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A. Yomim Noraim - magiz time of year. We come to it with:

a) hunger + yearning, to taste the great themes, to be uplifted.

b) sense of tragedy, because even God is not able to triumph over evil.

c) feeling of hopefulness, that man will increase in his perfection.

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B. In this mood, we approach this greatest of all Jewish communal enterprises - the campaign - which is at the same time the instrument of our unity - more than just dollars

C. Religion - means "to bind together", man + God, man + man
Ludwig Lewinsohn was always fond of quoting Goethe:
"Heilig ist was uns bindet."

"Those things are holy which bind us together."

Religion, heiligkeit, means the binding together of God + land + people of Israel.

In serving the land + people, we are serving the God of Israel.

D. Two main problems

1. Security
2. Immigration

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E. Security

1. We were afraid of war
2. B.G. asked if Jews of America were angry because war was promised + not delivered.
3. Dayan's reasons for no war:
 - a.) Russia didn't want
 - b.) Egypt had trouble with equipment
 - c.) Israel got stronger
4. Arms opportunities developed - and Israel is now stronger. French jets. Tens of millions were spent. Re-armament for fun finished.

5. no war so far - because of success
of policy of deterring aggression through
strength. But Israel had to throw
everything she had into defense.

And she could only do so knowing
that Jews of U.S. were behind her -
for all their life-saving + life-giving
projects.

F. Immigration

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1. From Moscow, this couldn't be put off, even in face of crushing rearmament burden. Israel didn't want to make choice between buying guns + saving Jews. How did we want her to make that choice. So rescue continued because we promised vastly greater support through the Survival Fund.
2. Remember I told you one year ago that time would run out - that Arabs would get their independence - then Jews would be in trouble. We had to rescue every possible one before it was too late.

3. June 11 we got hit by order
banning mass emigration.

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4. There was slight uncertainty for few
weeks - now we are back in business.

I can't discuss details - but Jews are
getting out.

There is a difference between alyah bet
of ten years ago + yetrich bet of today.

6. Problems Ahead

1. War may still be dangerous,
whatever way the Suez business turns out.
2. Immigration will perhaps be even
larger in the year ahead.

3. New border settlements must be founded & old ones consolidated.

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4. Possible attack in the ON in November

→ S.S.F. is our answer to these problems.

In weeks ahead

We must continue the themes of our holiday mood:

1. Keep yearning for the uplifting feeling in the soul which comes from doing good.
2. Keep alive our sense of ^{urgency} tragedy that there is still ~~work~~ to overcome.
3. Keep glowing ~~the~~ sense of hopefulness.

Keep bound together in service to land & people of Israel - which is our deepest religious duty.