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D RENOWNED ARTISTS TO APPEAR IN MEMPHIS SPONSORED BY ZIONISTS

Zfirah and Nachum Nardi, Famed Interpreters of Oriental Folk Lore Will Appear in Memphis March 8—All Zionist Groups Are Sponsors

World-renowned couple, Brachah Zfirah and Nachum Nardi, long famed for their interpretations of Oriental folk lore, will appear in Memphis on the night of March 8. Capacity audiences in cities of three continents have acclaimed this unusually interesting.

The couple Zfirah and Nardi, their title naturally. Both with which they deal and in which they present something out of the ordinary.

of its fundamental excellent Hebrew music has since time medieval. Such a piano accompaniment of Nardi, Brachah Zfirah sings. To lend more color and to the program, ancient songs from far-off Yemen, Arabia are added, and as a most comparison to all that is

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Born in Yemen, on the southern tip of the Arabian Peninsula, Brachah Zfirah possesses that dark Oriental beauty symbolic of her country. A superb dramatic ability, enhanced by a natural vivacity, serve well to enact the complete meaning of her songs. All of the tragic beauty of history-laden Palestine, its hidden soul and once illustrious people... this and more we feel and see displayed for us.

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of the Junior Congregation... participate in the services, singing the chanting of Canticles, with responsive readings. Ruth Waller, Estera Messinger, Irving Olendon Messinger, Edward Shafsky and Bernard

is, president, will give the address, and Emanuel speak on "The Development of Palestine."

Following the services, refreshments will be served at the... Every one is invited to the services, one of the major

THE WORLD'S WINDOW

LUDWIG LEWISOHN

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asked to write in my... as an American liberal of the Jewish people. I am glad to need not perhaps offer

One, at all events, will... am the author of that American literature of Jewish history, the American Jews by Carl Van Doren called "The American Jews."

I speak as an American... I do not desire that the Jewish people be forgotten. I am a conservative Jew! I am very "rightist"; I am a radical Zionist, I am a Jew!

the liquidation of the... of the diaspora, of the Jewish people in my time assuredly... and pray—in my son's... in his son's. But indeed these convictions wholly... with those of a liberal, a liberal—a libertarian, who derives as such from... who derives as such from... and graver Lincoln, who... himself on Emerson, it to be the deepest and... of American say—no man is good enough to

is good enough to rule... essential point has been... no man! And by the... no majority is good... a permanent and per... different minority—none... or corrupt; power en... others maddens... highest... humanity does... self. Progress... and then... like a malign... in this age... terrible pesti... Death which... of the... of any... about eco-



Rabbi Jonah B. Wise to Lead J.D.C. Nat'l Drive for \$5,100,000 in 1938

Gov. Henry Horner of Illinois Is Elected An Honorary Chairman

Two leading spirits of the national campaign for \$5,100,000 during 1938 which the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee is conducting in behalf of needy Jews in central and eastern Europe are shown here in the persons of (from left to right) Governor Henry Horner, of Illinois, newly elected an honorary chairman of the campaign, and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, of New York, newly elected chairman.

The picture was taken after Gov. Horner's address to the Plan and Scope Committee which met in St. Louis on Sunday, January 23rd, at which time the national quota of the J. D. C. was set, and campaign officers, and Plan and Scope committee members were elected.

Denouncing tyranny abroad which denies liberty to the people, Gov. Horner said: "We must have courage to go on helping our brethren. We have been carrying on the efforts of the Joint Distribution Committee for almost 25 years. We honor the leaders who have guided us in the past. From them we have learned that there is nothing unconquerable in human life. So while our task is a heavy one, let us never be discouraged."

Officers of the 1938 national campaign of the J. D. C., elected at this meeting: National Chairman: Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, New York; Honorary Chairmen: Dr. Cyrus Adler, Philadelphia, Max Epstein, Chicago; Hon. Henry Horner, Springfield; Louis E. Kirstein, Boston; Hon. Herbert H. Lehman, New York; James N. Rosenberg, New York; Hon. M. C. Sloss, San Francisco; and Aaron Waldheim, St. Louis.

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STUART CHASE, NOTED ECONOMIST, DESCRIBES GOVERNMENTAL NEEDS

"If the government does not assume the role of co-ordinator, millions of Americans will face starvation and our government will look into the eyes of open revolt by those who feed us, the agriculturists," Stuart Chase, noted economist and author of numerous books on economical theories, told the guests of the Temple Men's Club last Monday night. "Just as the world was in a transition period when the feudal system gave way to the elementary machine age, we of today are faced with such a period," Mr. Chase said.

"The sturdy individualism which existed in the early pioneer settlements sufficed for the standard of living which these people set, and, barring pestilence or military invasion, they were economically secure, not having to worry where the next shilling was coming from.

"Living on the same type of farm as my great grandfather of nine generations ago, I am only 10 per cent self sufficient, whereas he was only 10 per cent non-self sufficient.

"Our prospects for security seem to grow worse because of labor saving inventors. We cannot keep them down. Six hundred thousands men in bituminous mines will give way to three hundred thousand within the next ten years because of new machinery. And because of competition no manufacturer can afford not to put in these machines," Mr. Chase said.

Mr. Chase declared that never in human history have we had the capacity to produce the good things in life and still we are hungry for security. In 1920, the period of Economic Abundance began. It speeded up the production of new machinery, and mass production then came into its own. Even now we can produce more than in 1925, whereas in reality

we are producing much less.

"With a possible abundance for all throughout Western civilization, what is holding us back? The barriers are mental, not physical. We are trying to operate with old, well tried institutions instead of changing to meet the changing environmental conditions.

"Pecuniary thrift used to be a great virtue. If the savings are not spent, through the medium of investment, business falls away and the dollar system will not revolve. We have got to spend in an economy of abundance if we want to keep afloat!

"We cannot go back to individualistic farming from our highly specialized civilization, and in this highly specialized civilization we must recover our security. If my grandfather wanted an apple, he went out and picked it off a tree; a process done by man. Now, in my eating an apple, 100,000 people are involved.

"The Federal Government is the only power than can co-ordinate conditions and bring about an economic security." Mr. Chase advocated that the government should have the power to do such things as provide jobs through the medium of public works, guarantee food and clothing to the still jobless, see that industry is operated somewhere near capacity, help to conserve land and mineral resource so that our children will not be deprived of their most precious inheritance by erosion, flood and dust, and help stimulate the arts, health and education, for man does not live by his bread alone.

Mr. Chase asks that the community do only those things the individual cannot do for himself. The community should come in only in the face of unmanageable circumstances.

KING CAROL PROCLAIMS DICTATORSHIP AS HE OUSTS ANTI-SEMITIC GOGA

Replaces It By Coalition Headed By Patriarch Miron Cristea, Also An Anti-Semite; Anti-Jewish Decrees Held Unconstitutional

Bucharest (WNS) — One anti-Semite succeeded another as premier of Rumania when King Carol dismissed the out and out anti-Jewish cabinet headed by his personal appointee, Octavian Goga, co-leader of the National Christian Party, and appointed in his place Patriarch Miron Cristea, head of the Holy Synod of the National Orthodox Church of Rumania, who took office with a coalition cabinet under a royal military dictatorship proclaimed by the King. The royal proclamation placed the country under martial law, prohibited all political parties, announced plans for "modifying the constitution and adapting it to the new needs of the country," and cancelled the March parliamentary elections. Goga issued an 11-page statement to the country entitled "Israel, You Are Victorious."

The new cabinet includes represent-

atives of all parties but the Iron Guard, the National Peasants and the National Christians, as well as seven former premiers, some of whom are hardly less anti-Semitic than Goga whose 44-day regime had terrorized the Jews of the country. The new premier, the Patriarch Miron, is on record as having said last August that "the Jews have caused an epidemic of corruption and social unrest," that "to defend ourselves is a national and patriotic duty, not anti-Semitism," that "lack of measures to get rid of this plague would indicate that we are lazy cowards who let ourselves be carried alive to our graves," that Jews are "parasites who suck Rumanian Christian blood" and that "it is logical and holy to react against them." In March 1937 he wrote of Professor Alexander Cuza, who is co-leader of the National Christian Party and who was minister without portfolio in the Goga cabinet, that "I admire his energy and nationalism, which are an example to the youth and large masses of Roumanians, and I wish him many years of useful and tireless work."

Vayda-Voevod, who quit the National Peasant Party because it refused to follow him into the anti-Semitic camp; former Premier Nicolas Jorga, also an anti-Semite; former Premier Marshall Alexander Averescu, whose People's Party was allied with Cuza and Goga; and Istrate Micescu, foreign minister in the Goga government who as president of the Bucharest Bar Association, excluded Jewish attorneys.

The immediate cause of the political upheaval which resulted in the ousting of Goga was the unexpected decision of the Juridical Committee, a body which determines the constitutionality of laws issued in the form of cabinet decrees, that the Goga government's decree branding all of Rumania's 750,000 Jews as aliens and making them subject to deportation unless they could prove their right to citizenship by submitting a series of documents difficult to obtain to special citizenship revision boards was unconstitutional. The Juridical Committee held the decree illegal because it was aimed at only one class of citizens while the Constitution and the minority treaty of 1919, which is an integral part of the Constitution, declares all citizens to be equal before the law, regardless of race or creed. By this decision the Juridical Committee also outlawed all of the other anti-Jewish decrees of the Goga cabinet which had begun to expel Jews from the professions and was forming then to liquidate their business affairs at a rate that was creating an economic crisis.

Notwithstanding the fact that Premier Miron is an avowed anti-Semite and that King Carol himself is on record as upholding many phases of the anti-Jewish program, the new government is expected to go slowly on the Jewish question.

Rumanian Situation To Be Factor In Palestine Quota

London (WNS) — The problem of the Jews in Rumania who are seeking to emigrate as a result of anti-Semitism will be taken into account by the British Government when it sets the new Palestine immigration quota, Colonial Secretary William Ormsby-Gore told the House of Commons. The new quota goes into effect on March 31st.

Other members of the cabinet include former Premier Georg Tatarescu, during whose term in office many anti-Jewish measures were enacted; former Premier Alexander

PLAN OBSERVANCE OF BROTHERHOOD DAY

Blytheville, Ark.—Brotherhood Day Service will be held in Temple Israel, Blytheville, Arkansas, this Sunday afternoon, February 20, at 3 o'clock, Rabbi Herman Pollack announced. The Rev. George W. Patterson, pastor of the First Christian Church, will bring a message for the occasion.

Annual Brotherhood Day, observed nationally in connection with Washington's Birthday, was initiated by the National Conference of Jews and Christians for the purpose of "promoting justice, amity, understanding and cooperation among the many religious groups in this nation." This year Brotherhood Day is sponsored by the President of the United States and the Governors of the various states. The Conference was launched ten years ago by the Hon. Charles Evans Hughes and the late Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, and Newton D. Baker was active chairman until his recent death.

A most cordial invitation is extended to the members of the various religious denominations.

RABBI J. TOLOCHKO TO BE GUEST RABBI

Rabbi J. Gerson Tolochko, of Greenville, Miss will be the Guest Rabbi this Friday evening and Saturday morning at Congregation Children of Israel. Rabbi Tolochko is a most interesting and inspiring speaker, and his sermons will be well worth hearing. His subject for Friday evening will be "I Suggest a New Religion" and his sermon for Saturday morning will be "Road Blocked—Detour". Services are at 8 and 10:30 respectively.

INAUGURAL BALL TO BE HELD TUESDAY NITE

The Baron Hirsch Congregation will hold its annual Inaugural Ball Tuesday night, Feb. 22 in the spacious ballroom of the Menorah Institute.

The Grand March will begin at 8:30 and will be led by the officers and members of the Board and their wives.

Philip Belz has arranged a very entertaining musical program. Sol Kaplan's orchestra will furnish the music for dancing, which will begin at 9 o'clock, and later in the evening, a delicious supper will be served.

Mr. Davis, chairman of this gala party, promises a good time for both young and old alike. So get your tickets now from any officer or board member of the Congregation.

Those wishing to make reservations, are requested to call Mr. Davis at 8-9123.

MIZRACHI TO MEET SUNDAY AT MENORAH

The Memphis Mizrach Zionist Organization will hold a regular meeting at 2:30 Sunday afternoon, Feb. 19, at the Menorah Institute.

A very fine program has been arranged. Rabbi Morris Taxon will give a lecture on Mizrachi; several musical selections will be given by Philip Belz, and Mr. H. Blumenfeld will give a reading entitled "Masse Germania," one of his own compositions.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

All members are urged to attend because this meeting must decide the welfare and the existence of the Mizrachi organization in Memphis.

Visitors are cordially invited.

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Welcome News

The announcement by the B'nai B'rith that it will soon organize a vocational service bureau for Jewish youth ought to be greeted with cheers. In recent years Jewish youth has been warned to avoid this or that profession or occupation because it is overcrowded. Parents have been cautioned not to encourage their sons and daughters to embark upon courses of study leading to such professions. Surveys have been made indicating in which professions and occupations Jews are concentrated. But little or nothing of an organized nature has been done to provide the necessary guidance for Jewish youth in the selection of a profession or occupation.

As we understand it, the object of the new B'nai B'rith bureau will be to sponsor group vocational guidance. It will seek to utilize available research material, publishing it and disseminating it through the Hillel Foundations, the Anti-Defamation League, the Aleph Zadek Aleph chapters and other agencies dealing with Jewish youth work. In other words the B'nai B'rith will set up a sort of clearing house for information on the subject of Jewish vocational guidance. Ultimately this bureau ought to serve not merely as an information center but also as a research agency in a field that has been too long neglected by American Jewry.

Youth Aliyah

When the historian comes to write about how world Jewry in the third decade of the 20th century dealt with the problem of the refugees from Germany he will be obliged to give more than passing attention to the Youth Aliyah. It is just four years since 60 German Jewish boys and girls, ranging in age from 15 to 17, put foot in Haifa and entrained for the cooperative colony of Ain Harod, thus launching an unparalleled youth migration. This first group to be taken from Germany to Palestine by Youth Aliyah has since grown to more than 2,000. A year ago Youth Aliyah undertook to do the same for the youth of Poland and is even now considering extending its work to Rumania.

Committees in 19 countries have cooperated in furthering this unique piece of human salvage. In this country Hadassah has made Youth Aliyah its special project and has raised \$268,000 for this purpose. Youth Aliyah not only arranges for the mi-

gration of these young people but once they have reached Palestine provides for their general education for two years and gives them practical training in agriculture and technical occupations and instruction in Hebrew and Jewish literature and history, and houses and maintains them. Already 800 boys and girls have been graduated from the two-year training course, 75 percent of whom have remained on the land and organized themselves into cooperative groups.

Youth Aliyah is now beginning its fifth year. It is no exaggeration to say that this Jewish youth emigration program is one of the most constructive phases of the program of aid for the German Jews. It is to be hoped that funds will be forthcoming to enable Youth Aliyah to expand its activities in order to enable it to care for many more young people not only from Germany but also from Poland and Rumania.

Tale Of Two Countries

Last month we noted the fifth anniversary of Hitlerism in Germany; this week, less than a month later, we celebrate the fifth annual Brotherhood Day of the National Conference of Jews and Christians. That these two unlike reflections of the world scene should be so coincidental is significant. The one sets the seal of doom on German Jewry; the other is one of the brightest spots on the American horizon. This study in contrasts raises two questions that American Jewry would like to have answered: "Why Hitlerism?" and "Can It Happen Here?". Unquestionably, Nazism in Germany was born of deepest despair and the false hope held out to the people by a mustached messiah. Obviously, there has been no such despair here. So far so good. The answer is: It can't happen here. But what of a sustained depression and the emergence of a Huey Long or another demagogue who would use the Jews as a scapegoat? What steps can we take to protect ourselves? Influence and achievements, as the German Jews discovered, were of no avail. What then? Possibly an enlightened America, an America intellectually immune to the virus of hate, could withstand a demagogue's empty mouthings, his false promises. Possibly an American 100 percent sold on democracy would be a bulwark against anti-Semitism, against Communism, against Fascism.

PLAIN TALK

BY AL SEGAL

I R E N E

In the Rev. Dr. G. Barrett Rich no Jew, even those with microscopic eyes for such things, could find rishus. He is the one Jew who has the Presbyterian church which stands among the Jews in our town. I do not like to say he is a good friend of Jews; for that contains a connotation of patronizing.

Rather one should say he is a good neighbor who takes Mr. Levine as he would Mr. McCarthy or Mr. Humphries who (as I observe) is treasurer of his church. This is to say, Mr. Levine, Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Humphries are all human beings together.

So when I received Dr. Rich's critical letter I could take no offense; he was the good neighbor finding a fault. Besides, I couldn't help but feel that Dr. Rich was quite right.

He had attended the lecture of Rabbi Joachim Prinz (recently of Berlin) who had spoken in the temple on "Now I Can Tell the Truth."

"One paragraph (of Rabbi Prinz's speech) particularly impressed me," Dr. Rich's letter said. "In Germany (Rabbi Prinz said) Jews can not enter restaurants, they can not enter the theaters, cannot patronize hotels. They can not enjoy public parks, their children are segregated in the schools and they are forbidden to enjoy public playgrounds."

"Now, of course, this discrimination is diabolical, but the reason I am writing to you is that so many Jewish friends I have are as tolerant in regard to the Negroes in this country as the Nazis are against Jews. It seems to me that a group of people who are being persecuted in nearly a score of countries would have compassion and sympathy for Negroes who are so notoriously discriminated against in America. Yet this is not the case.

"I knew Jews who defend theaters, restaurants and hotels which refuse to admit Negroes. In fact these Jewish friends of mine say, 'a nigger is all right as long as he stays in his place.'"

"I feel sure that you agree that persecution of Negroes in America is just as much an evil as persecution of Jews in Germany, Rumania, Poland or anywhere else, and that people who are seeking tolerance should grant it."

I agree with Dr. Rich that Jews should be the most tolerant of other oppressed minorities, I agree that some Jews ought to be taken into a corner. "See here, Mr. Shabbosdeckel, who are you to carry prejudices against any other race? You the eternal victim of prejudice should be the last to spew revilement on weaker people. I am particularly

says experience gained as a newspaper reporter has been invaluable in his screen writing. Samuel Spevack is another member of this group.

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ashamed of you when I see you exploiting any of them. I should kick you in the pants, Mr. Shabbosdeckel."

Yet I have reason to believe that Jews generally feel for Negroes the compassion that is becoming to people who themselves have suffered the same oppression. True, I know the Shabbosdeckels whose sin against Negroes does not consist merely of social contempt; far worse is economic exploitation of Negroes.

But I know, too, the Rosenwalds and I know the Jewish leadership in our town standing for justice for the Negro, and I know of our more gorgeous temple being loaned to Negroes for meetings, and I know that homeless Negroes were sheltered in the temple's basement during the depression. We have becomingly behaved.

I know myself. If the girl who works for us in our house were white I might get ferocious with her when she is late with my breakfast. "Irene, is this the way to treat me, your master?" Thus ferociously I might speak to her if she were white. "For shame, Irene! Having no breakfast ready."

But since she is colored, I say nothing at all. Oh, I think, it's even harder to be a Negro than a Jew and why should I say anything to increase her pain?

The trouble with me is that I have none of the Aryan attributes; otherwise my ego could get a great deal of satisfaction from having Irene, a member of the weaker race, in our house. I could cause myself to feel superior by sternly ordering her about and putting her in her place and generally kicking her around.

Instead I consider that she and I are practically in the same boat; this is to say, if I were a German Jew or a Rumanian or Polish we would certainly be in the same boat. When I am making cocktails I offer Irene a drink. Yes, I say, a drink will help Irene forget (for about a half hour) all the pain of being black. Irene must share amnesia with me.

Not that Irene ever mentions the oppressions she suffers; in that respect she is not like Jews who are always talking of their pains. Irene takes her pain as she might a long, lingering rheumatism; in time one accepts an old rheumatism as something normal in the course of human events.

Sometime I wish she would say something about being a Negro; then I could exchange with her pain for pain. "Ah, Irene, you and I are like kinspeople in pain". . . . But on second thought I am glad she doesn't mention the matter, for she might be embarrassing to my Americanism.

"Oh, Mister Segal," she might say, "you're always a-talkin' about Germany. I hear you're always a-talkin' about that."

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"Yes, Irene, it's pretty bad in Germany." "I've been a-thinkin' about you're always a-talkin' about Germany is treatin' you you never say nothin' about the United States is a-treatin' you." "Now, Irene, you don't stand. In Germany it's the ment that's persecuting the You see, Irene, in Germany tion is official. In the United it's not official. That's the ence." "But, Mistah Segal, it doo just the same even if it a official. When you get lynched make no difference even if official." "Yes, Irene, you should rea that in the United States un laws, you could be President country if you got enough vo Jew in Germany would be allo even be dog-catcher." "Ho, ho, Mistah Segal, you're me laugh." "Yes, Irene, there is noth the laws to prevent you being dent of the United States." "Mistah Segal, you're ju funny." "Yes, I guess it's for the be Irene never brings up the coo tive matters of being a Jew in many and a Negro in the States. In conclusion I thank Dr. R raising a disagreeable point which to prod some Jews. Copyright 1938 By Seven Arts Feature Syndicate

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LIGHTS FROM HOLLYWOOD

By LOUIS PEKARSKY News From the Film Capital Seven Arts' Film Editor

HOLLYWOOD. — Elaine Barrie (nee Jacobs) and her hubby, John Barrymore, will be co-starred in a Broadway stage play written by Jerry Herwin and Katherine Turney. . . . Contracts have been signed with producer Brock Pemberton, but no date is set for the play's opening. . . . Eddie Cantor fought off a streptococci infection of the throat by going to a hospital for a few days. . . . A sinus infection put Film Producer Carl Laemmle, Jr., on the sick list, too. . . . Formerly vice president and general manager of Universal Pictures, young Laemmle has joined forces with MGM as a producer. . . . Al Jolson has been elected president of the Encino (California) Chamber of Commerce. . . . Al also is unofficial mayor of the town. . . . Victor Mansfield Shapiro and Herb Klein, film publicity writers, have collaborated on a motion picture story, "Her Pri-

ate Business," which is now undergoing the scrutiny of studio story editors. . . . The youngest individual to be listed in the new "Who's Who in American Jewry" is 10-year-old Bobby Breen, singing star of the movies, and the second youngest entry is Ruth Slenczynski, 12-year-old pianist. . . . An assignment to prepare an original musical score for a million-and-a-half-dollar all-Technicolor production now being edited, has been given Erich Wolfgang Korngold by Warner Bros. . . . The internationally famous composer, Korngold, has been writing opera in Vienna lately and his most recent film musical compositions have been featured in "Captain Blood" and "Anthony Adverse." . . .

HOSPITAL GIFT

At the annual meeting of Cedars of Lebanon Hospital in Los Angeles it was announced that three movie magnates, Joseph M. Schenck, William Goetz and Sol Wurtzel, of 20th Century, have donated \$1000 each to purchase bi-fluoroscope equipment for the hospital. The hospital is a constituent member of the Federation of Jewish Organizations of Los Angeles. At the same meeting, J. L. Warner was elected to the hospital board.

HEIFETZ NO COMPETITION

Jascha Heifetz, renowned violinist, says he will make his motion picture debut next summer, but he will not

be a matinee idol and the stars need not fear competition from him. "I am a violinist, not an actor and will play myself on the screen," he commented. He also told interviewers he was pleased to note a very marked increase in musical interest, in good music, and that audiences throughout the country in the last two years have shown a larger proportion of men than usual, whereas a few years ago men in many sections of the country thought only "sissies" could enjoy good music.

AL JOLSON SPONSORS CHOIR

Scores of Hollywood youths are being auditioned for places in the new Hollywood Boys' Choir, which is being sponsored without charge to participants by Al Jolson. Jolson says he is supporting the choir as a movement to call the world's attention to the cultural values of Hollywood, America's film capital. Enthusiastic praise and pledges of support to Mr. Jolson's musical undertaking are being voiced by a number of leaders of the musical world.

FAST AND GOOD

One of the speediest as well as the best film writers in Hollywood is Ben Hecht. His most recent work is "Nothing Sacred," produced by Selznick. Hecht is a member of a select group of motion picture writers who left newspaper work for better paying jobs in Hollywood. He



ASK ME ANOTHER

By FLORENCE ROTHSCHILD

Mr. World's Questions
 How many of these questions have you answered after you have read Mr. World's "Ask Me Another" chat.

What Biblical figure did for his people what Washington did for America?

What important lessons did both Washington and Lincoln learn in life?

What did Washington's father teach him to be truthful at all times?

What did Mr. Washington teach George to recognize the existence of God?

What was Washington's first school teacher?

What did George's later education consist of?

What was Washington's first job?

How did he come to enter the military service?

At what age did he show the

first signs of military ability?

10. Did Washington's mother feel very proud of her son's military achievements?

Well, here's Mr. World again, with his seven-year boots well oiled and all ready for a long leap back a couple of centuries. So hop right on his back, boys and girls, and let's all go back to Virginia of two hundred years ago.

You know why, of course. But, just to make sure, Mr. World will remind you that two hundred years ago there lived in Virginia a very small boy who grew up to be a very great man. A man who became the father of his country and like Moses in ancient times, freed his people from tyranny—George Washington. It's true that Moses led his people out of the house of bondage into the land of freedom, while Washington freed his own country by driving out the tyrants. But the achievement of both remains the same—each led his own nation to

freedom.

In our last chat Mr. World told you about Abraham Lincoln, the other great American whose birthday we celebrate this month. At first sight there seems little resemblance between Lincoln's childhood and that of Washington. Washington, as you know, was the son of a Virginia plantation owner, and was brought up with many comforts that Lincoln's boyhood, nearly a hundred years later, lacked entirely. But in one important point—the one that really matters—the two boys were brought up the same way: Both were early taught the moral lessons of the Bible, and both took them to heart and let their whole lives be guided by these principles.

It was Washington's father who taught little George these lessons. And numerous stories have come down to us illustrating how he taught these lessons, and with what results. Take the famous cherry tree incident, for example. It shows that even when George was a very small boy he had learned that it is not only wicked but cowardly and senseless to tell lies. He had learned this from his father—who, by the way, had once explained to him that he would never punish his child for any wrong-doing which he freely confessed without trying to

cover it up with a falsehood. Mr. Washington realized that children often lie in order to save themselves some punishment (was he right?), and he was so anxious for his son George—and presumably his other children too—to grow up to be truthful that he wanted to be sure they would not have this particular reason for untruthfulness.

No doubt you know that other famous story telling how little George was taught that God exists even though we humans cannot see him. You remember—how Mr. Washington planted a cabbage bed in such a way that the young plants would spell out the name of George Washington; how George, seeing the bed, was at first greatly mystified, but quickly came to the conclusion that his father must have planted the bed, as his name could surely not have come there by chance; and how Mr. Washington seized the opportunity to explain that just as George had known his father had planted the bed without actually having seen him do it, so people know, by watching the organization of nature, that the hand of God guides it.

Washington's early education was not very good when judged by our modern standards, for Virginia was a very new world at that time, and could not yet have developed the fam-

ous schools it later acquired. George's first school teacher, for example, was one Hobby who, as the story goes, did his best as an educator, but earned the major part of his living as a grave-digger, a trade at which he was much more skillful. Later, after Mr. Washington's death—George was only ten then—the boy was sent to a school kept by a Mr. Williams, who is said to have been a very good teacher, and from whom George learned the finer points of English spelling and grammar, geography, arithmetic, bookkeeping and even surveying. George was a good student at this school, popular among his schoolmates and very fond indeed of outdoor sports. He liked to wrestle, though his weight was rather too light to enable him to achieve supremacy in this. But in running and pole vaulting and weight-throwing he is said to have been the champion of his school.

At the age of fifteen George left school and started to look around for a way of earning his living. His father had been well-to-do, but on his death had left the plantation to his widow, who had several younger children to support, so that George did not feel it would be proper for him simply to remain at home doing nothing. So this young boy, hardly

older than most of you, obtained a job as a surveyor in the backwoods of Virginia, on the property of Lord Fairfax.

At first glance it might not seem that the work of a surveyor is in any way related to the career which later became Washington's the career of a great soldier. Yet it was in the Virginia backwoods that young George learned to observe all those little details which a surveyor must note and which a general must keep track of if he is to lead his army to victory. He was interested in military science, and used to borrow books about it which he would study in his spare time. So that it really was no accident that he became his country's leader when war came.

George had been interested in military games from his earliest boyhood. In that country where the white settlers had to be constantly prepared for Indian raiders it was natural for boys to play at war games, one side representing the white men, the other side the Indians. And even when he was a very small boy George usually was chosen to be the leader of his side, for his playmates quickly discovered that this boy knew how to lead even a play-army. Later, after he left school but before he became a surveyor, George wanted to join the British navy, and even went so far as to enlist as a midshipman on a British warship. His trunks were already on board, and the ship was nearly ready to sail, when his mother's tears persuaded him to withdraw from the navy and engage in a more peaceful pursuit.

Later, of course, when Washington, as a grown man, offered his services to Governor Dinwiddie—who needed an expert woodsman to investigate what the French and Indians were doing in the wild country on the Ohio River—his mother no longer objected. But she never could develop any enthusiasm for her son's military achievements. She lived to see him the general of the army which won such great victories at Trenton and Princeton, but when friends congratulated her on being the mother of such a son she simply said, according to reports: "Ah, dear me! This fighting and killing is a sad thing! I wish George would come home and look after his plantation!"

What Washington did once he had become an army officer is history which you have learned in school, so Mr. World need not go into it here. But he does want you to remember—on February 22nd, when the welcome respite from school duties will give you plenty of time to think of the Father of our country—that Washington, like Lincoln, was prepared for his great tasks by having to do some very difficult jobs in his youth (if you don't think so, just you try being a surveyor in a wild and unknown country). And if ever your own work seems too difficult for you, just keep in mind that only the overcoming of difficulties in your youth can prepare you for great deeds in time to come.



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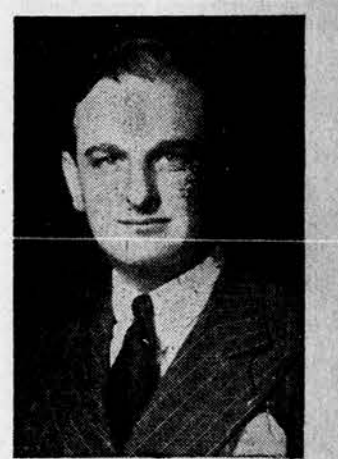
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Baron Hirsch Juniors To Give Annual Dance Sunday

The annual Martha Washington Program Dance given by the Baron Hirsch Junior Congregation, will take place Sunday night at the Menorah Institute.

The red, white and blue color scheme will be carried out in the decorations and favors.

An entertaining floor show has been arranged and Colie Stoltz's Orchestra will furnish the music.

Hal Gerber is general chairman of the affair.

Members and their dates who will attend the party are Bennie Lewis with Sarabess Lubin; Edward Fortas and Marian Saller, Bernard Messenger and Rosie Mandelman, Jurdon Messenger and Fannie Schaffer, Herman Olswing and Rose Miriam Salky, Harold Cohen and Mildred Reagler, Joshua Paller and Esther Wagerman, Eugene Bernstein and Rosalind Kuzin, Paul Goldstein and Rosalind Dubovner, Herman Appleson and Daisy Peltz, Israel Blumenfeld and Miriam Bornstein, Nathan Schneider and Pat Abraham, Harold Lapides and Aileen Lewis, Hal Gerber and Helen Ruth Waller, Gloria Taxon and Irving Strauch, Julian Bloom and Rosemary Alperin.

vitz, Adolph Ornstein and Julia Bell Baker, Irving Sachritz and Rose Burson, Oscar Makowsky and Zelta Getsin, Albert Weisberger and Frieda Levin, Abe Rotwein and Joy Taxon, Jerome Rosengarten and Evelyn Lettes, Mr. and Mrs. Mook Weiss and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Pinstein.

Teachers and Advisors who will be present are Rev. and Mrs. M. Levin, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Felt, Morris Strauch and date, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Abraham, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Levine, and Dr. and Mrs. Sam Green.

Specially invited guests are Rabbi and Mrs. M. Taxon, sponsors, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shainberg.

GIRLS' AUXILIARY OF A.Z.A.

By Fanny Schaffer
Dear Friends:

At the regular meeting Monday night I was so busy talking about the card party which was held Feb. 16, at the Menorah Institute that I didn't get to give my weekly broadcast.

So please forgive. To square the deal off, I am writing a letter, so that will not leave my radio listeners out of the picture of what is going on in our meeting room. (Behind closed doors.)

Fannie Kipper was general chairman of the benefit card party, those assisting Fannie were:

Refreshments—Meriam Cohn, chairman; Sara Novick, co-chairman. Attendance Prizes—Fanny Schaffer, chairman; Ruth Meisel, co-chairman.

Tickets—Pat Abraham. The remaining girls acted as hostesses. Also the three advisors whom we all know—Mrs. Joe Markowitz, Mrs. Fannie Brenner, Mrs. M. Ostrow. Mildren green, president, acted as head hostess.

Refreshments were served and attendance prizes were given, as I have been telling you all along that the prizes were really swell. As being chosen chairman of this committee, I went at it in a big way. I chose Ruth Meisel to serve as my co-chairman. So now you can see for yourself.

So if you will excuse me, for the time being, I will close my letter by saying, tune in on my broadcast Monday night and I will give you the full details of the benefit card party.

So until then I will say—Au revoir.

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YOUNG JUDEAN NOTES

By Ruby Shefsky
After partaking of a juicy morsel of flaming omelet and fixing our curly locks, we hie into the study and on with our Young Judean notes.

The first thing on the list is the Senior Boys and Girls meeting that was held Sunday, Feb. 13 at the Menorah. They had a ver-ry large meeting and plans are under way for the Kiddie Revue and Dance to be held April 10 at the Menorah.

Kate London is the new chairman. Some of those assisting Kate are Benny Lewis, Frances Tenenbaum, Joe Padawer, music chairmen; Samuel Goldberger, ticket chairman; Rubin Cherry, publicity. Sara Gordon, Shirley Ettingoff, Rosalyn Wagner and Rose Burson are in charge of casting the Kiddie Revue.

The choir is underway now and Emanuel Yergin is—shall we say—choirmaster?

Mildred Green is editor of the Young Judean paper. Good luck, Mildred!

This group will have a social meeting Feb. 27 at the home of Shirley Ettingoff. Those who will assist Shirley as hostesses and host are Jenny Fink, Rose Shtetman and Samuel Goldberger.

And now for the Progressive Judeans, age 14 through 16. They are to climax their membership drive Feb. 24 with a weiner roast and dance at the Overton Park clubhouse. Only paid up members may attend. Mildred Rottersman is in charge.

The essay contest is going over in a big way and entries MUST be in Friday, Feb. 18. They may be mailed to Hattie Bass or Leo Goldberger.

Publication of the Southern Judean has been forwarded and it will be out in time for good ole Young Judea Month.

Until next week this is a sleepy little girl reminiscing of bygone Valentines and saying ho-hum.

REGINA GUEST NIGHT

Large Attendance Anticipated
February 23rd

The Regina presents — GUEST NIGHT! A carnival for everyone — and all are assured of a good time. This gala occasion sponsored by the U.O.T.S. Regina Lodge No. 9 will take place the night of February twenty-third at the Rex Ridgeway Club at the Gayoso Hotel. Mrs. E. M. Goldberger is president of the Regina. Bridge games, bunco, lotto, bingo, and (oh pun) just lots of other entertainment are to be expected and are promised for Guest Nite. Let's all attend and aid the Regina in its worthy work. The public is invited, and earnestly requested to attend. Admission is fifty cents. Don't forget—the time: February 23rd; the place Rex Ridgeway Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Kriger of 280 Stonewall are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son Saturday morning, Feb. 12, at the Baptists Hospital.

REGINA NEWS

At a meeting of the U. O. T. S. Regina Lodge No. 9 Wednesday, February 16, a most interesting motion picture presented by the makers of Coty Perfume was shown — the title: "How Perfumes Are Made." A beautiful attendance prize of Cody's perfume was given away. After the business meeting, the members enjoyed a delightful tea.

February twenty-eighth, the members of the Regina are invited to a tea at the home of Mrs. H. H. Brooks. No Regina member will want to miss that!

Icor Sponsors Literary Meet

The first of a series of literary, musical and dramatic evenings sponsored by the Memphis Icor will take place at the Neighborhood House, Sunday, Feb. 27, 8:30 p.m., with Dr. Tendler as lecturer, and Mrs. Haimsohn at the piano.

N. Steinberg To Lecture Here

Mr. N. Steinberg, well known writer and lecturer, formerly of New York and now teacher of a Chattanooga school, will be guest of the Arbeiter Ring this week end.

He will lecture at the Institute, 688 Jefferson, Friday night, Feb. 18, 8 p.m. and Sunday afternoon, Feb. 20 at 4 p.m.

The lectures are free. The public is cordially invited.

POLLYANA NEWS

A meeting of the Pollyana Club was held Monday, February 14 at the Gayoso Hotel. Braces for those who need them have been bought by Pollyana. Various necessities were donated to the John Gaston Hospital; and ten dollars was to be presented to the young lady whom we've all read about who lost her leg recently. An attendance prize donated by Mrs. Herman Allenberg was won by Mrs. E. M. Goldberg, president of the Pollyana club.

SALON CIRCLE

The regular monthly meeting of the Salon Circle was held Monday afternoon at the Temple Children of Israel. Mrs. Max Schneider presided over the meeting.

The program was opened with prayer by Mrs. Sol Cohen. Mrs. Nolan Nuckolls gave several vocal selections accompanied by Mrs. Adelbert Withee, pianist, and Mrs. George Painter gave an interesting review of Robert Russell Wicks' "The Reason for Living."

Mrs. I. E. Hanover had charge of the program.

JUNIORS MEET SUNDAY

The Baron Hirsch Juniors will hold a regular meeting at 10:15 Sunday morning.

Mr. Pete Levine will address the Congregation.

A large attendance is urged.



Dear Syl:

You did have surprisingly meager "pickins" last week. But that's the way it goes sometimes, or seems to. The other fellow (or girl, as in this case) seems to get all the breaks. Well, I don't want to rub it in too much, so on with the business of dishing the gossip.

Just to be different, we'll start things off with the scavenger hunt enjoyed by a few couples last Friday night. Some of those seen snooping for "red flannels", an hour glass, green thimbles, etc., were: Janis Benjamin with Herbert Wolfe, Marge Kosman with Myron Meyer, Jean Claire Marx with Jim Davis, Mildred Salomon with Alex Sternberger, Maxine Blecker with Raymond Brod, Sally Ann Steppach with Jay Schwarz, and Marjorie Weinberg with Milton Sternberger. My informant failed to name the winners, but assured me that they had a "heck of a time".

Seen at the shows Sunday night were Meriam Cohen with Julius Glassman, Sylvia Steinberg with Herbert Waller, Ruth Meisel and Jerry Lubin, Fanny Schaffer and Benny Miller, Estelle Sharpe and Dave Miner, Meriam Bernstein and Rube Freiner, Pat Abraham and "Rags" Schneider, Sara Bess Lubin and Nat Cooper, Cutie Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. A. Loberg, and Ed and Roy Loberg.

Sunday was such an ideal spring day that it brought out the camera enthusiasts in droves. Caught in the act of "shooting" at Overton Park were Julius Glassman, Meriam Cohen, Ruth Ostrov and Sam Morris, the latter of Chattanooga.

The A. Z. A. Fraternity held its first entertainment since the inauguration of the new administration, Thursday nite, Feb. 10. David Richman, who was chairman of the affair, certainly must be a master at crowding a variety of entertainment into one night.

Just look at the good time you missed. The Chapter first enjoyed the basketball game, then held a skating party at East End Skating Rink, followed by a weiner roast at Overton Park, and wound up with dancing at the Barn Nite Club. Alephs and dates who attended were: Ralph Alperin and Lois Frank, Albert Bozof and Beatrice Shefsky, Robert Bozof and Dolly Malkin, Natt Cooper and Jane Levy, Sol Epstein and Esta Katz, Melvin Groskind and Helen Ruth Waller, David Richman and

Helen Karchmer, Victor Baruchman and Ruth Meisel, Jean Paul and Catherine (?), Nathan Schneider and Pat Abraham, Dave Levin and Meriam Cohen, Bernard Messenger and Mildred Green, Julius Glasman and Henrietta Slepian, Louis Green and Jacqueline Freedman, Simon Gordon and Fannie Kipper, Herbert Morris and Estelle Sharp, Sam Levin and Miriam Bornstein, Jurdon Messenger and Fannie Schaffer, Carl Stark and Hannah Padawer, Dave Rosenblum and Goldie Green. Stags were Jack Abraham, Sam Bunson, Gilbert Cooper, David Epstein, Jake Green, Abe Blumenfeld, Sol Perlman, Speed Panitz, Ruben Engelberg, Leo Schneider, Eli and Sol Jaffe, Dave Goldman and Alexander Handelman.

Another wedding anniversary was celebrated at the Claridge when the Robert Cohens celebrated their thirty-seventh there Monday night. In the party were the Aaron Thomas', Harry and Rose Dlugach, Harry and Fanny Shainberg, Jake and Rose Felt, Julius and Bessie Evensky, Joe and Lena Shankman, Rabbi and Mrs. Morris Taxon, Jake and LaRose Hedberg, Sidney and Flora Lutsky, Louis and Lillian Kotler and Teddy and Pauline Dattel.

Others seen at that popular rendezvous that same nite were Sam and Sug Schneider and Bobbye and Aaron Brenner.

Lunching at the Peabody Tuesday, I saw Mrs. A. C. Herzberg, Mrs. M. G. Spingarn, Mrs. M. S. Kaufman, Mrs. Marnie Simon, Mrs. Mollie Bearman Pearce, Mrs. C. Heilbron, Miss Sarah Deutch, and Miss Sophia Goldsmith.

With the "medicos" holding their convention here this week, it is only natural that they should break into this newsy letter. Dr. Neuton Stern entertained with a cocktail party Tuesday night for his visitor, Dr. Harry Solomon of Biston. Among the guests were Dr. A. Louis Blecker, Dr. Samuel Bryan, Dr. Dave Scheinberg, Dr. Louis Levy, Dr. Gilbert Levy, Dr. Henry Moskovitz, and Dr. Morton Tendler. Dr. Solomon is professor of Psychiatry at Harvard and was one of the speakers at the convention.

Of course, there were the usual number of friends at the Claridge Tuesday night: Louis Byall and date, Jack Markowitz and Sarabess Lubin, Julius Markowitz and Meriam Cohen, Lollie Padawer and Julian Levitch, Sara Novick and Max Fargotstein, Jerry Lubin and Ruth Meisel, Morris Ziskind and Estelle Sharp, Benny Sacharin and date, Frank Levine and Becky Fargotstein, Reuben Goldman and Della Pinstein, Marcus and Fanny Cook, Harry Cooper and date, Nat Cooper, Rusty Notowitz, Alex Strauch, Jack and Rose Weinstein, Sol Seigel

and Sadie Waldofsky, B. and Francis Waldofsky, Doris and Esta Fortas, Ma. and Levy, Louis Green, Ka. Rutledge, Ju Kaminsky and Hy De. Just received a late tip about Sunday night theater-goers. The State were Adele Eisenberg, Joe Benovitz, Sam Tauber and Padawer, Ben and Pauline sky, Sol Stern, and Herman stein.

What's this we hear about youngest merchant on Main St. Mr. Lew Weinberg? It seems to found something more warming the sun on that Florida trip. Can that a Florida lady has at last for his charms? Lots of luck!

What will be one city's loss another's gain when J. B. H. leaves us soon to make his Birmingham, Ala.

Well, honey, you have to look forward to next week, the Baron Hirsch Inaugural Ball day night, Feb. 22. There'll sure be a crowd out for that occasion, the fact that Jack Davis is chairman of this event is assurance of a time, not to mention the irrepressible Israel Kanarek, and other noted assistants, Mrs. Henry E. Lewis, Morris Pinstein and Mrs. Mose enfeld. With an entertaining program assured by the chairmanship of ip Belz on that committee, and Kaplan's orchestra furnishing music for the light-stepping, just know they'll all have a time.

And I know that you won't the Martha Washington Dance Baron Hirsch Juniors at the Sunday night. You may have pleasure of telling me all about your next "note", as I have no at this writing and don't expect go—the boy friend has other miss school.

Yours, with love
Charlie

P.S. The next time you see Sacharin ask her whom she had in mind when she spied off the entire verse Monday night at Orpheum Questionite? Or was the five dollars?

Junior Congregation News

Sunday, February 20th, Mr. Ward Meeman, editor of the Memphis Press Scimitar, will speak before Temple Junior Congregation, who have heard him previously that an interesting talk will be presented. His subject is unannounced.

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ST IS CHANGING HER POLICY

What's Behind the Jewish Dominion Plan

By WILLIAM ZUKERMAN

Zionists and the Board of Jewish Deputies have been stirring in the Jewish world a proposal that Palestine be a Jewish dominion within the British Empire. The idea is far-reaching. Mr. Zukerman tells why in this trenchant article.—The Editor.

neither real nor significant. Anyone who knows anything about the internal politics of British Jewry and about the fierce struggle which has been going on behind the scenes between the Zionists and the non-Zionists since the Peel report, knows that the present resolution of the Jewish Deputies has little to do with the merits and demerits of the plan for a Jewish Dominion. It is no secret—since the London Jewish Chronicle has shouted it from the house-tops (with a wisdom which one ventures to doubt)—that the proposal of a Jewish Dominion has been made not because the British Jews have really become converted to the idea of a Jewish Palestine as part of the British Empire, but because the English Zionists have found the slogan of a Jewish Dominion a convenient cover behind which to hide the serious rift within British Jewry over the question of a Jewish State.

Politically, the subject matter of the resolution may therefore be considered of doubtful significance. Neither the Jews nor the English are at the present moment ready for a serious consideration of the question. But there is another, a psychological aspect of the problem which is of great significance. The fact that an extremely important section of the World Zionist movement should at the present critical juncture in Zionist affairs put forward a proposal for a Jewish dominion as part of the British Empire, even if only as a tactical move, marks almost a revolution in the attitude of the average Zionist, English or otherwise, towards the Mandatory Power and indicates a change in Zionist mentality towards England which is both interesting and notable.

Contrary to the general belief in the outside world, the Balfour Declaration which was supposed to create a new and great friendship between the Jews and England, has in reality accomplished the reverse effect. Instead of greatly improving relationships between the two peoples that luckless document has tended to poison them and to create friction where none existed before. Like most partnerships mechanically entered into, this one between the Zionists and the British government, too, has had the effect of obscuring a traditional friendship and of nearly wrecking it. Rightly or wrongly, Zionists almost from the very beginning of the Mandate, have taken the view that Great Britain has not dealt fairly with them in Palestine. Almost before the ink was dry on the signatures of the Mandate, the cry was raised in the Zionist world that England had "betrayed" the Jewish people. This cry grew from year to year and from schedule to schedule until it assumed thunderous proportions. All troubles in Palestine, whether they emanated from Jewish, Arab or English sources were laid at the door of the Mandatory Power. The failure to reach an understanding with the Arabs, their strikes, pogroms, and revolts, the machinations of the Grand Mufti, the admission of an inadequate number of Jewish immigrants into Palestine, everything was the fault of the Mandatory Power.

This "Mandatory Power" came to be the symbol of all evil, the cause of all Jewish troubles and the object of the deepest Zionist hatred. It is doubtful whether Hitler and Streicher have ever been denounced with so much passion as was the "Mandatory Power" by the average Zionist. And since the Zionist exert a strong influence upon the Jewish world, this world came gradually to look upon

this "Mandatory Power" as its latest and greatest Haman. In America in particular where the old tradition of the Yankees and the newer tradition of the Irish to twist the tail of the English lion still prevailed, the custom of the Zionist orators to thunder against "British Imperialism" and the "perfidious British diplomacy of divide and conquer" became the most fashionable thing.

This was naturally bound to have an effect on the British government and even on the people. The endless cries of "betrayal", the frequent anti-British demonstrations and meetings of protest in Warsaw, Lodz and New York, the outbursts at Zionist conferences and congresses gradually tended to undermine the somewhat romantic sympathy for the Jews which had existed in England. In official circles in Palestine this took the form of a certain frigidity and aloofness of which the English are past masters and which was of course immediately denounced as anti-Semitism. What is more, this unpleasant feeling, whether anti-Semitism or not, has spread from Palestine to official and even unofficial London. There is now a certain amount of antipathy to the Jews in England which can certainly be traced to Palestinian sources. And there is of course, not the slightest doubt in the minds of those who know the English, that one of the reasons for the Peel proposal for the partition of Palestine is that official England is tired not only of Arab riots and terrorism, but also of Jewish carping criticism.

The Peel report made this amply clear. To the world at large that report was the confirmation of the existence of a painful Arab-Jewish problem. But the truth of the matter is that the Peel report established the existence of another problem, that of the English and the Jews. There is no denying the fact that Jewish relationship with the English, too, has been strained for the last 20 years and there is now no less need for a better understanding with the British than with the Arabs.

To the credit of the majority of Zionists it must be said that they quickly read the writing on the wall and understood the psychological meaning of the Peel report as well as the political. Events in Europe for the last two years have also helped considerably to make them see the light. With Europe rapidly dividing into democratic and fascist camps, can there be any doubt where the Jews belong? Is this the time to antagonize one of the few and greatest democratic countries where Jews still enjoy liberty and equal rights, even if they do have some just claims against it in Palestine? Is Palestine really all? Are there no other vital problems in Jewry except those of the National Home? The sobering process began and since the middle of 1937 there has been noticeable an important change in the relationship of the Zionist movement to England, and a genuine effort is being made to correct some of the earlier errors. The hysterics about the "Mandatory Power" have largely ceased; the semi-annual outcries about the schedule have not been heard, and that utterly stupid and almost criminal slogan of British "betrayal of the Jewish people" is no longer heard even from the most sonorous Zionist orators. This change does not, significantly, emanate from England. It started in Poland where Zionists seem to be more sane and realistic than anywhere else; it has spread to other countries and it has even reached America where strong voices are now heard in support of the new policy.

The proposal for the establishment of a Jewish Dominion is a direct result of this new tendency. No such proposal could have been made a few years ago. Whether the plan of a Jewish Dominion is itself advisable or not, the fact of its proposal shows a great and beneficial change in the Zionist movement. It shows that Zionists have not only awakened to a truer understanding of the situation in Palestine, but also that they have come to realize as they did in former years, that there are Jewish interests also outside Palestine and that it is criminal to sacrifice them even for a National Home. It also shows that in spite of the outburst of Revisionist irredenta feeling in connection with the partition of Palestine, saner counsels and emotions still prevail in the Zionist movement.

OUR BOOK REVIEW

By RABBI HERMAN POLLACK

Blytheville, Arkansas

DISINHERITED JEW

TOMORROW'S BREAD. By Beatrice Bisno. (Liveright Publishing Corp., New York. First published by Jewish Publication Society, Philadelphia, for its members.)

Tomorrow's Bread can be added to the list of Haunch, Paunch and Jowl, Rise of David Levinsky, and Jews Without Money as another significant portrait of the adjustment-process of the European Jew having migrated to this country, the conflict waged between the old world and the new. Beatrice Bisno spent three years writing this book, based on her own acquaintance with the life of the Jewish immigrant and his arduous struggle to raise the level of his living. Tomorrow's Bread was awarded the Edwin Wolf Prize of the Jewish Publication Society as "the best novel of Jewish interest."

Samuel Kerenski typifies the Jew of the eighties, "profaned, plundered, and disinherited," who settled in the Chicago Ghetto to enjoy those rights denied him under the Czar. For those who believe that every Jew is a Midas or Croesus, the account of the hardships of Kerenski and his family is a telling refutation. At the age of fourteen Sam became the breadwinner of the family. For Sam and hundreds of his people who had no funds with which to buy or invest, at the time, the garment industry was the only recourse in earning a livelihood. Although the needle was the symbol of the world he wanted to forget, there was no other alternative if he wanted to eat and live. "My fingers dey used to sweat an' de needle would scream an' not go tru de cloth. Den Motke, my boss in Russia, he pinch me and kick me an' slap me hard. Many times I run away. But always I go back."

He became a bundle contractor, sewing at home for a downtown manufacturer. In time, he had four helpers, but there was no surcease from stress and strain. Sam came under the influence of the nineteenth century outlook that helped dissolve the Ghetto walls. In his spare moments he would read, pouring over Ricardo, Kropotkin, Adam Smith, and later Darwin, dreaming of the day when his brethren's life of anguish would be eased. Consumed by a burning desire to make this a better world, he helped establish an educational society and spent endless hours striving to alleviate the plight of his people. To his mother, Goldie, he was a wayward son, negating tradition; to his fellow-countrymen their leader and idol.

Sam's devotion to a cause soon came in conflict with his personal life. His first marriage was of short duration, for his wife, Millie, found his ways "uncouth" and strange. When he married a second time, to Bessie Slonimsky, the demands of the practical world were no more kind to this idealist than previously. There were long weeks of unemployment, living in squalor over a stable, Bessie showing the strain of housework and rearing a family, and the children suffering from undernourishment.

Then Kerenski became a successful real estate agent, found the work unsatisfying, as he craved to be with his people, the hunchback, coughing tailors. When given the offer to manage an agreement drawn up in New York City for the garment industry, he accepted. This "economic Socrates" found the situation there one of "desperate confusion." So he observed:

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Years of nervous strain and anxiety resulted in a sudden heart attack, and Kerenski was compelled to return to Chicago, agreeing to retire and rest, although "imprisoned in a spiritual vacuum of material luxury." He died a lonely man, in quest of an ideal, a stranger to most of the people around him, even to his own family.

The message of Tomorrow's Bread is already reaching non-Jewish circles for its implications are horizontal as well as vertical. The figure of Samuel Kerenski, with his hopes, defeats, and contradictions, will no doubt gain sympathetic appreciation and understanding of the background and life of the Jewish people. Whoever reads this book will agree: What a fallacy it is to label the Jews or any people. Placing people in categories, and thinking of them in terms of stereotypes, is the ravings of the "racial purist."



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Grubers Have Easy Time Turning Back F's, 44 to 34— Local All-Stars Fall Before Nashville Peps, 39 to 38

With the A. Z. A. team leading the Y. E. D. team at the end of the half, 14-12, the youngsters were unable to cope with their more experienced rivals and were defeated in a tight game in which the A. Z. A.'s showed an overabundance of fight. The final score, 29-21, does not do justice to the A. Z. A.'s for they were in there fighting all the game. For the Y. E. D.'s, Jake Engelberg was in unusual form while for the A. Z. A.'s Carl Stark played a fine game, with little Davy Levin being found in every play.

The lineups:

A. Z. A.	21	Y. E. D.	29
Levin	4	Weiss	11
Berzansky	6	Lazarov	2
Stark	4	J. Engelberg	8
Green		J. Panitz	1
H. Engelberg	7	W. Engelberg	2

Substitutions: A. Z. A.—N. Cooper, Y. E. D.—Brown, S. Cooper 5.

In the second game the favored H. Gruber Co. team defeated the FFF Frat, 44-34, in a fast scoring contest. Both teams hit the basket consistently with the fine work of Newman, Gruber guard and Mendelson, FFF center, featuring Mendelson, who was in superb form, was the night's high scorer with 14 points.

The lineups:

H. Gruber Co.	14	34	FFF Frat
Frumkin	12	4	Gold
Cook	6	10	Okeon
Byall	12	14	Mendelson
S. Levin	7	2	Lebowitz
Newman	7	4	Saripkin

Substitutions: H. Gruber Co.—L. Engelberg, FFF Frat—Peiser, Goldstein, Referee—Lynn Dowdy, Scorer—Green, Timer—Mogy.

Rattling Around the Gym:

If the Y. E. D. and Grubers continue their present winning spell, their next engagement on Thursday night, Feb. 24, will see these two sterling teams battle for the league leadership. The Grubers will be trying for their first victory over the Y. E. D. in three years. In event of a tie for the second half, the teams will play an extra game, the winner to meet the A. Z. A. in a two-out-of-three series for the league championship.

Harry Engelberg, who played guard for the A. Z. A. last week, was again the team's high scorer. Harry is doing well and Big Brother Jake had better look to his laurels.

"Gabby" Frumkin was disqualified on four personals in a hurry, but before going out "Gabby" scored six field goals, and that is some shooting.

In ignorance of a very sick baby at home, Coach Aleck Okeson had a really good night on the hardwood. Besides scoring ten points, Aleck did some fine guarding. Mighty glad to hear your baby is much better, Aleck.

The Y. E. D.'s get stronger with every game. In comparison with Bill Terry's "Is Brooklyn in the National League," the statement that the Y. E. D.'s would have to make way for younger and heartier opponents seems to be very greatly exaggerated.

See you Thursday night at the Catholic Club.

JEWISH ALL-STARS LOSE

The Jewish All-Stars of Memphis were nosed out by the Y. M. H. A. Peps of Nashville, 39-38, with a last minute rally winning for the Peps in play at Nashville, Sunday, Feb. 13.

The All-Stars held a slight margin throughout the inter-city contest and boasted a 20-15 edge at the half. Silverman and Levy dropped in a long field goal each in the last minute of play to win for the Peps.

Gabriel Frumkin, Memphis forward, was easily the top scorer with 20 points. Engelberg played a brilliant defensive game. Silverman's 14 points were best for the Nashville team.

Nashville 39	Pos.	Memphis 38
Lipsultz 3	F.	Weiss 2
Weinzimer 3	F.	Frumkin 20
Kraft 4	C.	Panitz 3
Schulman 4	G.	W. Engelberg 8
Lefkowitz 2	G.	Byall 2

Substitutions: Nashville — Silverman 14, LeVly 5, Robinson 4, Cohen, Wise, Memphis—Lebowitz 3, Referee—Paul Toombs.

Nothing less than a victory for the All-Stars will be accepted by local basketball fans when the Memphis All-Stars again meet the Nashville Y. M. H. A. Peps on Sunday, March 6 at Memphis Catholic Club.

However, basketball rivalry will be forgotten that evening when the Jewish Fraternity League is sponsoring a dance at the Menorah Institute.

OUR SPORTS WORLD By IRV KUPCINET (Seven Arts Sports Editor)

Other Guards Better

Leroy Monsky, captain of Alabama, and Sol Maggied, giant 215-pounder from Ohio State on the first team; Herman Spector, a Los Angeles boy (who started the season at Navy as a sub for Capt. DuBois, but ere the season was half gone, Spector was the regular and Capt. DuBois the sub!) and Ed Merlin of Vanderbilt, rated along with Monsky as the two best guards in the south, (suh!), on our second team. The third team had Jack Cohen of U. C. L. A. and Sam Levine of Tennessee, rated just a trifle less able all-around than Monsky and Merlin.

The true test of any collegiate football player is not his All-American ratings; it's how quickly do the professional coaches make a grab for him. Monsky and Merlin were grabbed up by Brooklyn of the National Football League. Maggied is considering professional offers, but may continue his medical studies, proving that of all our Jewish players, the professionals considered these three guards as most likely prospects. That, of course, takes in only the seniors, for college players are not eligible to play in the National league until their classes have been graduated.

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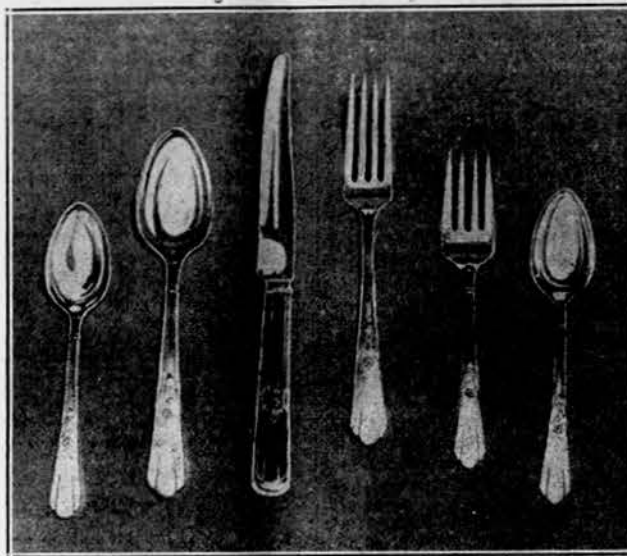
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Tidbits From Everywhere

Foreign Affairs

Conference on the subject of immigration is being given serious consideration in the European countries. A first-class conference way between the Nationalists and the National Semite's leading anti-Semite because of the former's Aryan... According to reports an Aryan must be of Aryan descent for three generations... The Radicals because too many of their sons or grandsons converts... Goga will be a flop in election... A gentleman of Willman is giving the mania a headache with his demands that Rumania is just demanding that the Jews country... He calls himself is unknown in Jewish Equally painful was the some of Rumania's wealth-breaking bread with anti-chains at the banquet ten-minister of commerce, the facto leader of the Palestine... Professor Hayes of Columbia University Catholic co-chairman of Conference of Jews and is the latest celebrity to Israel... Fascist troops the British troops in resulted in several Tom-home for making a Jewish cafe in Jerusalem orchestra refused to play Wesel song... There are students from the United Glasgow and Edinburgh most popular tunes of Berlin played in Germany, members are credited to non-

Rabbinical Affairs

are again creeping up that Hillel Silver is the man Stephen S. Wise would as his successor as head of Synagogue and of the

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Anti-American Affairs

A secret probe of all subversive movements in California is being undertaken by an important patriotic organization... One of the important gathering-places for anti-Semitic bigwigs in New York is at 231 West 58th Street, just around the corner from the office of the American Jewish Congress... It appears to be nothing but a bookstore, but in the back is a big lodge room where Robert Edward Edmondson and his cronies meet and plan the distribution of literature... Speaking of literature, did you know that material upholding Japan is being handed out at all Nazi meetings in this country?... Add to the list of Jew-baiting outfits the White Legion of America, sometimes called the White Aryan Gentiles... Its fuhrer is a Commander O'Shea, who hails from Baltimore... Headquarters are in Washington, D. C.... Secret national headquarters of the anti-Semitic American Guards, a student group that was recently kicked out of City College in New York, is P. O. Box 591, Chicago... Cleveland now has a branch of this group... Many of the liberals in Congress who last year opposed a probe of Nazi activities now are all hot for such an inquiry... Back of the Fascist and Gold Shirt disturbances in Mexico is Manfred Killinger, Nazi consul in San Francisco... American oil interests in Texas are said to be financing the Gold Shirts... Werner Hass, who was secretary to Heinz Spanknoebel, the Nazi leader who fled the country in 1933 when Uncle Sam put the

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on him, is now one of the chief figures in Adrien Arcand's Canadian Nationalist Party....

Nazi Affairs

Radio row is agog over reports that Percy Winner, NBC's director of short-wave broadcasts, was fired because of pressure brought to bear by the German and Italian embassies, which resented his anti-Fascist and anti-Nazi barbs... But a German language announcer on one of the big broadcasting systems is a known Nazi... Which reminds us that most of the small independent stations in New York which specialize in foreign language programs have eliminated Nazi propaganda which used to reach the air in the form of recorded travel lectures, Nazi music and speeches by Nazi officials... The German Educational Bureau, which provides German radio recordings free to any station calling for them, is finding inquires fewer and fewer... Julius B. Braun, a private detective who calls himself the agent of Mrs. Bruno Richard Hauptmann, is peddling a scheme by which commercial firms can sell their products to German-Americans and help Mrs. Hauptmann at the same time....

Everybody's Affairs

They're betting even money in Albany that Governor Herbert H. Lehman will be a candidate to succeed himself this year... He wants to be the first man to serve ten years as governor—and, besides, the conservative Democrats have sold him the idea that only he can prevent a radical pro-Roosevelt man from getting the nomination and thus assuring the election of a Republican... The Times Square restaurant bought by ex-heavyweight champion Jim Braddock and his manager, Joe Gould, was formerly a kosher eatery... It'll be renamed Inn Braddock's Corner... Leonard Lyons, the New York Post columnist, tells the story that when the non-Aryan Gould was negotiating with Berlin for a Schmeling-Braddock fight he discussed terms with Joe Goebbels, Hitler's clubfoot propaganda genius... "I want \$400,000 in cash", said Gould over the transatlantic phone... "Agreed", came the reply... "All expenses paid", continued Gould... "Agreed", said Goebbels... "An American referee", added Braddock's Jewish manager... "We consent", Goebbels answered, a bit impatiently... "What else do you want, Mr. Gould?"... Joe is said to have taken a deep breath before making his final demand: "We also want equal rights for the Jews in Germany"... There was a pause, and then the sweet voice of the transatlantic operator was heard to say: "Your party has disconnected, Mr. Gould"... Francis Edward Faragoh's play about child labor in the South, "Sunup to Sundown", closed after only seven performances, but it served to remind Broadway that young Sidney Lumet, who made such a big hit in "The Eternal Road", olav hasolom, is one of the greatest kid actors of all time... When Mrs. Elizabeth Friedman succeeded in breaking up the biggest opium smuggling gang in Canada she added another feather to the Friedman family's record as ace cryptoanalysts... Mrs. Friedman is the chief code solver of the U. S. Coast Guard, and her husband, Lieutenant-Colonel William F. Friedman, holds a similar post with the U. S. Army Signal Corps... She was loaned to the Canadian government for this particular job... Omaha is bragging of a new Nathalia Crane in the person of Dorothy Romonek, who crashed the 1937 poetry anthology at the ripe age of six... Hollywood's plan to film the life of Haym Saloman has been shelved temporarily, but there is talk of a screen version of the life of the great actress Rachel... Lia Rosen, former Reinhardt star now living in Palestine, is being considered for the stellar role....

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Roger Williams, the pioneer of religious freedom in America, once stated that he thought the nations of the world had a score to pay to the Jews. He concluded his remarks by saying "I desire not the liberty to myself which I would not freely and impartially weigh out to all the consciences of the world beside."

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WORLD'S WINDOW

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conomic causes or changes in economic techniques. Economic causes are always secondary and a change of economic technique in contemporary Russia has served but to set into more glaring relief the moral evil that is eating into the very substance of the human race.

Very well. If under normal circumstances no man is good enough to rule another and no majority good enough to rule a minority delivered by its very minority—status into its power—if that is largely true here today, in these United States, on this American soil which was, according to the founders and fathers, to witness the birth of another and a better way of human life—if it is glaringly and inevitably true here—how deeply and overwhelmingly true is it of those lands in which the moral Black Death of this disastrous age is raging like a conflagration.

It is as an American liberal—it needs no more—that I am shocked, smitten, riven in the substance of my very soul by that recent cry of the Reichsvertretung der deutschen Juden, of those people but the other day so proud, so cultured, so deeply patriotic, pleading with their evil masters not to rob them of the last crust they have, pleading that though the young and strong could emigrate, there were thousands who must remain till death in that fiery furnace which was once their beloved fatherland. And at the same time these tragic people addressed a prayer to the governors of the British Empire not to close the gates of Palestine, not to diminish Palestine as a Jewish homeland, not to rob them of their one, their ultimate hope.

It is the one, the ultimate, the unique hope. It would be even though the gates of the other lands of the world were open instead of sealed. For we have agreed merely as American liberals, that no man is good enough to rule another and no majority is good enough to rule a minority. And therefore it would be but to prolong millennial agonies and sons to send the Jews of Germany and Poland and Rumania to other lands to

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the mercy of other majorities, to other turns of that fatal historic wheel. There is but one place to send them; there is but one place for them to go; that place is HOME. And if you ask me to define home I can do so in the immortal words of that dear and precious American poet and good friend of mine, Robert Frost:

Home is the place where, when you have to go there, They have to take you in.

Home for a people, is a land where the power-relations are such that that people can never become a minority and thus the object and not the subject of the total historic process; home for a people is a land in which its traits and characteristics, be they what they may be, are norm and normal, not strange and estranging, a warping or a reproach. Home for a people is a land where soil and sky, where hill and plain, where mountain and star witnessed its becoming a people, witnessed the birth of its myth, speech, genius. There is no other homeland for any people.

And were any other people even like the Jewish people hopelessly driven out into the wilderness of constant powerlessness and minority status in a world that is neither just nor humane nor merciful, that people like my people, like the Jewish people, would have to strive and struggle and wander until it could regain and rebuild the Zion of its fulfillment first in its heart, next in its land. It would—like the Jewish people—have to go home.

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- 1938—
- Sunday, Feb. 20—Martha Washington Dance—Junior Congregation Baron Hirsch—Menorah Institute.
- Tuesday, Feb. 22—Baron Hirsch Inaugural Ball—Menorah Institute.
- Wednesday, Feb. 23—Regina Card Party and Carnival—Rex Club—Gayoso Hotel.
- Sunday, Feb. 27—Regular meeting Sam Schloss Lodge of B'nai B'rith Temple Children of Israel.
- Sunday, March 6—Dance by Jewish Frat League—Menorah Institute.
- Tuesday, March 8—Evening Concert, presenting Brachah Zfirah and Nachum Nardi—Memphis Zionist District and Junior Hadassah—Menorah Institute.
- Sunday, March 13—Sisters of the Beth El Emeth—Play and Dance Menorah Institute.
- Sunday, March 20—Progressive Ladies Society—Annual Bazaar and Dinner.
- Sunday, March 20—Annual Play and Dance—Ladies Auxiliary Baron Hirsch—Menorah Institute.
- Monday, March 21—Temple Men's Club Lecture—Children of Israel Temple.
- Sunday, April 10—Evening—Kiddie Revue and Dance—Memphis Young Judeans—Menorah Institute.
- Wednesday, May 11—Memphis Lodge P. O. W.—Benefit Card Party—Social Center.
- Sunday, May 29—Ladies Aux. P.O.W. Annual Coin Shower—Social Center.
- Jewish Ladies Aid Society—Second Sunday in each month, Menorah Institute.
- Salon Circle
- Meets Every Second Monday at 2:15.
- Sewing Group—Every Tuesday—2:30 p. m.
- Cultural Group—3rd Monday in month—2:30 p. m.
- Mah Jong Class—Every Friday—1:30 p. m.
- Scrap book—First Monday—2:00 P.M. day.
- Shakespeare—Every 4th Monday.
- Ladies Aux. of P. O. W.—First Sunday in each month—Beth El Emeth Social Center.
- Memphis Lodge P. O. W.—Second and Fourth Sunday in month—Social Center—4:30 P. M.
- Sons of Israel—Second and Fourth Sunday in month—Social Center—2:30 P. M.
- Ladies Auxiliary Baron Hirsch—Second Wednesday of Month—Menorah Institute

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THE PRESS: A FACTOR IN THE AMERICAN-JEWISH SCENE

Paper Read at the Second Annual Conference on Jewish Affairs Under the Auspices of and at The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, New York, February 6, 1938

By JOSEPH G. BRIN
FOREWORD

Giving place to a discussion of the role of the press as an agency in the religious and ethical life of American Jewry in a Conference on Jewish Affairs, is per se a positive indication. The topic, as stated, by clear inference invites a positive discussion and analysis.

General Observation
Speaking of the press generally—as an informative agency—it is no overstatement to say that it is—with rare exceptions here and there—the people's advocate. It can be, and often is, a great uplifter and an educational influence. The late Henry Ward Beecher compared it to "A window from which one could see the whole world in panorama."

Because of the fact that a newspaper is a "daily textbook" never more than a few hours old, it lends itself to use as an educational aid and tool, and its use in the classroom has been advocated and employed by wide-awake educators as a means of making the educational process more vital, meaningful, and more effective. This is not the place, however, for an extension of thought to prove the measure which a good newspaper offers to the value of modern education.

If such, then, is the effect and influence of the general press upon the general community, the role played by the Anglo-Jewish press in the Jewish community must be comparable in scope, it is, indeed, not only comparable, but has the possibilities for greater and more potential influence because of its restricted sphere.

English-Jewish Press
We are particularly interested in the value of the press in the American-Jewish scene, and it is here that the Anglo-Jewish press assumes its own mantle. It may be said, by way of background, that the Old Testament once served the function of a Jewish press. It provided all the news of the Jewish life and thought of the times; it was edited by sages, poets, prophets and philosophers who guided, inspired and often unmercifully criticized their Jewish brethren and who bitterly fought the foes of Judaism, — and they were many.

In the United States, with a Jewish population of some four and a half million, there are approximately one hundred Jewish periodicals: Dailies, weeklies and monthlies; quarterlies, annuals, occasional and synagogue bulletins not being included in this calculation.

American Jewry does not have a religious press as such. This is so because American Jewish life has not a central religious authority or control comparable to (let us say) the Catholic faith. But it does have and it needs organs of expression whose mission and function are to provide a common medium through which Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox devotees can meet so to speak, and express themselves religiously, ethically and communally. This with a view of harmonizing and making more efficient their respective activities which are, in a final sense, quite identical.

Community Activity
American-Jewish activity centers completely around a few well-defined efforts: The synagogue and allied institutions; Jewish education; Palestine; Relief; Civic Duty, i.e. Jews as American citizens. The order is not necessarily the order of importance. Jewish education! Reduced to its lowest common denominator, it means simply the perpetuation of Judaism, for without such perpetuation we are certain—in the words of the late Louis Marshall—to destroy ourselves and write our own death warrant as a people.

It need hardly be elaborated here that ethics are an inseparable part of Jewish religion. Life on the highest moral and ethical plane is expected from an earnest adherent to Judaism. There can be no complete or even partial fulfillment of the requirements of Judaism without a corresponding yield to the highest ethical standards as they apply to the relations between man and his fellowmen. Ethics and religion are—in Judaism—an indivisible unit.

We come, then, to allegiance to Judaism, expressed through philanthropy, education, civics, ethical and religious precepts and practices. How have—and how do—American Jews retain their loyalty to Jewish life? How do they have some knowledge of Jewish events and contemporary his-

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most people realize. Almost invariably the readers of the English-Jewish press are the synagogue members, the synagogue attenders, the philanthropy contributors the participants in one form or another of organized Jewish community life. The farther the influence of the paper is extended, to a corresponding extent is the scope of the Jewish community extended.

The philanthropy organization in the community, while it utilizes the columns of the local English-Jewish paper for a brief interval during a campaign period, neglects the valuable educational medium which this paper can be throughout the entire year. Those who head such organizations will find the editors most receptive to any proposal which would involve giving the general Jewish community a greater insight into the working of the charities.

Religion can find its most valuable ally in encouraging synagogue attendance in these papers. Most of them, for example, devote a regular weekly column to listing all Temple services, topics of sermons, and other pertinent information. Readers are continually urged, editorially and in the news columns, to attend worship, and the rabbis have in numerous cases reported that this public encouragement of worship, coming from an independent source, often carries more weight with the layman than do similar pleas from the pulpit.

Rabbinical sermons are no longer involved Talmudic treatises: They are human, understanding discussions of problems of the day. Reprinting of extracts from these sermons not only increase the audience for a particular talk, but also show the greater public that the rabbis have messages of value and interest. Synagogues and temples should not restrict themselves to advertising the sale of seats for the high holiday service once a year only. They should be quick to avail themselves of this opportunity to reach not only their immediate members but better still, those who are known to be unsynagogued.

Co-operation
All this may best be accomplished through widening of the circle of readers of the English-Jewish paper. Every Jewish organization in the community, no matter what its purpose, stands to gain from the wider publicity which a well circulated paper can offer. Campaigns to encourage reading of the English-Jewish paper should be voluntarily undertaken from these groups which in the long run are beneficiaries of the influence of the press. For the very reason that many temples publish their own little temple bulletins, and send these to all members, every rabbi should stress and emphasize the necessity for keeping in touch with Jewish affairs through subscription to the community's paper.

Thus, through a healthy reciprocal co-operation, the community stands to gain in activity and support. Affording a platform and medium of expression to every community enterprise, encouraging all worthwhile endeavor, acting as a common denominator for all expressions of contemporary Jewish life, the English-Jewish press becomes a most valuable means of promoting religious and ethical education among Jews, which as we have previously pointed out, is the summation of all Jewish activity. Encouraged and supported by the community it serves, the paper can then become a still more potent force for education. Every new reader added becomes automatically another person who has in tangible form expressed his affiliation with and interest in his people, his community and his faith.

The former publisher of a national English-Jewish periodical recently wrote an article entitled "Your Relationship to Your Jewish Newspaper", from which I quote:

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