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THE SENSE OF COMPASSION, AND THE STRONG BOND OF GROUP SOLIDARITY WHICH OUR PEOPLE MANIFESTED TIME AND AGAIN IN THE PAST, A CHAPTER OF WHICH YOU ARE CELEBRATING TONIGHT, WILL STAND US IN GOOD STEAD IN THE ON-COMING YEARS. THERE WILL BE MUCH NEED FOR IT. FOR THE DAYS IMMEDIATELY AHEAD OF US ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE CHARACTERIZED BY THAT SERENITY AND SECURITY WHICH WE COULD WISH FOR OUR PEOPLE EVERYWHERE.

LET US BEAR IN MIND THAT THESE ARE DANGEROUS, ERUPTIVE AND UN-PREDICTABLE TIMES FOR ALL PEOPLES. THEY ARE LIKELY TO CONTINUE SO FOR SOME TIME. PASSIONS ARE RUNNING HIGH IN OUR WORLD. ~~THE~~ DARK TIDES ARE STILL SWEEPING ALL AROUND US. HATES AND FEARS ARE STILL BEING STIRRED UP. PREJUDICE IS STILL A FORMIDABLE WEAPON IN THE HANDS OF UNSCRUPULOUS POLITICAL ADVENTURERS, OF MEN WHO FAN THE DESTROYING WINDS AND FILL THE QUIVERS OF HATE. WE ALL PRAYERFULLY HOPE THAT THE FORCES OF REASON WILL COME TO PREVAIL AND THE DESPERATE EFFORTS OF NATIONS TO PRESERVE PEACE WILL SUCCEED. BUT IN THE MEANTIME, THE COLD WAR IS BEARING DOWN MOST HEAVILY UPON OUR DEFENCELESS PEOPLE IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD. IN NORTH AFRICA, IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND IN LATIN-AMERICA, OUR PEOPLE ARE ITS PRINCIPAL

VICTIMS, AND EVEN IN THE FREE COUNTRIES OF THE WEST, THE CONFLICT WITH COMMUNISM IS ^{being} EXPLOITED BY ~~REDACTED~~ GROUPS OF NEO-NAZIS AS AN EXCUSE FOR A WAR AGAINST THE JEWS. VIOLENT TIMES ARE ESPECIALLY DANGEROUS FOR MINORITY GROUPS, AND EVEN MORE SO FOR THE JEWISH ~~REDACTED~~ GROUP WHICH HISTORICALLY HAS SUFFERED MOST IN PERIODS OF SOCIAL, POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC UPHEAVAL. BECAUSE JEWS ARE ALMOST EVERYWHERE, THEY ARE ALWAYS IN THE CENTER OF WORLD EVENTS, AND AS THE RABBIS PUT IT, IN COMMENTING UPON THE FATE OF OUR PEOPLE AT SUCH TIMES, WHEN THE STONE FALLS UPON THE POT, THE POT IS BROKEN, AND WHEN THE POT FALLS UPON THE STONE, IT IS THE POT AGAIN WHICH IS BROKEN.

IN SUCH TIMES -- AND THESE ARE SUCH TIMES -- OUR ONLY SALVATION AS A PEOPLE LIES IN SOLIDARITY, IN CLOSING RANKS, IN STRENGTHENING OUR DEFENCES. WE DARE NOT RELAX OUR ALERTNESS. WE DARE NOT BE TARDY IN RUSHING AID, ECONOMIC OR POLITICAL, TO ANY HARD-PRESSED SECTOR OF OUR PEOPLE ANYWHERE. WE MUST RE-ENFORCE EVERY THREATENED SEGMENT OF OUR FAR-FLUNG LINE. ~~THIS IS OUR COVENANT WITH LIFE~~. THIS HAS BEEN OUR STRATEGY OF SURVIVAL IN THE PAST. IT MUST CONTINUE TO BE SO IN THE FUTURE, A FUTURE WHOSE REMOTE HORIZONS NO ONE CAN GLIMPSE.

THERE ARE JEWS TODAY IN LANDS OF TYRANNY AND DISORDER WHOSE BREAD IS THE BREAD OF TEARS AND WHOSE ^{water is} ~~REDACTED~~ THE WATER OF BITTERNESS.

MANY JEWS ARE TODAY ABANDONING THESE LANDS OF INTOLERABLE CONDITIONS AND OF DARK PROSPECTS. MANY OF THEM ARE SEEKING ^{in Israel} THE PEACE AND THE DIGNITY WHICH THE WORLD ^{denied} ~~DEPRIVED~~ THEM. ~~THEY~~. IN THE LAST FOURTEEN YEARS, THE YOUNG STATE HAS WELCOMED OVER A MILLION IMMIGRANTS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD. THE U.J.A. MADE THAT EMIGRATION POSSIBLE. ISRAEL, WHICH IS A SMALL STATE, AS YOU WELL KNOW, EXERTED ITSELF TO THE UTMOST TO ABSORB THESE NEW-COMERS, MOST OF THEM PENNILESS, MANY OF THEM WITHOUT SKILLS OR VOCATIONS, SOME AGED AND INFORM, TO REBUILD THEIR LIVES AND TO INTEGRATE THEM INTO THE ECONOMY OF THE PIONEERING COUNTRY. FROM ALL ACCOUNTS, AN INCOMPARABLY FINE JOB HAS BEEN DONE BY THE YOUNG STATE IN MEETING THE ENORMOUS PROBLEMS WITH WHICH THIS IMMIGRATION TAXED IT, THANKS TO THE IMAGINATION, DEDICATION AND ENTERPRISE OF ITS LEADERS AND PEOPLE.

ISRAEL HAS ACCOMPLISHED SO MUCH, INCREDIBLY SO MUCH! ^{2!} BY ITS FAITHFUL ALLEGIANCE TO THE FREE WORLD, THE DEVELOPMENT OF ITS EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM AND ITS INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, ITS ADVANCED SOCIAL LEGISLATION, THE AID WHICH IT HAS EXTENDED TO LESS DEVELOPED NATIONS OF AFRICA, AND ASIA, AND THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE, IN THE FACE OF BOYCOTT, BLOCKADE AND THE CONTRIVANCES OF ITS UN-~~RE~~CONCILED NEIGHBORS, ^{Israel} ~~IT~~ HAS REVEALED

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GALVESTON AND WOODBINE. OUT OF THESE EFFORTS OUR COMMUNITY-WIDE AND, LATER, OUR NATION-WIDE FEDERATIONS EVOLVED.

THE CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN OF THOSE IMMIGRANTS ARE TODAY THE LEADERS, WORKERS AND DONORS IN THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL AND IN THE VARIOUS OTHER WELFARE CAMPAIGNS IN THEIR CITIES, THUS, A CHAIN OF BENEVOLENCE HAS CONTINUED UNBROKEN -- A SILKEN CORD BINDING GENERATION TO GENERATION.

THIS ORGANIZED AND CONTINUING RESPONSE ON THE PART OF AMERICAN JEWS TO THE NEEDS OF FELLOW JEWS OVER A PERIOD OF MORE THAN THREE-QUARTERS OF A CENTURY, IS WHAT FILLS ME WITH ADMIRATION. IT WAS ALL SO VOLUNTARY! THERE WAS NEVER ANY COMPULSION! THERE WAS NO ONE WITH ANY AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE A TAX. THE ONLY DICTATION CAME FROM THE HEARTS OF MEN AND WOMEN WHO APPRECIATED THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING NEEDED AND WHO WERE AWARE OF THEIR HISTORIC RESPONSIBILITY. AGAIN, THIS VOLUNTARY GIVING OF TIME, THOUGHT AND SUBSTANCE WAS A MASS ENTERPRISE. IT WAS NOT THE EXCLUSIVE PROJECT OF A FEW WEALTHY PHILANTHROPISTS. THE COLLECTIVE SOUL OF OUR PEOPLE MOVED INTO ACTION, AND LEADERS WERE NOT WANTING TO DIRECT AND TO INSPIRE. IN ANCIENT DAYS, THE SANCTUARY WHICH OUR PEOPLE BUILT IN THE WILDERNESS ON THEIR WAY TO THE PROMISED LAND IN THE DAYS OF MOSES WAS SIMILARLY BUILT, WE

ARE TOLD, OUT OF THE FREE-WILL OFFERINGS OF EVERY MAN AND WOMAN AMONG THE PEOPLE WHOSE HEART WAS WILLING. IT IS INDEED A TIME-HONORED TRADITION OF OUR PEOPLE, BUT I MARVEL THAT IT STILL MANIFESTS ITSELF ON SO LARGE A SCALE AND SO LATE IN OUR HISTORY, AFTER SO MANY ALIEN FORCES HAD WHITTLED AWAY AT OUR TRADITIONAL WAY OF LIFE.

THERE IS ANOTHER MATTER WHICH FILLS ME WITH ADMIRATION AS I LOOK OVER THE LAST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS. THE SHARP COMPETITIVENESS, THE ORGANIZATIONAL RIVALRY, THE IDEOLOGICAL INTOLERANCE WHICH SO BADLY DIVIDED US IN THOSE YEARS, HAVE ALL BUT DISAPPEARED. MANY OF YOU MAY RECALL THE SEVERE BIRTH-PANGS WHICH ATTENDED THE COMING TO LIFE OF THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, THE EARLY YEARS OF CONTROVERSY OVER ALLOCATIONS AS BETWEEN THE JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL AND THE NATIONAL REFUGEE SERVICE, EACH CLAIMING PRIORITY. IT WAS SOME TIME BEFORE A SATISFACTORY RELATIONSHIP WAS ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THESE AGENCIES WHICH WERE ALL SERVING THE SAME PEOPLE BUT WERE DOING IT WITH CONSIDERABLE MUTUAL ANTAGONISM AND FURTIVE DISTRUST. THE YEARS HAVE MATURED ALL THEIR LEADERS AND ROUNDED OFF THE SHARP ANGULARITY OF THEIR IDEOLOGIES. THEY MURMURED, TO BE SURE, BUT THEY LEARNED INSTRUCTION. THE APPALLING CALAMITIES WHICH BESET OUR PEOPLE IN THE DREADFUL YEARS

OF THE NAZI PERSECUTION, THE SECOND WORLD WAR AND ITS DISASTROUS AFTERMATH, FORCED UPON ALL THE RESPONSIBLE LEADERS OF OUR PEOPLE THE REALIZATION THAT ONLY IN UNITED COMMUNITY ACTION ON A TOTAL PROGRAM OF RESCUE AND REHABILITATION, BOTH IN THE DIASPORA AND IN ISRAEL, WAS THERE ANY HOPE FOR THE BROKEN AND SCATTERED REMNANTS OF OUR PEOPLE. WE SOON REALIZED THAT THERE WERE NO PARTITION WALLS IN THE CONCENTRATION CAMPS SEPARATING ORTHODOX, CONSERVATIVE AND REFORM JEWS, AND NO PARTITION WALLS BETWEEN EASTERN EUROPEAN OR WESTERN EUROPEAN JEWS. HOW COULD WE, IN THE FACE OF SUCH UNIVERSAL ANNIHILATION^{1ST} HATE AND MENACE FAIL TO SURMOUNT ALL THE BARRIERS WHICH NORMALLY DIVIDED US? ALMOST INSTINCTIVELY WE PROCEEDED TO ACT AS JEWS WITHOUT LABELS. A CRISIS CHALLENGED US TO UNITY AND WE WERE NOT FOUND WANTING.

THE FRUITS OF THIS UNITY WERE SOON APPARENT. NOT ONLY DID THE UNITED CAMPAIGNS YIELD MUCH LARGER SUMS THAN WERE RAISED IN INDEPENDENT CAMPAIGNS, BUT WE ACQUIRED LARGER TOLERANCE IN COMMUNITY LIFE. THIS WAS SOON REFLECTED IN INCREASED COHESION IN JEWISH COMMUNITIES ALL OVER THE LAND. THE HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS OF CAMPAIGN MEETINGS WHICH WERE HELD ALL OVER THE LAND, YEAR AFTER YEAR, NOT ONLY SERVED TO EDUCATE AND ALERT OUR PEOPLE TO ALL THAT WAS HAPPENING

TO OUR PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD, BUT THEY CEMENTED AND DREW THEM CLOSER TOGETHER. WE STILL CLING, OF COURSE, TO OUR INDEPENDENT JUDGMENTS AND OPINIONS -- FOR WE ARE BY NO MEANS OF ONE MIND, EVEN NOW. BUT WE LEARNED THE WISDOM OF WORKING TOGETHER UNITEDLY FOR THE COMMON GOOD. HERE AND THERE ONE STILL FINDS SOME VERY VOCAL DISSIDENTS WHO ARE ENTRENCHED IN THEIR ISOLATION AND SPITEFUL CONTRARIANCE; BUT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN PERMITTED TO OBSTRUCT THE STEADY MOVEMENT OF OUR PEOPLE TOWARDS MUTUAL ACCOMMODATIONS AND UNITY.

MANY YEARS AGO, THE EMINENT ENGLISH POET AND LITERARY CRITIC, MATTHEW ARNOLD, DECLARED:

"AS LONG AS THE WORLD LASTS, ALL WHO WANT TO MAKE PROGRESS IN RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL COME TO ISRAEL FOR INSPIRATION AS TO THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD THE SENSE FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS MOST GLOWING AND STRONG." HE MIGHT HAVE ADDED THE WORD COMPASSION.

IT IS HEARTENING TO RECALL THAT THIS OUTPOURING OF COMPASSION, THIS BASIC DEMONSTRATION OF BROTHERHOOD AND SOLIDARITY OCCURRED IN ONE OF THE MOST BRUTAL AND BARBAROUS PERIODS IN HUMAN HISTORY WHEN THE BEASTS, IN HUMAN GUISE, WERE STALKING THE EARTH.

AS WE WATCHED THE TERROR SWOOPING DOWN, AS A VULTURE, UPON OUR PEOPLE, WE WERE NOT CONTENT TO WRING OUR HANDS IN ANGUISH AND TO GIRD OURSELVES WITH SACKCLOTH. WE MOURNED FOR THE DEAD, BUT WE RUSHED TO THE AID OF THE LIVING. WE FED

THE HUNGRY, WE CLOTHED THE NAKED, WE CARED FOR THE ORPHAN AND THE WIDOW, WE BOUND UP THE BRUISES OF OUR PEOPLE THE BEST WE COULD, AND WE PROCEEDED TO REBUILD THE FALLEN TABERNACLE OF DAVID FOR THE DISPERSED OF ISRAEL. IN A DARKENING WORLD WHERE LIGHTS WERE EVERYWHERE GOING OUT, OUR PEOPLE RAISED A RADIANT BEACON OF MERCY WHICH SHONE FOR ALL TO SEE, "LIKE A GOOD DEED IN A NAUGHTY WORLD", TO REASSURE MANKIND THAT LOVE AND HUMAN COMPASSION HAD NOT DEPARTED FROM OUR EARTH AND THAT EVIL AND CRUELTY WOULD NEVER CLAIM THE ULTIMATE VICTORY. BECAUSE OF IT, THE PRIDE OF ISRAEL WAS NEVER CAST DOWN TO THE GROUND, NOR WAS ITS COURAGE BROKEN IN THE DAY OF THE GREAT SLAUGHTER, THIS, INDEED, PROVED TO BE OUR STRENGTH AND OUR SALVATION.

THIS STRONG BOND OF GROUP SOLIDARITY WHICH OUR PEOPLE MANIFESTED TIME AND AGAIN IN THE PAST, A CHAPTER OF WHICH YOU ARE CELEBRATING TONIGHT, WILL STAND US IN GOOD STEAD IN THE ON-COMING YEARS. THERE WILL BE MUCH NEED FOR IT. FOR THE DAYS IMMEDIATELY AHEAD OF US ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE CHARACTERIZED BY THAT QUIET AND SECURITY WHICH WE WOULD WISH FOR OUR PEOPLE EVERYWHERE.

LET US BEAR IN MIND THAT THESE ARE DANGEROUS, ERUPTIVE AND UN-PREDICTABLE TIMES FOR ALL PEOPLES. THEY ARE LIKELY TO CONTINUE SO FOR SOME TIME. PASSIONS ARE RUNNING HIGH IN OUR WORLD. DARK TIDES ARE SWEEPING ALL AROUND US. HATES AND FEARS ARE BEING STIRRED UP. PREJUDICE IS STILL A FORMIDABLE WEAPON IN THE HANDS OF UNSCRUPULOUS POLITICAL AD-

VENTUREERS, OF MEN WHO FAN THE DESTROYING WINDS AND FILL THE QUIVERS OF HATE. WE ALL PRAYERFULLY HOPE THAT THE FORCES OF REASON WILL COME TO PREVAIL AND THE DESPERATE EFFORTS OF NATIONS TO PRESERVE PEACE WILL SUCCEED. BUT IN THE MEANTIME, THE COLD WAR IS BEARING DOWN MOST HEAVILY UPON OUR DEFENCELESS PEOPLE IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD, IN NORTH AFRICA, IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND IN LATIN-AMERICA, OUR PEOPLE ARE ITS PRINCIPAL VICTIMS, AND EVEN IN THE FREE COUNTRIES OF THE WEST, THE CONFLICT WITH COMMUNISM IS EXPLOITED BY GROUPS OF NEO-NAZIS AS AN EXCUSE TO WAGE WAR UPON JEWS. VIOLENT TIMES ARE ESPECIALLY DANGEROUS FOR MINORITY GROUPS, AND EVEN MORE SO FOR THE JEWISH GROUP, WHICH HISTORICALLY HAS SUFFERED MOST IN PERIODS OF SOCIAL, POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC UNREST. BECAUSE JEWS ARE ALMOST EVERYWHERE, THEY ARE ALWAYS IN THE CENTER OF WORLD EVENTS, AND, AS THE RABBI PUT IT, IN COMMENTING UPON THE FATE OF OTHER PEOPLE AT SUCH TIMES, WHEN THE STONE FALLS UPON THE VESSEL, THE VESSEL IS BROKEN, AND WHEN THE VESSEL FALLS UPON THE STONE, IT IS THE VESSEL AGAIN WHICH IS BROKEN.

IN SUCH TIMES -- AND THESE ARE SUCH TIMES -- OUR ONLY SALVATION AS A PEOPLE LIES IN SOLIDARITY, IN CLOSING RANKS, IN STRENGTHENING OUR DEFENCES. WE DARE NOT RELAX OUR ALERTNESS. WE DARE NOT BE TARDY IN RUSHING AID, ECONOMIC OR POLITICAL, TO ANY HARD-PRESSED SECTOR OF OUR PEOPLE

ANYWHERE. WE MUST RE-ENFORCE EVERY THREATENED SEGMENT OF OUR FAR-FLUNG LINE. THIS HAS BEEN OUR STRATEGY OF SURVIVAL IN THE PAST. IT MUST CONTINUE TO BE SO IN THE FUTURE, A FUTURE WHOSE REMOTE HORIZONS NO ONE CAN GLIMPSE.

THERE ARE JEWS TODAY LIVING IN LANDS OF TYRANNY AND DISORDER WHOSE BREAD IS THE BREAD OF TEARS AND WHOSE WATER IS THE WATER OF BITTERNESS.

MANY JEWS ARE TODAY ABANDONING THESE LANDS OF INTOLERABLE CONDITIONS AND DARK PROSPECTS. MANY OF THEM HAVE COME TO ISRAEL IN THE HOPE OF FINDING THERE THE PEACE AND THE DIGNITY WHICH THE WORLD DENIED THEM. IN THE LAST FOURTEEN YEARS, THE YOUNG STATE WELCOMED OVER A MILLION SUCH IMMIGRANTS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD. THE U. J. A. MADE THAT EMIGRATION POSSIBLE. ISRAEL, WHICH IS A SMALL STATE, AS YOU WELL KNOW, EXERTED ITSELF TO THE UTMOST TO ABSORB THESE NEW-COMERS, MOST OF THEM PENNILESS, MANY OF THEM WITHOUT SKILLS OR VOCATIONS, SOME AGED AND INFIRM, TO REBUILD THEIR LIVES AND TO INTEGRATE THEM INTO THE ECONOMY OF THE PIONEERING COUNTRY. FROM ALL ACCOUNTS, AN INCOMPARABLY FINE JOB HAS BEEN DONE BY THE YOUNG STATE IN MEETING THE ENORMOUS PROBLEMS WITH WHICH THIS IMMIGRATION TAXED IT, THANKS TO THE IMAGINATION, DEDICATION AND ENTERPRISE OF ITS LEADERS AND PEOPLE.

ISRAEL HAS ACCOMPLISHED SO MUCH, INCREDIBLY SO MUCH!
BY ITS FAITHFUL ALLEGIANCE TO THE FREE WORLD, THE DEVELOP-
MENT OF ITS EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM AND ITS INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
LEARNING, ITS ADVANCED SOCIAL LEGISLATION, THE AID WHICH IT
HAS EXTENDED TO LESS DEVELOPED NATIONS IN AFRICA AND ASIA
AND THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE, IN THE FACE OF BOYCOTT,
BLOCKADE AND THE CONTRIVANCES OF ITS UN-RECONCILED NEIGHBORS,
IT HAS REVEALED TO THE WORLD THE GROUND-TONE OF ITS CHOSEN
WAY OF LIFE, ITS FUNDAMENTAL PURPOSES AND DOMINANT INTERESTS
AS A NATION. ALL THIS WHICH IS IN SUCH FULL ACCORD WITH THE
NOBLE TRADITIONS OF OUR PEOPLE, HAS FILLED US WITH INESTIMABLE
PRIDE. IT HAS BEEN FOR US A RARER GIFT THAN THE GOLD WE GAVE
TO MAKE ITS FOUNDATIONS STRONG. OUR CHILDREN HAVE RE-
DISCOVERED THE PRIDE OF THEIR HERITAGE, AND HONOR HAS COME
BACK TO DWELL IN THEIR HEARTS. EVERYONE WHO HAS HAD A HAND
IN HELPING TO BRING ISRAEL INTO BEING AND IN ASSISTING IN ITS
GROWTH -- AS WE HAVE ASSISTED THROUGH THE UNITED JEWISH
APPEAL -- MAY FEEL PROUD AND GRATEFUL AND DEEPLY SATISFIED.

BUT ISRAEL KNOWS THAT ITS HISTORIC TASK IS FAR FROM BEING
OVER -- AND WE KNOW THAT OUR TASK IS FAR FROM BEING OVER.

GREAT DEMANDS WERE MADE UPON US IN THIS, THE MOST
MOMENTOUS QUARTER OF A CENTURY IN JEWISH HISTORY, WHICH
GAVE US THE SECOND WORLD WAR, HITLER AND THE RE-BIRTH OF

ISRAEL -- A CUP OF STAGGERING AND A CUP OF SALVATION. IT WAS A TIME WHEN THE LIGHT WAS NEVER DIVIDED FROM THE DARKNESS. WE SAW OUR PEOPLE IN TWO KINDS OF CAMPS -- THE CONCENTRATION CAMPS OF TORTURE AND DEATH AND THE MAHABAROT, THE TEMPORARY CAMPS IN ISRAEL, THE GATEWAY TO NEW LIFE AND FREEDOM. IN ONE PART OF THE WORLD WE WATCHED THE HOMES AND TOWNS AND ALL THAT OUR PEOPLE HAD BUILT IN A THOUSAND YEARS CONSUMED BY FIRE AND SWORD AND LAID WASTE IN RUINS. IN ANOTHER PART OF THE WORLD WE WATCHED THE RUINS OF A THOUSAND YEARS BEING RE-BUILT, AND WHAT HAD BEEN WASTED AND RAVAGED BEING RECLAIMED BY THE TOIL AND LABOR OF OUR PEOPLE. NO SUCH APOCALYPTIC HORRORS WERE EVER VISITED UPON OUR PEOPLE, AND SELDOM HAS SUCH MESSIANIC GLORY SHOWN UPON IT. FROM THE SHADOW OF DEATH, LIGHT WAS BROUGHT FORTH. THE GRAVES WERE MANY. THERE WERE MILLIONS OF OUR MARTYRED DEAD. BUT AN ANCIENT PROPHECY WAS BEING FULFILLED: "BEHOLD, I WILL OPEN YOUR GRAVES, AND CAUSE YOU TO COME UP OUT OF YOUR GRAVES, O MY PEOPLE; AND I WILL BRING YOU INTO THE LAND OF ISRAEL."

THE DAYS TO COME WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE GREAT DEMANDS UPON OUR LOYALTY AND PERSEVERANCE, ON ISRAEL'S PART AND ON OURS. ISRAEL WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ESCAPE THE POLITICAL TENSIONS AND PRESSURES OF THE WORLD OF WHICH IT IS A PART.

GRAVE, UNSOLVED PROBLEMS -- INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL --
STILL REMAIN. DANGER LURKS UPON ITS BORDERS.

THERE IS MUCH WORK STILL TO BE DONE! ISRAEL MUST BE
MADE STRONG, STRONG ENOUGH TO WITHSTAND PRESSURES,
STRONG ENOUGH TO ABSORB THOSE WHO WILL WISH TO GO THERE,
OR THOSE WHO WILL HAVE TO GO THERE, STRONG ENOUGH TO
FULFILL ITS DESTINY. W

WE, WHO LIVE IN THIS GRACIOUS LAND, HAVE BEEN A PRIVI-
LEGED GENERATION IN THAT WE HAVE BEEN THE CHOSEN TOOLS
IN THE HANDS OF GOD FOR THE SALVATION OF HIS PEOPLE. WE
HAVE TRIED FAITHFULLY TO MATCH OUR HOUR. WE WERE GIVEN
AN HISTORIC ASSIGNMENT AND WE SET ABOUT :EXECUTING IT TO
THE BEST OF OUR ABILITIES. WE ARE HUMBLY GRATEFUL IF WE
HAVE NOT :UTTERLY FAILED. THE DEGREE OF OUR SUCCESS IS THE
MEASURE OF OUR REWARD.

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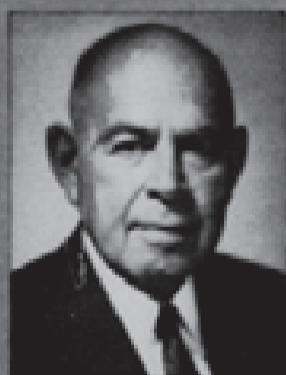
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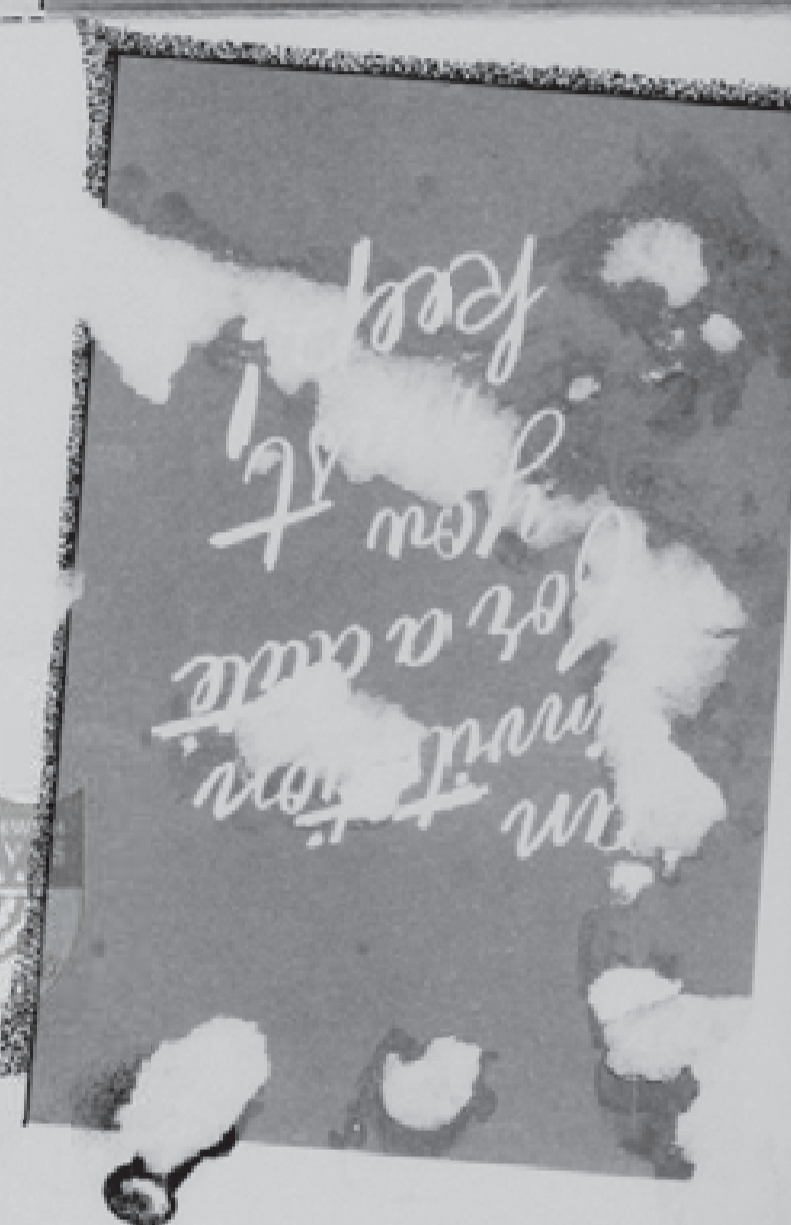
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Hear the on-the-spot report of UJA's 8th Overseas Study Mission
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12:15 P.M.

LUNCHEON, CONFERENCE DELEGATES

12:15 P.M.

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DEWEY D. STONE

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PRESIDING

2:15 P.M.

PLENARY SESSION

JACK D. WEILER

National Chairman, UJA

PRESIDING

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DISCUSSION

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FRIDAY EVENING

8:30 P.M.

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DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Rabbi, The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio



CANTOR MOSHE KOUSSEVITZKY

Temple Beth-El
Brooklyn, N. Y.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

10:30 A.M.

BRUNCH, UJA NATIONAL WOMEN'S DIVISION

MRS. ISRAEL D. FINK

National Chairman, Women's Division

PRESIDING

12:30 P.M.

LUNCHEON, UJA YOUNG LEADERSHIP CABINET

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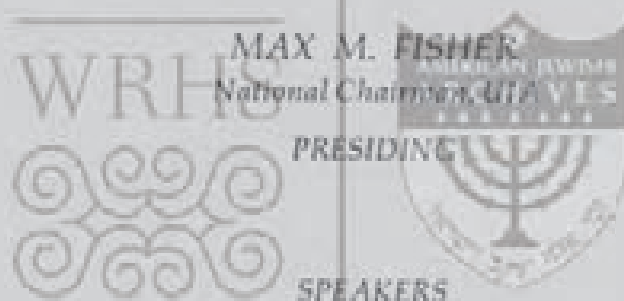
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3:00 P.M.

ONEG SHABBAT

The Meaning of UJA—A Historical Review



SPEAKERS



MOSHE SHARETT, M.K.
Chairman, Jewish Agency for Israel



RABBI HERBERT A. FRIEDMAN
Executive Vice-Chairman, UJA

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6:30 P.M.

UJA 25th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

INVOCATION

RABBI SAMUEL THURMAN

Rabbi Emeritus, United Hebrew Temple
St. Louis, Missouri

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THE UJA STORY—an audio-visual presentation of UJA's history since 1939, featuring messages from David Ben-Gurion, Prime Minister of Israel; Trygve Lie, former Secretary General of the UN; and Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, Executive Vice-President of Israel Bonds, and former Executive Vice-Chairman, UJA. Narrated in person by CHET HUNTLEY, noted news commentator, National Broadcasting Company.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:30 A.M.

Breakfast

CONCLUDING PLENARY SESSION

ISADORE BRESLAU
National Chairman, UJA
PRESIDING

Community Cash Presentations
ISRAEL D. FINK
National Chairman for Cash

REPORTS

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Eighth UJA Study Mission



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General Jewish Committee of Providence, R. I.

Presentation of Anniversary Honors and Awards

Nominations, 1963 National Officers

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1963 — *A Year for Greatness*



A MESSAGE FROM

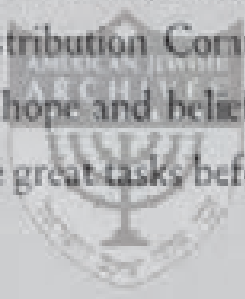
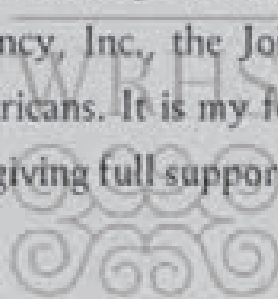
JOSEPH MEYERHOFF

General Chairman, United Jewish Appeal

The 25th Anniversary Year of the United Jewish Appeal is an event in which the Jews of America can rightfully take tremendous pride. Since the time it was brought into being in January 1939, the UJA has raised more than \$1,435,000,000 that has enabled its member agencies to save, resettle and rehabilitate nearly 3,000,000 men, women and children. These figures stand as dramatic testimony to the compassionate humanitarianism of American Jews.

It would be a mistake, however, to believe that serious problems no longer confront us. Israel's immigration is its greatest in 10 years. Europe teems with Jewish refugees in the wake of upheavals in North Africa. Jewish refugees are still arriving in the United States.

Great needs still face us. The greatest means, therefore, must be assured for the United Israel Appeal-Jewish Agency, Inc., the Joint Distribution Committee and the New York Association for New Americans. It is my fervent hope and belief that in 1963 the Jews of America will join again in giving full support to the great tasks before us.



A MESSAGE FROM

HON. MOSHE SHARETT, M. K.

Chairman, Israel Committee

UJA's 25th Anniversary

The Anniversary is an impressive landmark along the road which United States Jewry has traveled towards the effective assumption of ever-increasing responsibilities for the future of our people in Israel and elsewhere. It is in the State of Israel that the UJA has performed and continues to perform its most imaginative and historically decisive task. Every aspect of our people's new life here bears eloquent witness to its spectacular achievements.

We all confidently expect that the 25th Anniversary will serve as a stirring occasion for the rededication of the Jews of America to the great cause of our people's redemption.



UJA FOUNDERS: U.S. Jewish leaders moved swiftly to create first UJA within days following Nazi Kristall Nacht pogrom of November 1938. Left to right, above: William Rosenwald acting for National Coordinating Committee (later National Refugee Service), Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver for United Palestine Appeal (now United Israel Appeal), and the late Rabbi Jonah B. Wise for Joint Distribution Committee, sign agreement establishing united campaign for 1939.

THE NEW YORK TIMES, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1939.

THREE GROUPS JOIN TO AID PERSECUTED

Jewish Federation to Direct
Fund-Raising Campaign of
Two Major Agencies

GOAL MAY BE \$9,000,000

Plan Is Revealed at Clothing
Men's Tribute to Hillman—
Mayor Assails Oppressors

An unprecedented campaign for the victims of European oppression, which will unite for the first time the three major Jewish fund-raising organizations in the United States, has been decided upon and will soon be announced in detail, it was learned last night.

The decision became known at a dinner of the clothing industry to Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, at the Hotel Commodore. It was mentioned in a telegram to Abraham Landau, the chairman, from Edward M. M. Warburg, which read:

"Regret that at last minute can-

not be with you. I am sure your group realizes that it is the first in the field, since it is the first Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Coordinating Committee for Aid to Refugees and Emigrants Coming from Germany have unified their campaign.

"Therefore the results of your efforts tonight and in the next few weeks will set the pace for the whole campaign. We must all forget past standards of giving and realize that in the effort to raise \$9,000,000 in Greater New York to meet the terrific demands that have fallen upon the shoulders of these three organizations, we are not asking for contributions but rather for the investment of money toward maintaining those standards which we, not only as Jews but as Americans, hold indispensable."

Federation to Aid Drive

Mr. Warburg was chairman of the Greater New York drive of the Joint Distribution Committee last year. The committee and the United Palestine Appeal conducted a single drive three years ago, but the experiment was not repeated and the "rivalry" between the two has frequently been discussed.

The Joint Distribution Committee conducts relief work for the persecuted in all Central and Eastern Europe. The United Palestine Appeal has been primarily concerned with the settlement of refugees from those countries. The third major group to figure in the new

set-up was not the coordinating committee mentioned in the telegram—it is a comparatively new body. The third participant will be the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies, regarded as one of the most efficient fund-raising bodies for purely local relief in the United States.

But the federation, it was explained, will not share in the proceeds of the joint drive. They will be divided among the J. D. C., the U. P. A. and the Coordinating Committee, according to a scale to be set up. The federation will only supply the fund-raising machinery.

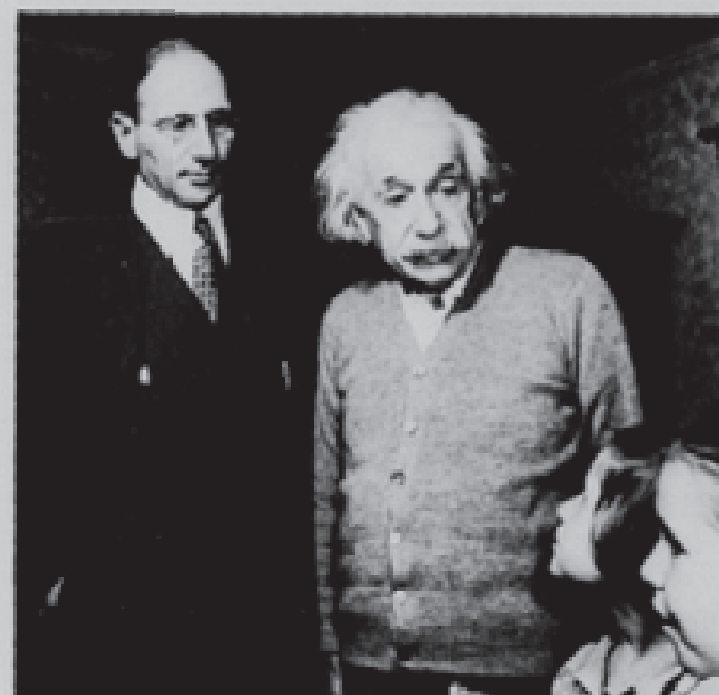
Leading personalities in Jewish life, including leaders who have differed on various questions, will be brought together by the great need that led to the decision to unite. Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and Rabbi Stephen S. Wise are high in the leadership of the U. P. A. Rabbi Jonah B. Wise is national campaign chairman of the J. D. C.

Mayor Denounces Reich

Another strongly worded attack on the Hitler regime by Mayor La Guardia, a disavowal of communism by Mr. Hillman, often referred to as a "Red," and the pledging of funds by those present were other features of the dinner.

"Perhaps I have mislearned the entire lesson of history," the Mayor said, "but I am convinced that children who, under compulsion of governments, are separated from their parents, will live to see the day when that government is totally destroyed."

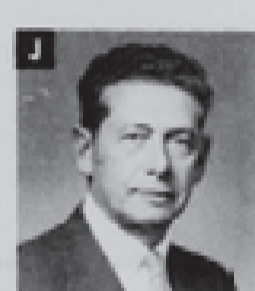
GREAT MOMENTS IN UJA's HISTORY



TOP LEFT: 1949—The late Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Israel's first President, visiting U.S. for UJA, presents Torah to President Harry S. Truman at White House. TOP RIGHT: 1947—President Truman receives UJA delegation of Hon. Herbert H. Lehman, the late Mrs. David M. Levy, first Chairman of National Women's Division, and Henry Morgenthau, Jr., UJA General Chairman, 1947-50, expressing thanks for U.S. help in DP crisis. CENTER LEFT: 1955—President Dwight D. Eisenhower admires ancient Israel clay lamp presented by William Rosenwald, General Chairman, 1955-57, in appreciation of his compassionate treatment of

Jewish DP's as Allied Supreme Commander. CENTER RIGHT: 1962—President John F. Kennedy, honored for overseas aid efforts, receives General Chairman Joseph Meyerhoff (center) and Executive Vice-Chairman Herbert A. Friedman. BOTTOM LEFT: 1951—Israel Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, Edward M. M. Warburg, General Chairman, 1951-54, Dewey D. Stone, National Chairman, and Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz (center) Executive Vice-Chairman, 1951-55, are pleased with Chicago meeting. BOTTOM RIGHT: 1948—Albert Einstein, UJA Honorary Chairman, receives William Rosenwald and young refugees.

LEADERS OF THE UJA TODAY—YESTERDAY



A. WORLD WAR II LEADERSHIP. Left to right, seated: Rudolf G. Sonneborn, Sidney Lansburgh, Alexander E. Arnstein, Rabbi James G. Heller, Rabbi Jonah I. Wise. Standing: Moses A. Leavitt, Joseph E. Beck, Charles L. Riegelman, Paul Baerwald, Abraham L. Liebowitz, Isidor Coons, Henry Montor. **B. 1950 UJA MISSION TO ISRAEL:** Left to right: Joseph M. Mazer, Melvin Dubinsky, Henry C. Bernstein, Henry Montor, Samuel H. Daroff, Sol Luckman, Julian B. Venezky, Samuel Rothberg. **C. 1951 LEADERS:** Dr. Joseph J. Schwarz (left), UJA Executive Vice-Chairman (1951-55) and Morris W. Bernstein (UJA General Chairman, 1958-60). **1962 LEADERS:** **D.** Left to right: Front row: Samuel H. Daroff, Jack D. Weiler, Fred Forman, N. Y. State Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz, Philip M. Klutznick, Joseph Meyershoff. Back row: Albert A. Levin, Melvin Dubinsky, William Rosenwald, Joseph Holtzman, Morris W. Bernstein, Edward M. Al. Warburg, Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman. **E.** Isadore Breslau (left), and Israel D. Fink. **F.** Max M. Fisher. **G.** Robert W. Schiff. **H.** Samuel Rubin. **I.** Benjamin H. Swig. **J.** Joseph I. Lubin. **K.** Adolph Kiesler. **L.** Gottlieb Hammer. **M.** Jacob Sincoff. **N. WOMEN'S DIVISION LEADERS:** Former National Chairmen (now Honorary Chairmen) shown with Mrs. Israel D. Fink, 1962 National Chairman, left to right: Mrs. Henry Newman (1956); Mrs. Hal Horne (1954-55); Mrs. Albert Pilavin (1953); Mrs. Fink (1961-62); Mrs. Jack A. Goodman (1957-60); Mrs. S. Alexander Brailove (1950-52).



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A MESSAGE FROM DAVID BEN-GURION

Prime Minister, State of Israel

My heartiest good wishes to the United Jewish Appeal, its leaders and workers and to the hundreds of thousands of its supporters on the Silver Jubilee of its creation. During the past 25 years the UJA has served as a mighty machine that has set in motion great programs of rescue, *Aliyah*, absorption, housing and agricultural settlement in Israel.

The sum total of UJA's work is the epitome of Jewish volunteering and brotherhood and a supreme expression of Jewish solidarity.

But the work is far from completed. Hundreds of thousands of Jews are now knocking at the gates of Israel and tremendous nation-building tasks including full absorption, newcomer education and settling vast desert regions still lie ahead.

On this important anniversary you are called upon to persevere in your efforts so that we may receive and swiftly integrate the large waves of immigration which continue to reach the country.

D. Ben-Gurion



MAY 14, 1948.

David Ben-Gurion proclaims the State of Israel



"...adhering to the finest humanitarian traditions of our country."

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 17, 1962

Dear Governor Lehman:

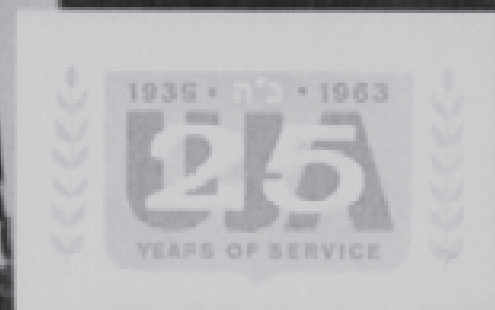
I was delighted to learn that the United Jewish Appeal is about to observe its 25th Anniversary.

In the continuing effort to fulfill its primary aims of rescue, relief, and rehabilitation, the UJA is adhering to the finest humanitarian traditions of our country. This warm spirit of compassion to assist the less fortunate has inspired the people of UJA from its very beginnings. I understand that during the UJA's quarter century of operations its funds have been utilized to rescue more than one and a half million persons and to provide direct relief and rehabilitation for more than twice that number. This is an impressive record.

I extend personal good wishes to you and my gratitude for the leadership and inspiration you have given to the UJA and to so many other community efforts.

Sincerely,

Honorable Herbert H. Lehman
Honorary General Chairman
United Jewish Appeal
165 West 46th Street
New York 36, New York



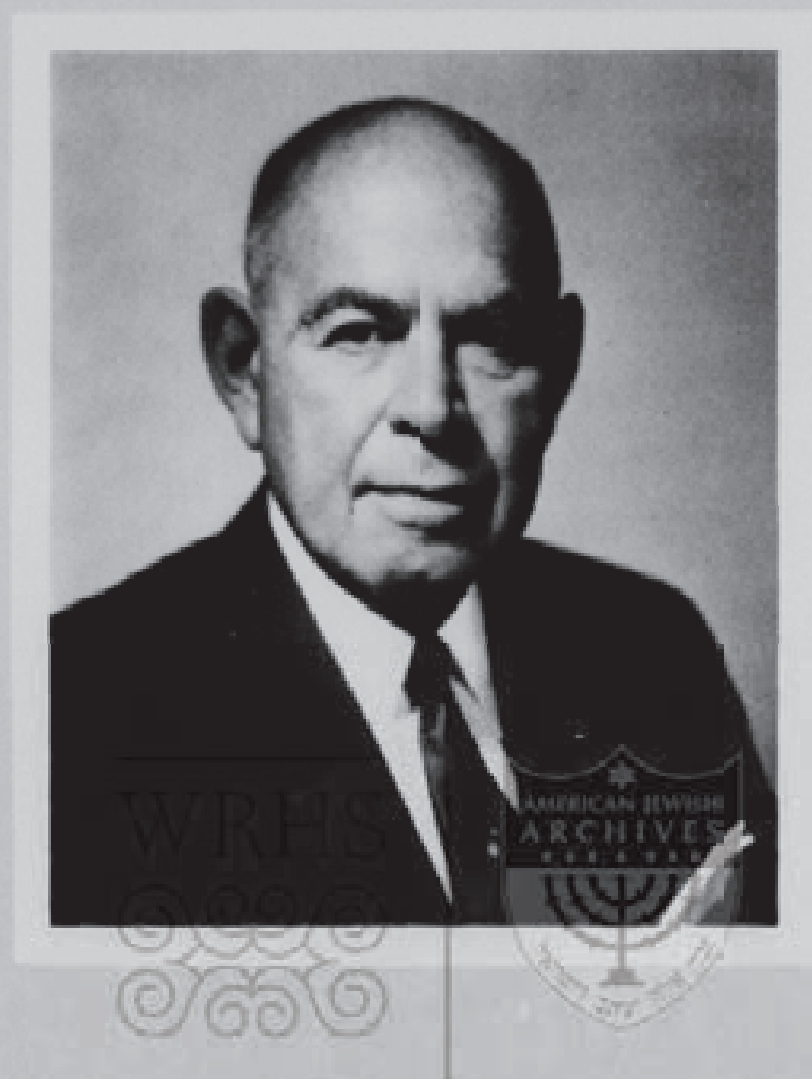
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A MESSAGE FROM

HON. HERBERT H. LEHMAN

Honorary General Chairman, UJA 25th Anniversary Year Committee



I consider myself personally privileged to be able to participate in the observance of the 25th Anniversary of the UJA. Necessity brought the UJA into being, but heart, compassion and warmth of soul have nurtured and sustained it and made it the great cause it has become. The UJA has brought out the best in each of us.

I am confident that, as we observe the 25th Anniversary, we shall not only take pride in the record of our achievements but shall find inspiration in that record to go forward with our great mission of rescue and reconstruction.

*The Officers
of the
United Jewish Appeal
take greatest pleasure in inviting you
to attend and participate in
the historic*

25th

UJA Annual National Conference

*to usher in the American Jewish Community's
twenty fifth year of consecrated service
in the saving and rehabilitation of Jewish lives
and to set the great objectives of the
1963 Nationwide Campaign*

*on behalf of the United Israel Appeal - Jewish Agency, Inc.,
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*Friday, December 7
through
Sunday, December 9, 1962*

The Americana Hotel

New York City

Dietary laws observed

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PROGRAM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1962

12:30 P.M.

LUNCHEON, UJA NATIONAL CAMPAIGN CABINET

MELVIN DUBINSKY

Chairman, National Campaign Cabinet

PRESIDING

4:00 P.M.

OPENING SESSION, 48th ANNUAL MEETING
JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

7:00 P.M.

BANQUET MEETING, JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE



MCSES A. LEAVITT
Executive Vice-Chairman, JDC

SPEAKERS



DR. ASTORRE MAYER
Chairman
Standing Conference on European
Jewish Community Services

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:00 A.M.

OPENING CONFERENCE PLENARY SESSION

Presentation of Needs

WILLIAM ROSENWALD

National Chairman, UJA, Representing JDC

PRESIDING



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