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### A WISH for the New Year!

ON this, the beginning of a new year, we greet our friends with the fervent wish that it may offer them health, happiness and prosperity.

God willing, we hope that people everywhere may find peace and tranquility in the new year.

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### South Africa's Progress

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speaking, with a growing number also fluent in Afrikaans, the Union's other official language. There is also growing adult study of Hebrew.

#### WHAT FACTORS HAVE developed South African Jewry from the community it was in 1919 to the more numerous, more consolidated and more integrated community of 1960? From before 1919 right into the 1930's a constant factor was immigration — pre-1933, mostly from Eastern Europe; post-1933, mostly from Germany. The East European immigration was a spiritually strengthening element in South African Jewry—a reinforcement from the reservoirs of Yiddishkeit on which the community largely drew for its tradition and inspiration. The German Jewish immigration never became a comparable force to the larger immigration from Eastern Europe, nor did it change the community spiritually in any way; it did, however, strengthen South African Jewry culturally, and became a valuable element contributing to economic development.

The effect of two world wars had an impact on South African Jewry's communal structure. In each, Jews gave themselves to make an important contribution to the national war effort—in men serving in the theatres of war and on the home front; in industrial contributions to the war effort; in funds and comforts for soldiers and their dependents; in hospitality for the troops; in religious ministrations. Out of World War I grew the South African Jewish War Victims Fund, which did notable work in helping Jewish victims of the war in Europe and in bringing Jewish war orphans from Europe to South Africa out of World War II grew the South African Jewish War Appeal which rendered similar aid on a much greater scale to Jewish victims of the Nazi holocaust, and later laid the foundations of Ashkenaz in Israel. Communal experience in both world wars helped to strengthen South African Jewry organizationally: visitors like Professor Sals Haren have testified that they regard South African Jewry as one of the best organized Jewish communities in the world.

Declaration was issued, by far the biggest force in South African Jewry's development was Zionism. More and more, as the 1920's advanced, South African Jewry became a predominantly Zionist Jewish community, and earned for itself the reputation of making the largest per capita contributions to Israel. It has also contributed some of Israel's leading diplomats — Abba Eban, Arthur Lourie and Michael Comay.

In the 1930's, Zionism stiffened the backbone of the community against the anti-Semitism which was brought by Nazi propaganda and which for a time poisoned the politics of the country; that chapter is happily only a bad memory now, and the traditional goodwill between Jew and Gentile in South Africa has returned: communal leaders are on record that there is less anti-Semitic agitation in South Africa today than ever before. Zionism penetrated into every aspect of South African Jewry's communal life. It went into the Shuls and gave new meaning to Jewish tradition and the Jew's unifying hopes. It gave South African Jewry communal leaders of a new caliber — not only in the Zionist field, but also on bodies like the Board of Deputies, the Board of Jewish Education and even on congregations. Indeed, it has become one of the characteristics of the present generation that its leaders graduated from the Zionist ranks to the positions they now hold.

FROM 1917, when the Balfour Declaration was issued, the Jewish people have been working for the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine. The Balfour Declaration, which was the first official recognition of the Jewish people's right to a national home in Palestine, was a landmark in Jewish history. It was the first time that a major power had officially recognized the Jewish people's right to a national home in Palestine. The Balfour Declaration was a result of the efforts of the Jewish people and their friends in the British government. It was a result of the Jewish people's long and arduous struggle for a national home in Palestine. The Balfour Declaration was a result of the Jewish people's long and arduous struggle for a national home in Palestine.

and has warmly welcomed its diplomatic representatives. These bonds have in turn had important effects in cementing the goodwill between Jew and non-Jew in South Africa.

### Canadians Find New Animal Handling Method

MONTREAL.—(WNS)—A new method of pre-handling animals for slaughter, acceptable alike to orthodox rabbinical authorities and humane societies, has been reported in Canada. The new process may end a long-time conflict along the same lines in the United States which had threatened the practice of Jewish ritual slaughter.

Rabbi Joseph H. Silverstein of Boston and Rabbi Eliezer Silver of Cincinnati went to Canada to examine the new method which was developed by the Canada Packers of Toronto to comply with new regulations on humane slaughter which become effective next Dec. 1. The noted Orthodox rabbi gave their approval as did the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

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