

**Message Of Prime Minister
Shimon Peres To The Jewish
Communities In The
Diaspora On The Occasion
Of The New Year 5747**

To all our sisters and brothers of the Jewish People,

On the threshold of the New Year we greet you from Israel and Jerusalem, in the spirit of brotherhood and partnership, and extend to you an open invitation to continue to participate in Israel's spiritual and material advancement and, to Jewish youngsters in particular, to come and settle in Israel.

Two years have elapsed since the establishment of the National Unity Government, and, while we have not yet solved all the problems confronting us, we certainly have nothing of

which to be ashamed.

In Israel's international standing, we are perceived as a nation striving earnestly and vigorously for peace.

Our relations with the United States of America have been enhanced with several new enterprises - from the Free Trade Zone Agreement to wide-ranging political and strategic cooperation. Our relations are marked by an unprecedented degree of intensity and understanding.

A marked improvement has taken place in our standing in Europe, Africa and Latin America. Diplomatic relations have been restored with a number of important countries - from Spain, in Europe, to Cote d'Ivoire and Cameroon, in Africa.

Let us not underestimate - though one should not exaggerate either - the importance of the signs of change being manifested in the Eastern Bloc, including the Soviet Union. On the Asian continent, too, we are getting signals indicating positive movement, whether openly expressed or still latent.

A profound change has also taken place in Israel's position in the Middle East. Where previously all the countries of the region either turned their backs on us or pointed an accusing finger - now, this attitude has been replaced, at least among some of these countries, by a certain readiness to listen and more restrained language.

Worthy of particular note, among the events in the region, have been the following: the end of the war in Lebanon; the resumption of dialogue with Egypt; a change in our settlement policy in Judea and Samaria; a reduction in the tension between Israel and Jordan; Jordan's readiness to look for a Palestinian partner for peace talks while rejecting a Palestinian partner who will prevent the advent of peace; and the public meeting with the King of Morocco, who is also

the head of the Islamic Conference and a prominent Arab leader.

These are important steps on the road to regional peace - and we must seek out ways to continue the march along that road. Practical Zionism never contented itself with the role played, here in the Land of Israel, by the Jews as individuals, but aspired to carry out tasks that can be carried out only by full-fledged nations. Practical Zionism also believed that basic human needs create the right to provide for these needs. Thus we have always believed that the Jews have an absolute right to freedom from hunger, from ignorance, from insecurity and injustice. And we have always believed that the Jews have the right to reconstitute their ancient civilization and their nationhood in their ancestral homeland. Inspired and guided by these beliefs, we have acted and we have built. Inspired and guided by these beliefs, we shall continue to act and to build!

We are faced by three principal tasks:

- to renew aliya to Israel;
- to promote peace in our region;
- to generate growth in our national economy.

The approach of a new Jewish year is the time to remember our brethren-in-distress in the Soviet Union, in Syria and in Iran - and to pledge that we will not rest until we shall have made it possible for them to be rescued and restored to the land of their fathers.

To every corner of the Jewish world, an earnest call goes out from Jerusalem, our eternal capital:

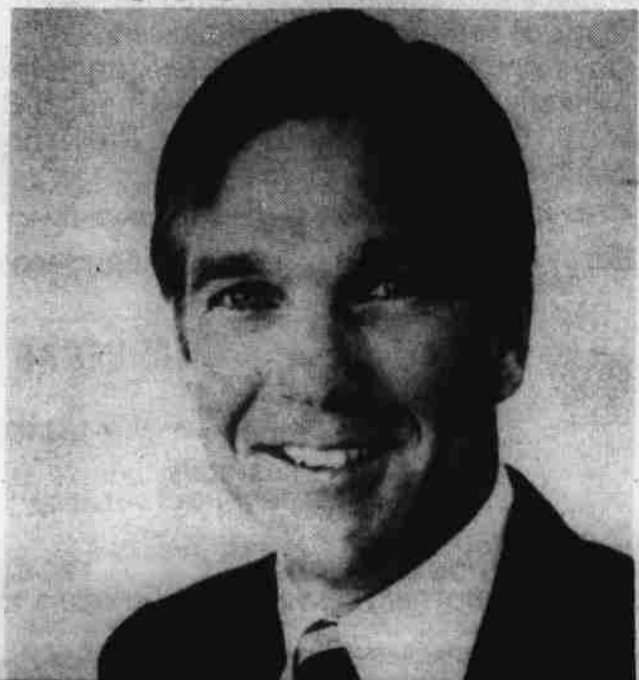
Come up to Israel! Come join us in the historic venture of reconstruction and nation-building going on here every day!

Bevirkat Shana Tova

Shimon Peres

Jerusalem, Rosh Hashana 5747

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Wiesenthal Center Gives Australia List Of Nazi War Criminals

NEW YORK (WNS) — Rabbi Maryin Hier, dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, announced that the Center has given the Australian government a list of 40 names of Nazi war criminals suspected to be living in Australia. Hier said the Center will turn over an additional 150 names of

suspected Nazi war criminals to the Australian government within a few weeks.

Hier, who made the announcement at a

press conference, said the Center's recent discovery of a new source of information on Nazis who fled Europe after World War

II and settled in various countries around the world marked "the beginning of a new age in the search for Nazi war criminals."

Although Hier would not be specific about how or where the Center gained access to the data, he did say that based on the new information, the Center will be able to turn over lists of 3,000 to 5,000 names of Nazi war criminals who are living in various countries to the governments within the next six months.

The Australian government has informed the Wiesenthal Center that it will investigate the lists, Hier said. He noted that Australia has never extradited nor prosecuted a Nazi war criminal.

The list of 40 names, according to Hier, identifies primarily Latvian and Lithuanian collaborators who had not changed their names after leaving Eastern Europe. He said the war criminals from this region retained their names because the Berlin Documentation Center, an extensive archive on Nazi war criminals and collaborators, lacks records on Latvian and Lithuanian collaborators.

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