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PROTEST ISRAELI PERSECUTION OF RELIGION

A mass meeting against the current religious oppression in the State of Israel will be held in Manhattan Center, 34th Street and 8th Avenue, tomorrow evening. The gathering is held under the auspices of the Central Rabbinical Congress of the U. S. and Canada, with offices at 134 Broadway, Brooklyn.

This group is one of a number of Jewish organizations who, believing in the sanctity of the Bible and Jewish religious laws, deplore Zionism as a complete falsification of Jewish tradition and values.

The immediate cause for violent complaint is the fact of the forceful estrangement from religion of tens of thousands of children of pious immigrants from oriental countries that is now taking place in the State of Israel. This process of alienation, ardently promoted by the dominant Mapai and other marxist parties in Israel through intimidation and coercion, started years ago with the so-called Teheran

children from Iran, gathered momentum with the influx of the Yemenite Jews and has at present reached a new climax with children of Moroccan and other North African parentage. Other major reasons for calling the protest meeting at this time are recurrent and prolonged arrests of rabbis and other prominent Jewish orthodox personalities in Israel for imaginary offenses, the obligatory drafting of girls for military service, systematic anti-religious instruction in many state schools, totalitarian and chauvinistic education in para-military and other youth