfortunately, our statements on these issues have been misinterpreted by some non-Orthodox Jews as a challenge, on our part, to their legitimacy and worth as Jews. Nothing could be further from the truth. While we may earnestly disagree with the religious practices or theological beliefs of other Jews, we never allow those differences to interfere with our fundamental sense of brotherhood, love and mutual responsibility for all fellow Jews, regardless of affiliation. We strive to convince all Jews of the beauty and relevance today of our faith and traditions as we practice and understand them, and to offer them every assistance in re-discovering the joy of the authentic Jewish way of life.

Despite our differences, we consider all Jews to be one with us, sharing our destiny and influencing the ultimate fate of the Jewish people. In fact, it is because that conviction that we have vigorously protested those innovations which

would compromise the unity and integrity of the Jewish people throughout the world and especially in Israel. The Orthodox community has urged the adoption of Halachic standards in Israel's Law of Return precisely because we want to strengthen its character as the Jewish State. We want to avoid, if at all possible, the need to question the legitimacy of any Jew, by having the State of Israel establish a lowest common denominator of Jewish identity that everyone can accept.

For any person born of a Jewish mother, there has never been, nor can there ever be any question of his or her identity as a Jew. Therefore, on behalf of myself, personally, and all other Orthodox leaders, I beg the forgiveness of any such persons who may have mistakenly felt that our public statements have challenged their legitimacy as Jews in any way. That was never our intention. On the contrary, we extend to them, during this season of repentance, an earnest invitation to rediscover the priceless Jewish heritage which is their birthright, and to share with us the joy of fully realized Jewish living in health and happiness in the New Year to come.

**Jay Phillips Family Of
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Holocaust Memorial Museum

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Jay Phillips Family, Minnesota philanthropists, was welcomed into the Founders Club of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum by Miles Lerman, National Chairman of A Campaign to Remember.

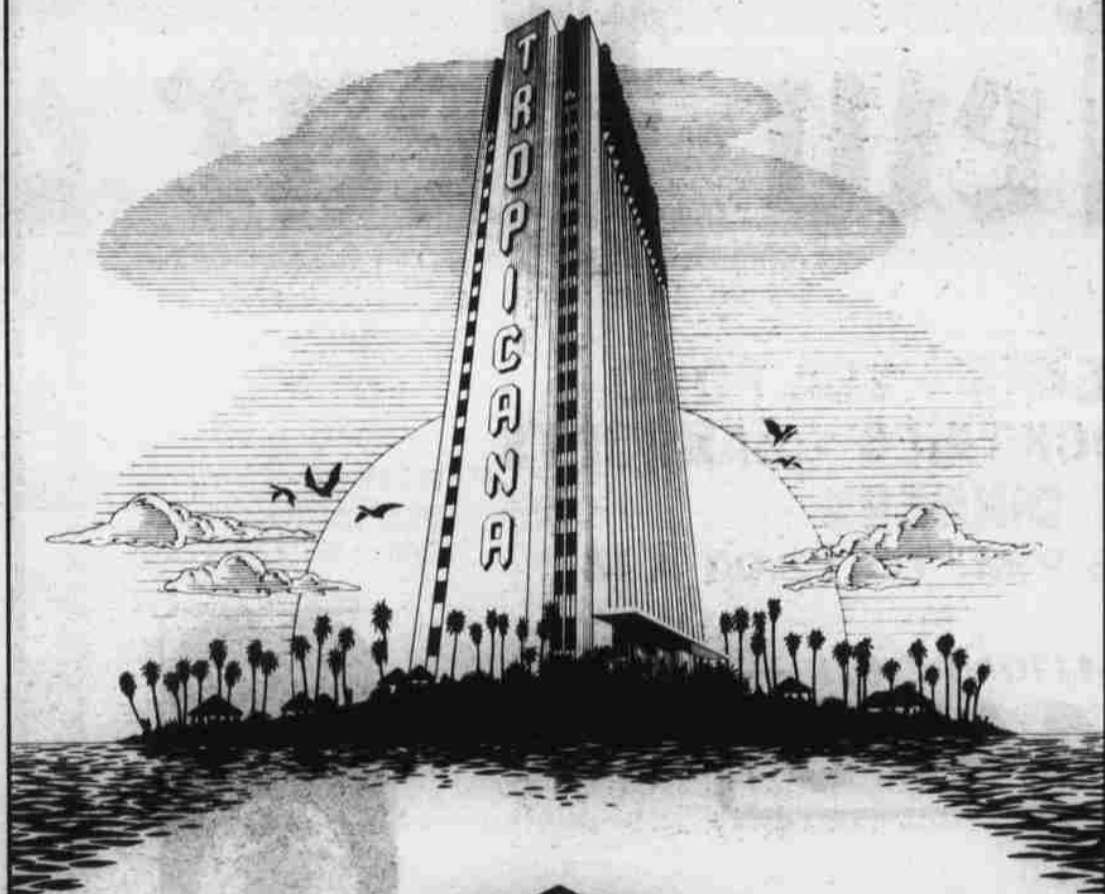
Lerman said, "The Phillips family, well known for their generous philanthropies in the Midwest, has become our sixth \$1 million donor in our Campaign to build and equip the Museum in Washington. Through the Phillips Foundation,

the family has contributed substantially over the years to many, varied institutions. Now, this very special institution is fortunate to gain their support. We are honored and delighted."

Headed by Mr. and Mrs. Jay Phillips, the other family donors are Mr. and Mrs. Morton B. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Jack I. Levin, and Drs. Paula and William Bernstein. The Phillips Foundation is the tenth largest foundation in Minnesota and among the 200 largest in the country.

The Museum will be built entirely with private funds on federal land near the Washington Monument on the National Mall. It is being established by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, an independent federal entity created for that purpose by Congress. The Museum will memorialize the six million Jews who died in the Holocaust and the millions of others who perished at the hands of the Nazis.

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