

President Herzog's Greetings For The New Year 5747 To Jewish Communities Abroad

My Friends,

It is in the shadow of the recent unbelievably savage attack on Sabbath worshippers in Istanbul, that I send you these heartfelt greetings and hopes for the New Year 5747. Memories of the dark pages in our old and modern history have been revived for us, and the contemporary effort to rebuild Jewish life on new national foundations takes on additional meaning. Once more we are forcibly reminded of the vulnerability of the Jewish minority position and the need for the base and strength the Jewish State provides.

Israel in this past year has been deeply involved in the strengthening of its economic and political position; in social reform; in the difficult effort to realize its cultural and scientific potential; in the struggle against international terrorism; in the search for peace. This is a very full and most demanding national agenda, and the conditions are not easy. Yet we can look back with some gratification on definite progress during the year.

The National Unity Government has functioned with a substantial measure of success, proving that cooperation in the general interest can overcome ideological and political differences. The economic recovery program has succeeded in conquering galloping inflation and in introducing a sober and reasoned approach to the problems of the economy. Though hardship and strain affect many individuals and an era of growth has not yet begun, the road ahead seems clearly marked.

The road ahead is not totally blocked even in the sphere of Arab-Israeli understanding towards peace. Prime Minister Peres' official visit to Morocco, and his summit meeting with President Mubarak of Egypt in Alexandria, have been decisive steps forward towards a more

normal relationship with the Arab world. Looking back on the decades of unmitigated Arab hostility, we see a striking change in the political environment of the Middle East. Where the very thought of understanding or communication with Israel was taboo, dialogue is now clearly accepted.

The change is not all-encompassing or immediate, but it is there. So, too, apertures are opening to Eastern Europe, almost hermetically closed to Israel since 1967. Relations with Poland are taking shape; there has been initial official contact with the Soviet Union. To every change of this sort we are all necessarily most sensitive, for the fate of Soviet Jewry remains a major and burning concern of the Jewish world and the State of Israel. A trickle of aliya sometimes brings us precious individuals, but the life and future of many thousands of others are gravely threatened. There can be no relaxation in the effort to liberate them.

There can be no relaxation, either, in Israel's effort to absorb its Ethiopian olim wisely and effectively. As in their case, every group that makes up the mosaic of Israel's life, mirroring the diaspora of the ages, must, without losing its identity, contribute to the cultural consensus of the reassembled Jewish people. Education is thus one of Israel's highest priorities, while it is increasingly recognized by Jewish communities everywhere as the key to the preservation of identity and commitment on the part of the younger generation. To the members of that generation I issue the call to come and join us in Israel and help to build the land that is the center of our people's life.

We look to 5747 in the hope that it may be a year of peace and growth, aliya and cultural enrichment, a year indeed where in the great phrase of the Rosh Hashan liturgy, all men will come together in unison to respond wholeheartedly to the Divine Will.

To all of you a good New Year!

Ben-Gurion's Favorite Biblical Verses

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situation it had to be an army event, but he showed up in a farmer's hat. Although he was involved in all the wars of Israel, he never wore a uniform or decoration. In fact, so great was his disdain for formality that he rarely wore a tie. There was something about him that was earthy, that was real, that spoke of the common man who only wanted to make a living and live with his neighbors in peace.

I think that is why in his later years he returned to Sde Boker in the Negev desert. He wanted no honors and he wanted no power. His desk at his death was piled with manuscripts, a bible, a copy of Plato's philosophy in Greek, and some Buddhist words. In his last will and testament he indicated that he did not wish to be buried in any national cemetery but instead should rest next to his beloved wife Paula in the Negev. It was as if to say: I want to be next to the woman I have always loved, in the soil I have loved, encouraging young people to pioneer in the land that I loved.

Ben-Gurion had a fifth biblical verse which he always carried in his pocket. And when he took to his final illness, they found this verse in Hebrew in his own handwriting. It constitutes the closing words of Amos:

"And I will turn the captivity of my people Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be plucked up out of their land which I have given them, saith the Lord thy God."

Ben-Gurion's first name was David. And like his namesake, King David of the Bible, he began a whole new era in Jewish history. And so, in time, they will say of him something that they once said of another great leader: "From David unto David, there arose no one like David."

Jim Santini: The Choice is Clear

In Step With Nevada

EFFECTIVENESS

While in Congress, Jim Santini authored eight pieces of legislation that passed through both houses and became law. His legislation affected our state's three most vital industries — tourism, mining and ranching.

From the day Harry Reid was elected to represent Nevadans in Washington, he has written and passed only two pieces of legislation — and one of those was to rename the Federal Building.

RIGHT-TO-WORK

Jim Santini has strongly supported, and will continue to support Nevada's Right-To-Work Law.

Harry Reid is on the record opposing the Right-To-Work Law.

NATIONAL DEFENSE

As the only Nevada veteran running for the U.S. Senate, Jim Santini supports a powerful, yet cost-efficient Defense Department. In fact, for his record of support for our nation's strong defense, Jim has earned high marks from the American Security Council.

Harry Reid received the weakest rating of any Nevada Congressional officeholder in 16 years by the American Security Council.

DRUGS AND CRIME

Jim Santini has proposed a 12-point program to curb drug abuse in our country. Jim's proposed program includes stringent penalties for selling drugs, particularly to minors.

Harry Reid has not proposed one tough anti-drug program since he was elected to Congress.

NUCLEAR WASTE

Jim Santini has always opposed a nuclear dump in Nevada. In fact, it was Jim's amendment in Congress which gave states like Nevada a veto over having a nuclear dump.

Harry Reid has not proposed any legislation to prevent nuclear dumping in Nevada.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Jim Santini favors a balanced budget amendment and voted for the tough Reagan budget cuts to reduce our nation's devastating deficit. Jim will continue to support the Reagan agenda which has brought our nation and our country back to prosperity. Jim Santini will never support tax increases to fight the deficit.

Harry Reid would not even allow a vote on the Balanced Budget Amendment. And for his liberal voting record while in Congress, Harry has been labeled a "Big Spender" by the National Taxpayers Union every year since he was elected.

As voters, we must decide who is more in step with Nevada.

The Choice is Clear. Jim Santini U.S. Senate

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