

New Year's Message for the Home for the Aged

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It affords me great pleasure to greet again the men and women of the Jewish Home for the Aged in this High Holiday Season. The Jewish community of Pittsburgh is to be congratulated for this worthy institution which ^{cares} so ably for the needs and wants of the old and feeble.

An Ancient Hebrew admonition warns us: "V'hadarta p'nai zaken." "And thou shalt honor the face of the aged." Through the offices of the Jewish Home for the Aged, not just one individual performs this great "mitzvah" but all the people of Pittsburgh who support and help the Home are fulfilling this solemn obligation. Under competent administration and with sympathetic and loving hands, the aged of our community are being cared for and protected.

The present mad pace of the world seems to pass by the old and time-worn. However if only the world can recapture the serenity and staid wisdom of the aged, if only the world can relearn the lesson of honoring its elders, how much better it will be for all of us, how much easier the task of ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ the peace-makers and how much more just the dealings of nations.

We pray in the New Year that the world shall never again be ~~sh~~ shattered by the tumult of war, that the nations will learn to deal justly with one another, and that they will recognize the wisdom of fulfilling ancient promises and pledges. May we all be blessed with a "k'sivah u'chsimah tovah, shnas chaim v'sholem." May ~~xxxxix~~ the Almighty inscribe us all in the Book of Life with a year that shall mark the beginning of permanent peace for all.

In this High Holiday Season, it affords
me great pleasure ^{to extend my} to greet ^{you} the Ladies
Members of the Jewish Home for the Aged.