



טייערע חברים

Tayere Khaverim
(Dear Friends):

First, let me wish you a very happy and successful New Year. I'm glad to let you know that I'm writing this letter from the new and spacier office in Jerusalem. This summer, we finally managed to move from our one-room studio to a



Prime Minister Shamir congratulates Mendy Cahan and expresses his encouragement for the "Yiddish revival" while visiting the Yiddish Book Center's booth at the International Jewish Book Fair in Jerusalem.

two-room apartment and the Book Center has now its own beautifully efficient space. On the shelves are a selection of some two thousand collected Yiddish books and next to me a phone that enjoys to keep on ringing.

In May the Israeli office was present at the Jerusalem International Book Fair and truly, it was a great success. Hundreds of people daily expressed their interest and were enthusiastic about the opportunity of ordering and purchasing Yiddish books and cassettes. Also the President of the State of Israel, Chaim Herzog, and the Prime Minister, Yitzhak Shamir, stopped by to express their encouragement for Yiddish renewal — so one more reason to keep on working on it!

After the Book Fair and the public coverage which came with it, the work at the office took on larger dimensions. More students and researchers turn to us for books and information, and plenty of Yiddish books are being located and collected from all over Israel. As the office is now slightly larger and also serves as a mini-Book Annex, people (mostly young students) now visit the office weekly to choose books.

In order to add our effort to the absorption of Russian immigration in Israel, we have decided to allocate funds for the Russian immigrants which

should permit them to buy their Yiddish books with substantial discounts.

Now that I think of it, it is exactly one year ago that the Israeli office came into existence, and I think that while looking back on the past year we may modestly share a sense of promising satisfaction. When I participated in July in the Center's annual Summer Program at Mount Holyoke College, I again felt privileged and proud to be backed by such enthusiastic friends as you. Everything which the Israeli office has realized - and will ever realize - is a crystallization of your encouragement and support, and I thank you for it.

Again, dear friends, *a gut gebentsht yor*, peace and prosperity. And keep in touch.

Mit hertslekhe grusn,
Cordially yours,

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FOR A BLESSING.