

## JEWES AND JUDAISM IN THE SOVIET UNION -1963

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The situation of Jews in the Soviet Union has become increasingly disturbing. Reliable reports state that more than 60% of the persons recently condemned on economic charges have been of Jewish origin; that a rabbi has been sentenced to death on such a charge; that Jewish cemeteries have been prevented from acquiring new properties and that other obstacles have been deliberately placed in the paths of persons seeking the opportunity to live and die as Jews.

The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, ever-concerned about the welfare of our Jewish brethren wherever they may be, through its United States affiliates, urges the State Department of the United States to protest through proper channels the denial of equal rights and privileges and to oppose all other forms of persecution inflicted on Jews in the Soviet Union. Furthermore, we urge all our affiliates to cooperate with the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism, of which the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods is a member agency, and other Jewish organizations in bringing the facts of anti-Jewish discrimination by the Soviet Union to the attention of our own members and of the community-at-large.