

During the summer of 1918, World War I raged on, with the Germans refusing attempts to start peace talks. In September, green American troops participated in the Allied attack on the Hindenburg Line. By then end of the month, the Allies controlled Belgium, Greece, and the Balkans, but the Germans fought on. Jews served in every capacity and in every arena. The following articles appeared in the New York Times during the month of September, 1918.

**JEWS GREET PERSHING - Welfare Board Sends Message on Eve of Jewish New Year:** Providence, RI, Sept. 5. - Colonel Harry Cutler, Chairman of the Jewish Welfare Board, with the approval of the Secretary of War, cabled today the following greeting to General Pershing: "On the eve of the new year the Jewish Welfare Board, United States Army and Navy, representing 3,000,000 citizens of the Jewish faith, sends greetings and good wishes to you and your comrades in arms, regardless of race or creed. You are fighting in a holy cause that social justice may prevail and lasting peace come to the entire human family, therefore, through the righteousness of our country's aims and those of her allies, you are granted the privilege to establish a world democracy which shall endure and become a blessing to all future generations. Our ardent prayer is that God may speed your victory and rush the work of your brave comrades who are planting American ideals and traditions to preserve the noblest efforts of civilizations."

**FINDS JEWS SOLID FOR WAR - Writer Declares Third Liberty Loan Proved Loyalty of Race:** Washington, Sept. 14. - The Jews of the United States have become a unit for the war against Germany. The reasons for this attitude have been examined by a writer in the American Weekly Jewish News, who concludes that not only does the heart of the east side of New York, the largest Jewish colony of the world, beat with America, but that that particular district has actually become "one of the strongholds of unadulterated Americanism...Since the Third Liberty Loan a spirit of patriotism and devotion to the United States has swept across the district and has enveloped everyone; lines of demarcation between classes have been obliterated by all-embracing fervor. In the Third Liberty Loan, in the Red Cross Campaign, in the War Savings and Thrift Stamp drives, in the demonstrations and patriotic pageantry of the Fourth of July the Jews of the east side have more than done their duty. Jewish participation in any of the aforementioned activities will serve to illustrate the new spirit of the east side..."

**PERSHING THANKS THE JEWS - Greeting to Welfare Board in Response to Congratulations:** Providence, RI, Sept 16. - Colonel Harry Cutler of Providence, Chairman of the Jewish Welfare Board, received the following cablegram from General Pershing tonight in reply to congratulations: "The stirring message of greetings from the Jewish Welfare Board is much appreciated in the American Expeditionary Force. The constant support and cordial assistance of our brothers of the Jewish faith and the thought that all creeds are united under one banner gives courage to our army and urges us to victory...PERSHING. Colonel Cutler, upon receipt of the cablegram said: "This message coming on the eve of the most sacred day of the Jewish Calendar, the Day of Atonement, will bring cheer to the hearts of American citizens of the Jewish faith."

**CALL TO JEWISH CHAPLAINS - Chaplains Asked to Provide for Rabbis Who Enter the Service:** Sept. 25. - An appeal for volunteers to serve as Jewish Chaplains in the United States Army has been sent out by Elias L. Solomon, President of the United Synagogue of America, 531 West 123<sup>rd</sup> Street. The appeal was directed to institutions affiliated with the United Synagogue of America and to the rabbis engaged by those institutions. Chaplains are appointed with the rank of First Lieutenants at \$2000 a year, and its behooves each congregation, said Mr. Solomon, to make such financial arrangements as will insure the rabbi against financial difficulty or his family being deprived of its customary living.