



“IF NOT NOW, WHEN?”

(Pirke Avot I:14)

Dear Friend,

The murder of the four students at Kent State University has outraged the moral conscience of us all. But we must be aware that the continuation of the war in Southeast Asia will continue to bring death to Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, and to our university campuses here at home. None of us, your sons and daughters will be safe, all will be putting their lives on the line as long as the Administration continues to enforce with force its policies at home and abroad. We want the murder to stop! As Hillel said so long ago: "If not now, When?"

We the youth of the high school of the Park Avenue Synagogue call upon our parents and our friends, young and old alike, to aid us in changing the policies of our Government. We will be working on the following projects for the period of the student strike; please do not pass us by, JOIN US!

- 1) We will be canvassing our community for signatures to petition support for the Hatfield-McGovern Bill.
- 2) We will be asking one dollar donations to list all supporting names in the New York Times.
- 3) We will be selling buttons with quote: "If not now, When?"
- 4) We will offer form letters to be signed and sent to members of congress, supporting the Hatfield-McGovern Bill.
- 5) We will be asking each member of the synagogue to return a petition of CHAI, of eighteen supporting signatures, of LIFE.

The students of our school have voted to identify with the national student strike and devote our full time to the above program of action (Each of our individual classes will be voting next week whether to continue meeting or to end classes for the year). We need your support, we hope you will open your doors to us.

BISHALOM
with Peace,

Jonathan Barnett
Mark Finkel
Jonathan Oberman

Memo Seminary Community

The entire Seminary Community is working to protest the war in Southeast Asia, here is what we're doing. The following committies are in effect:

Action Committee-Lynne Reed, Bette Braun

Youth Groups-: Chairmen: Sandy Stadtler and Phil Paul

The committee is disseminating information and instructions for action to virtually every youth group in the country: LTF, USY, etc. We need your help to collate and mail these kits.

Educational Institutions-: Elaine Zaks

Kits are being sent to day schools and hebrew schools through Principals PTA Presidents, and student council presidents throughout the country. We need people for collating and mailing here too. In addition, if you are an alumnus, if you teach, lead a youth group, you can personally appeal to your respective institution. Many schools have asked us for speakers, we would like to send alumni.

Synagogue Groups-: Lavey Derby

Through this committee we hope to reach every conservative synagogue in the United States. We are sending information kits to Rabbis, congregational presidents, Mens Clubs and sisterhood Presidents.

Publication-: Irene Handler

Duties include: Press releases, Information, sample letters to congressmen and President Nixon, and petitioning to all the Jewish areas in New York. We also plan to reach all synagogue newsletter and bulletins and Jewish Centers through such national publications as the Seminary Bulliten and, Our Age.

Speakers Bureau-: Murray Rossman

This committee is set up specifically to arrange representatives to speak at synagogues, schools, and organizations etc., in conjunction with other groups ie. Action For Peace, Jews For Peace, this committee will schedule speaking dates and make all necessary arrangements for speakers (educational material, pre-speaking briefing housing, transportation). The resources of this committee will be made available to all other committees. We need speakers and resource people.

Joint Religion Protest Petition-: Rabbi Gordis, Lynne Reed,

Bette Braun

Established to encourage the Synagogue council to consolidate with all other religious bodies (Protestant, Catholic) in the nation to make a public statement to effect change in President Nixon's policy in Southeast Asia. Work toward this end has already begun and representatives from YU, HUC, UTS, etc. have been contacted. We need YOUR signature. Petitions are available at the information desk.

Religious Action--: Marc Hirshman, Danny Shevitz

This committee is responsible for setting up activities with other Jewish groups to give religious expression to protest. People are needed for research, writing, determining types of programs.

Summer Programs--: Ted Lazarus

Contact is being made with camp directors (Ramah, Tamarack etc.) concerning summer programs. People working at a camp this summer are requested to organize educational and protest programs. Material will be made available to them upon request. Also, anyone working in the city (any city) this summer could organize activities in their respective communities. Materials for both these programs will be made available upon request.

Internal Communications - Lynne Diwinsky

This committee is to notify all Seminary Family of all activities and events. It is in charge of all typing, collating, telephoning and bulletin boards.

Information Center--: Donna Cilman

Center bureau of information established to let people know what's happening, where to go if they want to do something, what other groups are doing ect. People needed to work at the tables.

Telephone Center--: Judy Semel

People are needed to make calls in conjunction with all other committees.

Finance Committee - Jeff Rappaport

Responsible for raising and allocating funds. People needed to solicit funds and to determine necessary expenditures.

It is important to know that we are working with members of the Rabbinical Student Body, Seminary Faculty, staff members etc.

The above committees have been set up, however, we do need your suggestions and your support!

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Teachers Institute
Coordinating Committee

Thurs. - lobbying in DC

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SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA STATEMENT

There are many unanswered questions about the fatal shooting incident at Kent State University, which left four students dead and nine injured. What seems clear, however, is that under no conceivable circumstances could the point-blank firing into the crowd of students at Kent State by National Guardsmen be justified.

The incident tragically underscores the gulf that separates many of this nation's youth from the institutions of government and from its leaders. Recent pronouncements by these leaders have not only failed to restore trust and confidence, but have served to widen that gulf. The four dead students at Kent State University are a casualty of that failure.

We are not speaking about that small group of campus revolutionaries who are bent on violence and on the destruction of all freedom except their own. It is clear that our universities cannot function as staging areas for violence and retain their fundamental role as freedom's protector.

It is equally clear, however, that not only our universities, but our entire society as we know it cannot survive in a repressive atmosphere in which non-violent dissenters are treated with disdain, contempt, and worse. To embitter and alienate our students is to erode the most important source of national idealism and to bring into question our very future. Nor can a nation live in fear of its own youth.

There is no more urgent challenge than the restoration of the faith of our youth in the ideals this nation stands for. We cannot afford another Kent State University incident.

Procedures Concerning End of Semester Requirements
Spring 1970

1. Final examinations will be held as scheduled for all students who wish to complete all requirements for current courses at the regular time. Exams will cover classwork through May 4 only.
2. A special final examination period will be arranged for the week of June 29 through July 3 for students who did not take the examinations at the regular time. Arrangements will be made for these students to have the examinations proctored either at the Seminary or by proxy.
3. A memorandum will be issued to all students and faculty listing each course and section and supplying the following information:
 - a) Pertinent facts concerning the final examination.
 - b) Pertinent facts concerning any paper required or any take home examination required in lieu of regular in-class final.
 - c) Office hours for each teacher in order to permit students to clarify any matter concerning end-of-semester requirements. These hours will be arranged to permit both TI and Seminary College students to meet with their instructors.
 - d) Students will be required to submit to the Office of the Dean of Students a form which will state their intentions as to completion of their requirements. This form will accompany the memorandum and will be due back in the office at a specified date, after the consultation period with faculty members, and before the regular final examination period. Faculty will be informed with regard to the plans of each students.
4. Faculty members will be encouraged to substitute take-home examinations for regular in-class finals whenever possible. Take-home examinations should be due no earlier than the end of the special examination period.
5. It should be emphasized to both faculty and students that those students who elect to postpone the fulfillment of course requirements in line with the above are not to be penalized in any fashion whatsoever for this decision.

JEWISH SOURCES ON COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

בזמן שהצבור טרוי בצער, אל יאמר אדם אלך לביתי ואוכל
ואסחה וסלום עליך נפשי. (תענית יא, ע"א)
When the community is distressed, no one should say to himself, "I'll go
home and have dinner and not let myself get upset." (Ta'anit 11a)

"וידי משה כבדית, ויקחו אבן וישמו תחתיו ויב עליה."
(שמות יז 12)

וכי לא היה לו למטה כר אחת או כסת אחת לישב עליה?
אלא כך אמר משה: הואיל וישראל טרויין בצער, יקף אני אהיה עמהם בצער.
וכל המצער עצמו עם הצבור, זוכה ורואה בנחמת צבור. (תענית יא, ע"א)

"But Moses' hands grew heavy; so they took a stone and put it under him,
and he sat on it." (Exodus 17,12)

And couldn't they have given Moses a mat upon which to sit? Moses said
to them, "Since the people are distressed, I too want to share in their
anxiety."

And anyone who suffers with the community, will in time share in its joy.

(Ta'anit 11a)

רבי יוחנן בן זכאי אומר:
הרי הוא אומר: "אבנים שלמות חבנה את מזבח ה' אלקיך." (דברים כז 6)
- אבנים המטילות שלום,
זהרי דברים קל וחמר. ומה אם אבנים שאינן לא רואות, ולא שומעות,
זלא מדברות, על שמטילות שלום בין ישראל לחביהן בשמים, אמר
הכתוב: "לא חניף עליהן ברזל" (שם שם 5) אדם, שמטיל שלום בין
מטפחה למטפחה, בין עיר לעיר, ובין מדינה למדינה, ובין אומה
לחברתה, על אחת כמה וכמה שלא תבואה הפורענות! (חורח כהנים, קדושים,
פרשתא יא)

Rabbi Yohanan Ben Zakkai said: We read in the Torah; "You must build the
altar of the Lord your God of unhewn stones, of avanim shelaymot." (Deut. 27, 6)
Avanim shelaymot can also mean, "of stones which bring about peace."

And we can reason like this: If stones which don't see or hear or talk
are rewarded for bringing about peace between the people of Israel and their
Father in heaven, as it is written: "Do not wield an iron tool over them,"
man, who works to bring peace among families, cities, states, and nations,
how much the more so should he be rewarded! (Torat Cohanim, Kedoshim)

We at the Seminary are in the midst of planning many activities to protest United States military involvement in Southeast Asia. We feel it is important to keep you informed of our efforts and to provide any assistance which you need to plan activities in your communities.

We are committed to non-violence and are directing all of our activities towards Constitutional recourse. Our programs include petitioning for anti-war bills, Congressional lobbying, canvassing, a speaker's bureau, religious protests, etc. We intend to work through the summer and into the fall, establishing long range programs including draft counseling and campaigning in the upcoming Congressional elections.

To coordinate all of these activities we must buy materials, pay for mailing and telephone services, and, when necessary, provide traveling expenses. At the present time, most of the money to cover these expenses is coming from our own pockets. In order to continue, however, we must ask for your assistance.

The success we seek can be achieved only with the involvement of all our community. We will greatly appreciate your support.

Please make checks payable to the Jewish Theological Seminary Students for Peace. They may be returned to room 102, Teacher's Institute, 3080 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10027. All contributions are tax deductible.

Sincerely,

Sheldon Lewis
Sheldon Lewis, Chairman
Coordinating Committee
Jewish Theological Seminary
Students for Peace

Senators George McGovern, Mark O. Hatfield, Charles E. Goodell. Alan Cranston and Harold E. Hughes are submitting an amendment to be attached to an appropriate piece of legislation which would cut off funds for military operations in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. The Withdrawal of U.S. forces from Vietnam would be complete by June 30, 1971, from Laos by December 31, 1970, and from Cambodia within 30 days from enactment. The senators pledge that the amendment will be brought to a vote in the Senate, thus requiring a decision in that body on continuing or ending the war in Indochina. They will press for a vote within 30 days. They stress that Congress should assume its Constitutional responsibilities in voting on funds for U.S. military operations. The power of the purse is Congress' major instrument for determining the nature and scope of American military activities. The Senators believe the time has come for Congress to make "a historic Constitutional choice" by voting on a piece of legislation that can have a direct effect in ending the war.

FINAL TEXT OF THE AMENDMENT

a) Unless the Congress shall have declared war, no part of any funds appropriated pursuant to this Act or any other law shall be expended in Vietnam after December, 1970, for any purpose arising from military conflict; Provided that, funds may be expended as required for the safe and systematic withdrawal of all United States military personnel, the termination of United States military operations, the provision of assistance to South Vietnam in amounts and for purposes specifically authorized by the Congress, the exchange of prisoners, and the arrangement of asylum for Vietnamese who might be physically endangered by the withdrawal of United States forces, and Further Provided, that the withdrawal of all United States military personnel from Vietnam shall be completed no later than June 30, 1971, unless the Congress, by joint resolution, approves a finding by the President that an additional stated period of time is required to insure the safety of such personnel during the withdrawal process.

b) Unless Congress shall have declared war, no part of any funds appropriated pursuant to this Act or any other law shall be expended after December 31, 1970, to furnish to Laos any military advisors, or to support military operations by the forces of the U.S. or any other country in or over Laos.

c) Unless the Congress shall have declared war, no part of any funds appropriated pursuant to this Act or any other law shall be expended, after 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, to furnish to Cambodia any defense article or any military assistance or military advisors, or to support military operations by the forces of the United States or any other country in or over Cambodia.

THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF AMERICA
Rabbinical Department

RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS PASSED

As Revised: May 11, 1970

I There is a significant issue in the current American crisis which was not discussed in the motion passed on May 6, 1970, by the Seminary Community. There are in the Nixon administration's actions and pronouncements a growing anti-intellectual attitude and an attempt to stifle public dissent.

Under such conditions we feel that proceeding with class normally is impossible and therefore resolve the following:

- A) To close the Rabbinical Department as a demonstration of our solidarity with our colleagues at other institutions of learning in their opposition to the President's policies;
- B) Symbolically to change our routine by holding our classes in places other than normal meeting places;
- C) To seek to direct our classes during the remainder of the year toward texts which deal with our tradition's direct responses to similar political and academic crises;
- D) To recommend to students and professors to establish classes to continue on an ad hoc basis following the end of the academic year to further affirm our devotion to learning;
- E) To make the Teachers' Institute Building available for meetings and seminars directed to the local academic community subject to procedures established by a committee of rabbinical students and faculty.

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WHEREAS the Seminary Community has gone on record in opposition to the President's expansion of the Southeast Asian war into Cambodian territory, and

WHEREAS the student body of the Rabbinical Department has voted to cease regular classes in favor of extraordinary study,

BE IT RESOLVED that we devote our energies and resources in common effort with the students and faculty of the Teachers' Institute and the Cantors' Institute, to communicate with our constituency, the Conservative Jewish Community, urging them to speak out on this issue and promoting the McGovern-Hatfield Amendment which seeks to end the war in Southeast Asia through the channels of the democratic process;

That the Rabbinical Department allow those who wish to go to their home communities to further this cause to make up exams missed at a later date;

That the students and faculty organize prayer and study vigils and public fasts, both by itself (on May 12, 14, and 18) and in concert with other religious institutions, and

that committees be established to implement this and the former resolution.

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RESOLVED that two committees be established by the chair, one to implement action suggested by the two resolutions already passed; the second to consider academic procedures, with the Seminary Administration, for the remainder of the year.

Dear Sir,

We are writing as the representatives of the Teacher's Institute at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. As American Jews we are outraged at President Nixon's current policies in Southeast Asia. With support of the faculty and administration, we have ceased classes and begun working for peace. We want you to be aware of what we are doing. We ask for your support.

In this kit you will find information on the present situation in Indo-China, copies of resolutions passed at the Seminary, a copy of the Hatfield-McGovern Amendment, petitions for the support of that amendment, and sample-letter forms to be used in writing government officials. We ask you to make the utmost use of these materials. We also urge you to involve the Men's Club and all other synagogue groups in working for peace--either by collecting signatures, by writing to Senators and Congressmen, and by any other possible means.

We would be pleased to send you any additional information you may need for the preparation of special programs on the subject. In addition, we are prepared to send one of our students to speak to your group and to the entire congregation if you so desire it. Completed petitions should be returned to the Jewish Theological Seminary no later than June 1, 1970.

We would be very interested to hear your reactions to our program and to learn what you have done and will be doing.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Respectfully,

Jewish Theological Seminary
Students for Peace

JEWISH STUDENTS AGAINST THE WAR!

CAMBODIA AND KENT STATE HAVE FINALLY SHAKEN UP THE MIDDLE-CLASS JEWISH COMMUNITY. THESE PEOPLE ARE SEEKING AN EFFECTIVE OUTLET FOR THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE WAR. WE MUST HELP THEM FIND IT.

A MEETING TO ORGANIZE THIS CAMPAIGN WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, MAY 7 AT 9:30 p.m. AT THE NEW YORK HAVURAH, 220 WEST 98 STREET (CORNER OF BROADWAY), APT. 3F--USE LEFT ELEVATOR.

THURSDAY MAY 7

CITY WIDE STRIKE ACTION

(AGREED AT CITY WIDE COMM.)

9³⁰ A.M.

RALLY AT CURANT!
SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

11³⁰ A.M.

JEFF WALKER FUNERAL
AT 76TH + AMSTERDAM

1⁰⁰ P.M.

RALLY AT WALL STREET

7⁰⁰ P.M. CITY WIDE SHUT DOWN

DETAILS AT STRIKE TABLES AND WNYU STRIKE RADIO

STRIKE IN SUPPORT OF YOURSELVES!

SEMINARY STUDENTS TO

WASHINGTON

- WHAT? Demonstrations in Washington have been called for and arranged by the NEW MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE for this weekend. The main demonstration will be held on Sat. aft. at noon. Friday night Tefilot will be held at the White House. This demonstration is being planned by the JEWISH BEACH FELLOWSHIP. Both demonstrations are being planned as non-violent protests. Plans are being made for Seminary Students to travel and stay together, but we will not be going in the name of the Seminary or of any student organization.
- TRANS. Cars will leave from the Seminary on Friday morning at 11:00 and will return immediately after Shabbat.
- FOOD Food may be available in Washington, but we suggest organizing groups and bringing food and supplies with you.
- HOUSING HOUSING is being arranged in Washington, perhaps at George Washington University Hillel House. Bring a sleeping bag or bed-roll.
- COST Car expenses must be shared with the driver. Food is on your own. We anticipate no other expenses, but please come prepared with some extra money.
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BUTIONS WHETHER OR NOT YOU CAN JOIN US THIS WEEKEND, THE VIETNAM PEACE PARADE COMMITTEE NEEDS CONTRIBUTIONS TO PUBLICIZE THE DEMONSTRATION ON THE RADIO. PLEASE GIVE YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO LARRY MYERS, BARUCH BOKSER, OR BOB LIBERLES BY THURSDAY MORNING.
- PEGIS*
TRATION Sign up on one of Student bulleting boards by noon on Thursday. WE HAVE DRIVERS WILLING TO SHARE DRIVING. WE NEED CARS BADLY
- INFOR-
MATION Call Bob Liberles, 666-6016

DECLARATION OF A GROUP OF RABBINICAL STUDENTS

We the undersigned stand united with all Americans who oppose the Indochina war and its expansion and we deplore all violence.

Whereas a strike is not the way for Jewish students to express themselves and to fulfill their responsibility to the community-at-large;

Whereas our obligation is to demonstrate in a manner particularly suited to our place in the brotherhood of man;

Be it resolved to initiate a constant vigil for peace by fasting, prayer, study, and by supporting only peaceful protest.

Be it further resolved that even under the most critical circumstances, the normal learning process should not be interrupted. Therefore, we choose not to strike the Seminary but to continue as members of a living, functioning institution.

Mark Bisman
Aaron Kriegel
Carl Wolkin

We invite your support and signature.

Prayer offered at the Seminary Community

"Hour of Concern", May 8, 1970

Carla Sydney Stone

We assembled here today, represent a small but significant segment of the American people who are outraged about the President's current policies in South East Asia. We are horrified to think that human lives are being lost, here and abroad.

For the past four days, this entire community has met and debated as to the most rational and moral course of action to take in order to show our indignation. The outcome has been the addition of our numbers to the strength of the movement for peace.

Now is the time for contemplation and prayer. John F. Kennedy said:

When power leads man toward arrogance,
poetry reminds him of his limitations. When
power narrows the areas of man's concern,
poetry reminds him of the richness and diversity
of his existence. When power corrupts, poetry
cleanses."

The quiet reflection upon the nature of our power serves to remind us that we are human, and that we possess a tremendous potential for greatness, but that we can not and must not overestimate our potential. The poetry of our prayers acts as a calming and sobering reminder as to our mortality.

This strike, for many of us, is the first taste of power that we have ever experienced. It is easy to become self-righteous when fighting for a just and moral cause. It is easy to forget our moral obligations to our fellow man, to G_d, and to ourselves. It is easy to become violent.

To those of you who are leaving for the mass demonstration in Washington, I plea - do not lose your identity. Do not let your own moral values be swayed by the power of the rally. Throughout history, the Jewish people has retained its ideals by remembering its heritage and its uniqueness.

We are all aware of the very real possibility of violence and bloodshed tomorrow. The confused and frustrated will be looking for guidance. We look to our religious leaders in times of strife for help. I ask that you students of the Seminary provide the moral guidance for the confused, those who would commit violence, at tomorrow's demonstration.

Remember the students slain at Kent. Remember the cause of peace for which the demonstration is being held. Remember G-d.

A prayer is a poem- a verse of morality. Let it serve to remind you of the rally's mortality. Let it be your guide as you help others.

The Lord will give strength unto His people.
The Lord will bless His people with peace.

Amen

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T.I. Proposal

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The sending of American troops, as many as 50,000 into Cambodia is an immoral act, done without the prior consent of the Cambodian government or consultation with the Congress or the American people, it is an outrageous breach of trust. ~~strike~~

In responding to these events, we as members of the T.I. of Jewish Theological Seminary, Community feel a moral obligation to act. Already broad element of American society have mobilized towards effective redress of grievances. Much of this action has been on college campuses. College students have organized a national strike. Its purposes are educational and political. Its basic assumption is that so long as this war continues, and repression is a policy of this Administration, and polarization is an Administration tactic, business as usual cannot continue ^{at the present time}.

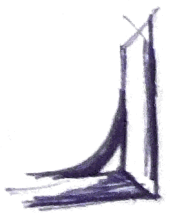
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DRAFT TEXT OF NEWSPAPER AD

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(Pirke Avot I:14)

The war has come home; the soldiers have not.

Our sons and daughters, our brothers and sisters, wounded and slain at Kent State have joined the unending list of casualties of the expanding war in Southeast Asia.

As Americans and Jews, we demand the immediate end of American military involvement in Cambodia and Vietnam. We support the Hatfield-McGovern resolution, cutting off all appropriations for continuing hostilities, and any other Congressional efforts to end the war now.

Services

Prayer for gov't

ADD-HOC SEMINARY STRIKE COMMITTEE

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We are mindful of the sincere concern of some members of our Community as to the impact of our actions. We are not calling for an end to studies but rather for a cessation of academic studies as usual. The cessation is necessary in order to identify us with the national strike movement. We reiterate our obligation to fulfill our academic responsibilities.

There are those who contend that action on the part of the Jewish Community in opposing American military involvement in Indochina reduces the likelihood of American support for the State of Israel. We feel the need to respond to this. With increased involvement in Southeast Asia, America's ability to respond, if necessary, in the Middle East is diminished.

In face of overwhelming response of the Academic community of this country, we feel that our remaining silent is the same as saying to the Administration: "We will remain silent in the face of your immorality in order to win some support for our purpose." This is equivalent to saying that we will support your immorality if you support ~~ours~~ ^{ours} ~~the~~ ^{immorality of our silence}.

If we remain silent on American involvement in Indochina, for the alleged purpose of protecting Israel, we strengthen the claim that Israel represents "an imperialist reactionary state." In the final analysis, the U.S. will act on Israel's behalf only if it is in America's self interest.

* ¹ Done without the prior consent of the Cambodian govt or consultation to the Congress or the American people is an outrageous breach of trust.

In response to these events, we as members of the JCS Community feel a moral obligation to act.

The entire Torah is for the sake of peace, as it is written: "All its paths are peace."

God has given man the power to rule over all the elements of the world. Man can direct his powers for good, or he can devote his energies to war and destruction.

Today, in front of the United Nations, we students of Judaism gather to pray for peace. We know well the meaning of war; our people have been its victims. We know that man can devote himself to violence and destruction, and that he can also sit silently and ignore the pain and death of his brothers. Unless man actively, energetically pursues paths of peace, ambition and apathy can drive him along the road to war.

The tallit (prayer shawl) which we wear, the garment of light, is notable for the four fringes, one on each corner.

That shall be your fringe; look at it and recall all the commandments of the Lord and observe them, so that you do not follow your heart and eyes in your lustful urge. (Numbers 15:39)

These fringes direct us to follow God's teachings, his laws of peace and justice. We may not stray after our own ambitions and grandeur.

The t'fillin (phylacteries or prayer boxes) bind God's teachings upon our hands and eyes.

Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them serve as a symbol on your forehead. (Deuteronomy 6:8)

All that we see and learn, our wisdom and our technology, are bound to the service of God. Our power and strength, every motion of our hand, are ruled by God's laws of peace.

Each weekday we don the tallit and t'fillin, committing ourselves to pursue the ideas they embody: to total devotion of our efforts and powers to the service of God and his world. Each day we pray the traditional Hebrew words:

Grant peace, well-being, blessing, grace, love and mercy...
Blessed are You, Lord, who blesses his people with peace.

Rabbi Joshua said: Great is peace, for Peace is the name of the Holy One, as it is written: "Then Gideon built an altar there to the Lord and called it, The Lord is Peace". (Judges 6:24)

May the Lord give strength to his people!

May the Lord bless his people with peace!

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Dear Friend:

This letter is being written the day after the invasion of Cambodia. It is compelling to want to comment at length on the statement of President Nixon. Somehow words fail in face of so immense a tragedy, so bloody a "peacemaking".

The Jewish Peace Fellowship has joined with other groups as sponsor of a mobilization in Washington, D.C. next Saturday to make known our unequivocal rejection of still more war. We urge you to join us. We urge you to send money to help make this effort possible.

We had scheduled a retreat in quiet Connecticut for this week-end. We have abandoned that retreat but we have made it possible for JPFers to come together for friendship and for serious discussion before and after the mobilization. If you are in need of housing, information, if you want to participate in a Jewish action, if you want to know our schedule for meetings, call JPF in New York City (212) 228-0360 during the week or, when you arrive in Washington, call the JWW office at 547-8852. Try to arrive by 6 p.m. - when we hope to have our first meeting.

Shalom! Shalom!



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TEXT OF TELEGRAM FROM SENATOR GEORGE McGOVERN TO ACTION FOR PEACE,
COLUMBIA UNVIERSITY

Dear Friends:

I keenly appreciate the sense of outrage which you and other Americans feel over the war in Southeast Asia. The recent invasion of Cambodia and the resumption of bombing of North Vietnam are only the latest in a long series of actions that mean more slaughter and destruction on all sides. In seeking to halt this barbaric and senseless policy it is important that your efforts and those of others be as relevant and effective as possible. May I urge you to direct at least a portion of your effort to supporting Congressional action to cut off further funds for Southeast Asia except for the purpose of withdrawing our troops. Senators Hatfield, Goodell, Hughes, Cranston, and I, doubtless soon to be joined by other senators, are offering an amendment to the Military Authorization Bill that will require a roll call vote in approximately 30 days limiting future American actions in Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos, only to cover the withdrawal of our forces, the exchange of prisoners, and asylum for Vietnamese who might feel threatened by our withdrawal. I pledge to you that there will be an official roll call on this amendment requiring every senator to go on record for or against continued funding of the war. Similar efforts are underway in the House of Representatives.

Will you do all in your power to generate public support for a victorious roll call to end the war? Your letters, phone calls, petitions, and personal visits to your senators and congressmen are urgently needed now and during the next three or four crucial weeks.

Sincerely yours,

May 5, 1970

George McGovern
U.S. Senator from South Dakota

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ACTION FOR PEACE is a political organization started by students at Columbia University on May 3, 1970 is now working at a number of university campuses on the East Coast. ACTION FOR PEACE, which developed as a reaction to President Nixon's decision to invade Cambodia and resume the bombing of North Vietnam, has to date concentrated most of its energy on building a massive petition campaign in support of the McGovern-Hatfield amendment to the Military Procurement Authorization Bill. After two full days of campaigning, in the New York area alone we have gathered well over 60,000 signatures. Petitions are being mailed to high schools and colleges throughout the country.

While the petition campaign will continue for thirty days until the Senate vote on the resolution, further political actions are already in the formative stages. One group of students has committed itself to working for Rev. Joseph Duffy who is opposing Thomas Dodd in Connecticut. Activities are being coordinated with Referendum '70, Senators for Peace, New Democratic Coalition, Americans for Democratic Action, and other anti-war groups.

Lobbying activity and meetings with certain key senators are scheduled for later this week; grass roots political activity for anti-war candidates in all parts of the country is now being planned. At the same time, universities across the country will be pressured to reschedule their academic calendars to permit a two-week recess before the November elections to enable students to work for peace candidates.

ACTION FOR PEACE hopes to mount a massive political movement to reverse the course of American foreign policy abroad and to defeat the present administration in the upcoming Congressional elections.