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Our New Year has through the long history of our people served as an occasion for self-examination and re-dedication. It is a summons to us to turn our thoughts away from the material to the spiritual pursuits of life, from the temporal to the eternal. It is a call to men and women to restore order and perspective in their personal and family lives. It is a reminder to us to re-examine our relationship to the institutions of religion and human service which make for the perpetuation of our glorious faith and the well-being of society.

Many are the needs of our people here and abroad. Grave are the problems of the world. Herein is challenge to every faithful Jew to rise to the needs of the hour and to do his share.

This New Year has a special significance for the Jewish people in that it marks the year in which the State of Israel will celebrate the 10th Anniversary of its establishment. The Jews throughout the world will join in this celebration with deep pride and thanksgiving. The remarkable achievements recorded in the first decade of the young State's existence, the absorption and integration of hundreds of thousands of war-ravaged immigrants, its agricultural and industrial pioneering, the building of towns and cities, the revival of Hebrew culture and above all, the heroic defense of its borders, have given, not alone to the Israeli, but to the Jewish people everywhere, a renewed confidence in their power of survival, in their capacity to surmount disaster and to build upon ruins and loss.

The Jewish people faces the coming year renewed in strength, faith and dignity.

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