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rabbis who are ready to conduct sedarim where no regularly assigned

in small quantities other kagadahs. We have a file of ex-chaplains and

In addition to the UB kagadahs we have made available to chaplains

bulk to the various Theaters Passover packages in large quantities.

In addition to what we have sent, the Women's Division has sent in

chaplains for the purpose of purchasing kosher foods themselves.

insure a perfectly kosher sedar. We have further sent cash advances to

week. In some instances we have even provided paper cups, plates, etc. to

with supplementary food for sedarim and for observant men for the entire

greeting cards, and leaflets, we have, upon occasion, provided chaplains

In addition to providing the standard items as matzoh, wine, kagadahs,

Holiday.

should be at their destinations in ample time for distribution before the

areas we have already received word that the supplies have arrived. All

custody as soon as they arrived at the various ports. From a great many

concerned so that they could be on the alert for them, and take them in

and have in every instance sent on this information to the chaplains

ship numbers, dates of shipping and arrival, and markings of packages,

no longer secrecy as to shipments, we have been able to obtain names,

South American, North Atlantic, Indian, and Chinese. Since there is

including the European, Mediterranean, Pacific, Alaskan, Caribbean,



Adequate supplies have gone out to the various Theaters of Operation

effect.

received giving authorization and quoting current regulations to that

Navy Departments in behalf of servicemen. The usual responses were

observance, and requests for leaves therefore were sent to the War and

As is done each year, information concerning Passover and its

VII. PASSEVER

elects its first President.

its membership will be read to this meeting by Rabbi Bernard Segal who was

been organized. A full report of the purpose of this organization and

Since the last meeting of CAIRA a Jewish Chaplains Association has

VI. ORGANIZATION OF THE JEWISH CHAPLAINS ASSOCIATION

Chaplains Office.

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appointment of Chaplain (Major) Ralph Blumenthal as the Jewish chaplain

I should like to take this opportunity to officially announce the

V. WELSH TO CHAPLAIN RALPH BLUMENTHAL

his committee on this subject.

services rendered by CAIRA and the JWB. Rabbi Davidson will report for

chaplains in the army and navy in all matters of administration and

It is my recommendation that they be considered in the same manner as

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APRIL 8, 1946

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Rabbi Elias Solomon

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The Chairman announced the appointment of Chaplain (Major) Ralph Blumenthal as the Jewish Chaplain on the staff of the Chief of Chaplains Office in Washington. Chaplain Blumenthal has served with distinction both in this country and in India and has been in the service since June, 1941. Before that time he held a commission in the Reserves and is a man who has attained his position through seniority and ability. Chaplain Blumenthal has already signed up until June 1947 and may be entering the Regular Army. We can therefore look forward to a rather lengthy and cooperative association with him and the Chief of Chaplains office.

To: Chairmen of local Army and Navy Committees and Army and Navy Field Representatives; JWB Staff.

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TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JEWISH WELFARE BOARD:

May I first of all express the appreciation of the Jewish Welfare Board for all you and your associates have done to facilitate Passover arrangements for the men in the service. Some of you have been called on to help see to it that men who could be spared would be granted the furloughs authorized by the War and Navy Departments to enable them to spend Passover with their families. Others of our loyal workers have had the more difficult task of providing for the men who could not go home by arranging for hospitality in the communities nearest to the camps. The reports that we have received indicate that the Jewish communities are everywhere responding, in generous measure, to the opportunity of looking after the men in the service. Our field workers have been tireless in their efforts and our national staff has labored effectively to meet all the needs for Passover arrangements.

For all this effort, we are deeply grateful.

May I ask you to convey also to the soldiers and sailors who are your guests, the Passover greetings of the Jewish Welfare Board. Whether they are about to go home on furlough, or will be attending Seders and services in your community during Passover, we should like them to know of the deep interest of the Jewish community of America, as expressed through your efforts and those of the Jewish Welfare Board.

It would be well if you were also to remind them that the purpose of the furlough is to give them an opportunity for religious observance of the Passover - at Seders and at services in the synagogue. They will be free and on their own responsibility while on leave. We have confidence that they will utilize the privilege of freedom from military duty in a manner that is faithful to Jewish religious traditions and that will enhance the good name of the Jew.

I know we may count on your help to see to it that the men have the opportunity to spend the holiday in this spirit.

With best wishes, and with Passover greetings, I am

Very truly yours,
David de Sola Pool
DAVID DE SOLA POOL
Chairman

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