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DAVID N. MYERS  
2300 WEST THIRD STREET  
CLEVELAND 13, OHIO

October 11, 1954

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing this note to you and a few other friends to join me at luncheon on Thursday, October 14th at 12:30 P. M. at the Hickory Grill Club Rooms, 929 Chester Avenue.

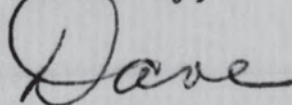
At this luncheon I hope to discuss with you and a top level group the forthcoming plans of the American Friends of the Hebrew University in Cleveland (no fund-raising at this luncheon).

I am fully aware of your busy program. However, I know how deeply you feel about all fields of education and in the State of Israel. Furthermore your experience and knowledge of our community can be of invaluable aid to me.

I would appreciate it if you would give me a phone call at my office (PR 1-0345) to tell me you will be with us at luncheon on Thursday.

With the sincere hope that I will hear from you and with warmest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dave".

David N. Myers



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# Cleveland Friends of the Hebrew University

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER  
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November 10, 1954

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are now in the process of forming a permanent committee of the Cleveland Friends of the Hebrew University in Israel.

The purpose of this Committee is to disseminate information concerning the University and its activities. The State of Israel can neither exist nor develop without a University. This is true of the Hebrew University in its entire scope and particularly in its work in the natural sciences, medicine and agriculture.

In order for Israel to become strong and stable it will be the scientists and scholars of the University, in a very large measure, who will have to add the greatest contribution to its progress.

Since 1948 when the University lost the use of its buildings on Mt. Scopus, its accomplishments have been little short of miraculous. Despite the use of crowded, grossly inadequate facilities, its students and faculty have done outstanding work. We may all be proud of them.

It is unthinkable that scholars of such high standards should be forced to continue teaching and studying in such unsuitable surroundings, and the University has, therefore, begun the construction of new quarters, with new laboratories and new classrooms.

It is to discuss and determine how we in Cleveland can best participate in this rebirth of a great University which is now celebrating its 30th anniversary that we are inviting you, together with a selected group of Jewish leaders to become members of the Cleveland Committee of the Hebrew University. Your participation will help us further our plans for an anniversary dinner on December 8, 1954.

We do hope you will be with us.

*Abba Hillel Silver*  
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

*Leonard Ratner*  
Leonard Ratner

*David N. Myers*  
David N. Myers

*Max Freedman*  
Max Freedman

P. S. Because of the urgency for printed matter, if we do not hear from you by Monday, November 15th, we will assume that your decision is to serve on the Committee with us.



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December 14, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th Street & Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Please permit me to thank you in the name of the Hebrew University and in my own name for the wonderful help you have given us during our drive in Cleveland.

This drive was a great success only because your great charm and prestige stood whole-heartedly behind this undertaking. Your speech was wonderful not only because it was an oratorical masterpiece but because people felt that you meant every word you said. Everyone present with whom I talked was deeply impressed. I can only hope that you will continue giving us your constant support which we need so much -- and last, but not least, many thanks for your most generous personal contribution to our building fund. This again meant much more than merely money, which is important enough; it meant that other people gave more generously than they would have done without your gift.

My wife and I are personally very proud that we could make your acquaintance, and that of Mrs. Silver, as we had heard your name many hundreds of times in Israel. Whenever you visit Israel, please be our guests. We would like to show you how much the University has progressed.

Again, with many thanks, and kindest regards to both of you from Mrs. Evenari and myself, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Michael Evenari*

Michael Evenari, Vice-President  
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December 15, 1954

Rabbi Abba H. Silver  
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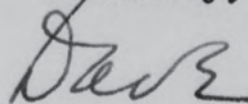
I want to personally thank you for your presence at the Hebrew University Dinner the other evening and for your pledge of \$2,800. You will receive an official acknowledgement from the University within the next few days.

For your convenience I am enclosing a pledge card on which you may indicate on the back how you plan to redeem your pledge so that the University may bill you accordingly. Please remember this pledge can be paid at any time within five years, or in even increments, at your pleasure.

Your participation in furthering the advancement of culture and education in Israel has been of invaluable help and I hope that the Hebrew University Dinner has left you as inspired as it has left me.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,



David N. Myers

Dear Rabbi: Thanks ten million for  
your wonderful inspiration and  
cooperation — all ways Dave

**THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY, Inc.**  
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January 6, 1955

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
East 105 Street at Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It was most gratifying to receive your generous gift of \$500 towards your pledge of \$2,800, for the Building Fund of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. May I also express our warm-hearted appreciation for your wonderful support of the campaign in Cleveland. As important as your contribution to the Building Fund is, it is only a relatively small part of the tremendous investment in time, energy and personal interest you have made in our drive in Cleveland. We are deeply grateful.

One of the most inspiring chapters in the history of our times has been the return of Israel to its traditional homeland. And prominent in that chapter has been the role of Israel's one University, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the source of many of the professional skills on which the State has relied heavily during its times of trial.

Ever since 1948, when war and its aftermath cost the University access to its buildings on Mount Scopus, it has labored under terrible hardships. Without the use of its buildings, functioning in inadequate temporary quarters, the University has been able to record remarkable achievements and progress.

The University's faculty members and graduates are accepted internationally as authorities in their fields. Its laboratories and class rooms have supplied Israel and the world with a regular flow of science and scholarship.

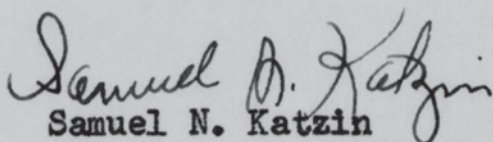
In order to keep pace with the rising demands of the State of Israel, the University has strained every sinew to admit ever-increasing numbers of students. It has set up laboratories in storerooms, lecture halls in corridors. The pressure for space has compelled the University to campaign for funds to provide a new home. Your contribution to this effort is most welcome.

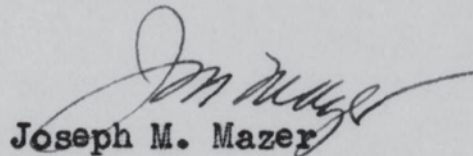


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We are very grateful. You have helped write a new and better chapter for Israel.

Sincerely yours,

  
Samuel N. Katzin

  
Joseph M. Mazer

Co-Chairmen

Hebrew University Reconstruction Campaign





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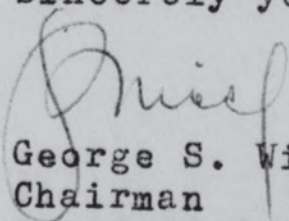
Dear Dr. Silver:

The next meeting of the Board of Governors will be held in Jerusalem from March 30th through April 1st, 1955. At this meeting a number of very important questions will be taken up, including the approval of the Constitution and By-Laws of the University, the election of officers, and the clarification of the relationship between the University, the Government of Israel, and world Jewry.

I believe that this will be one of the most important and deciding meetings of the Board of Governors, and I therefore urge you to make every effort to attend.

I shall look forward to your advice that you will be with us in Jerusalem, and remain, with kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

  
George S. Wise  
Chairman  
Board of Governors

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P.S. The official agenda of the sessions will be mailed to you shortly.



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THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY, JERUSALEM

THE PRESIDENT

הנשיא

ירושלים, י"ח בשבט תשט"ו  
Jerusalem 10.2.55

לכבוד  
רבי ד"ר א.ה.סילבר,  
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THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM

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Semi-annual Report by the President of the Hebrew University  
for the period April 1954 - January 1955  
submitted to the members of the Board of Governors.



February 1955.



THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM  
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THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM  
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March, 1955

To the members of the Board of Governors  
of the Hebrew University.

Dear Sirs,

In this introduction to the Report submitted to the nineteenth meeting of the Board of Governors, to be held at the end of March, I shall not limit myself to a review of the period from April 1954 through January 1955, but shall note the progress of the University, its position in the State, and its achievements in various spheres since the Board of Governors last met in March 1953.

It is obviously not possible here to discuss all aspects of the University's activities. In some cases only a bare mention of certain matters will have to suffice - not because they are unimportant, but because it is assumed that it will be possible at the meeting of the Board of Governors to discuss and clarify the whole complex of matters which will face the University in the near future.

The position of the University in the State of Israel and in World Jewry has been much strengthened, and its reputation in the realms of culture, education and science has grown beyond all anticipation.

Yet we are only at the beginning of the road we must travel. During the period in question the main stress was laid on the education of University men and women who will increasingly place their knowledge at the service of the State, so that its development may proceed the more rapidly. The inauguration of the B.Sc. and the B.Sc.Agr. degrees is a clear indication of the University's trend of thought and of its aims, as the only University in the State, for training, teaching and supervisory personnel. Another very important matter is the role of the academic staff in the crystallization of the University's inner life and the increase in the number of teachers who have assumed functions in the University bodies in general and in the various Faculty committees in particular. There is also considerable improvement to report in the methods of teaching and in the progress of research. A great deal has been done in the way of providing special training for promising young graduates, and opportunities have been given to a considerable number of members of the staff to engage in advanced study. Such opportunities have been financed either with grants from the various funds which the University has for such purposes or from its own budget.



I report with much pleasure that there has been improvement in the University's relations with public bodies, and especially with the Government which, through its representatives on our Executive Council, has come to concern itself more intimately with our affairs. We have also been afforded opportunities of making our wishes known to the Government through many channels, such as the Knesseth, the Minister of Education and Culture, who has always stood by us, other Ministers of the Government, and heads of Government Departments. The attitude of the Government has been expressed in an increasing measure of support; and, though its assistance is still far from sufficient for our needs, the Government has nevertheless made a forward step in that direction. True, last year we had a hard struggle and were obliged to mobilize public opinion on behalf of the University in order to impel the Government to increase its allocation. In the course of that struggle we realized once more that there is much sympathy and concern for the University both among the population of this country and in the Government. Indeed, even after the budget of the State had been fixed, the Government felt obliged to comply with the demands of the University and the other institutions of higher learning, and added a considerable amount to its original allocation. In this and in many other matters there has been complete cooperation between the University, the Technion and the Weizmann Institute.

It is a happy circumstance that our cooperation with the Technion has derived from the mutual goodwill of the two institutions. That cooperation, I am certain, was one of the factors which convinced the public and its elected representatives that our demands were just.

From the Financial Report and the Report of the Development Department it will be seen that the University's financial problems are rather complicated, and that the financing of the activities coming within the scope of the current budget and of those within the scope of the Development Budget, is a matter which requires enormous effort, planning and daring. The progress of construction on the campus at Givath Ram is hailed with much appreciation by visitors to the site, be they who they may. The members of the University, also, are greatly encouraged by the progress of construction on the new campus, seeing in it a revelation of creative forces and vision in the immediate present and not as something realizable only in the dim and distant future. The University is being erected at a rapid pace, and it does not require the exercise of much imagination to realize that the time is not far off when it will be able to assemble its scattered Faculties and settle down in its own home. Concentration of the University's activities on its own new campus is not only a matter of better working and teaching conditions; it also expresses the aim of centralizing the University's life and of fostering the contacts among the Faculties. As for the campus itself, our primary concern there is for the Jewish National and University Library. Here I must reiterate once again the unpalatable truth that ever since our withdrawal from Mount Scopus, neither the University nor the State has had a central library worthy of the name. Though the Director of the Library and his staff have exerted themselves to the utmost to render efficient service to the teachers,



the students and the general public, it is unfeasible to go on much longer without providing a radical solution for the problem. We therefore look to the Israel Government, the Jewish Agency and World Jewry to hasten to our aid and to enable us to expedite the erection of a suitable building for the National and University Library.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that an agreement has been reached by all parties concerned for the erection and consolidation of the Eliezer Kaplan School of Economics and Social Sciences. This Faculty has the very significant function of training young intellectuals in the fields of economics, the social sciences and public administration, and thus rendering excellent service to the State of Israel.

A new undertaking deserving much encouragement and praise is that of the "Scripta". The first volume of the "Scripta", which is devoted to the Humanities, has just appeared, and we feel certain that it will serve as an excellent platform where our staff can publish the fruits of their researches. Moreover, since "Scripta" appears in the English language, it is able to bring the message of our University to readers who have no command of Hebrew. I am also happy to report on the publication of the Dead Sea scrolls in the possession of the Hebrew University, which were prepared for that purpose by the late Professor E. L. Sukenik.

I should be remiss in my duty if I failed to mention the continuous and persevering activities of the Committees whose functioning is essential to the life of the University. I refer to the Permanent Committee of the Executive Council, the Standing Committee of the Senate and the Committee on Appointments, all of which have worked devotedly and steadfastly, always keeping in view the entire scope of the University's needs. I hereby take this occasion to thank the members of those Committees: the representatives of the public <sup>and</sup> the academic and administrative members of the staff for their devotion and assiduity in dealing with academic and administrative matters.

The problems of the Medical School relevant to our relationship with Hadassah have not yet been satisfactorily solved.

Though there has been considerable improvement in our relations with the student body, the situation in that respect - for reasons we cannot go into here - is unsatisfactory, so that one of the important problems we must grapple with in the near future is that of the students. We have not yet solved the problem of housing for our academic and non-academic personnel. This is a very serious matter on many counts, and I hope that a way will be found of expediting the solution for the problems it presents.

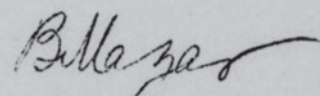
We extend our best thanks to the Societies of Friends of the Hebrew University throughout the world, and especially to those in the United States, Britain, Canada and Israel, which have worked indefatigably on behalf of the University and its Development Programme, and have done much to bring its message to the attention of the Jewish world and of academic circles



everywhere.

Let us hope that we shall be able to muster all the strength, energy and vision our University has need of, so that it may expedite the construction of the new campus and cover its budget in full, for only then can it properly discharge all the responsibilities resting upon it.

Sincerely yours,



B. Mazar  
President





REPORT ON THE ACADEMIC PROGRESS OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM

for the Summer Term of 1953/54 and the Early Part of 1954/55

APRIL 1954 - JANUARY 1955

1. NUMBER OF STUDENTS

This Report is being written at a time when the registration of students for the academic year 1954/55 is still incomplete, and it is therefore impossible as yet to submit exact figures. Registration has been late this year owing to the tuition-fee strike of the students and the consequent delay in inaugurating the studies for the year (see below). The estimated figures for registration in the various Faculties are as follows:

Humanities and Social Sciences	1200
Science	560
Agriculture	190
L a w	650
Medicine (including Dentistry and Pharmacy)	<u>400</u>
T o t a l	<u>3000</u>

(The number of students enrolled in all the Faculties in 1953/54 was 2803).

The estimated total of enrolments shows an increase of nearly 200 students as compared to last year. This increase is reflected mainly in the Faculties of Social Science, Science, and Agriculture. On the other hand, enrolments in the Faculty of Law have declined this year. This has already been the case last year as well. There has been no appreciable change in the Medical Faculty enrolments, the admissions to that Faculty being limited. There might, however, be a change in this respect if Government will ask to increase the number of students in the



clinical years from 50 to 75.

The number of research students has grown from 275 in the winter term of 1953/54 to over 300 this year.

## 2. ACADEMIC STAFF

Since our last Report was submitted (in April 1954), the academic staff has been enlarged by the appointment of teachers of most ranks (professors, lecturers, and instructors). Additional assistants have also been appointed.

Exact figures are given below:

	<u>January 1955</u>	<u>Compared to April 1954</u>
Professors	44	43
Associate Professors	35	38
Lecturers	83	82
Instructors	55	50
Assistants	178	158
Other Teachers (for Languages and Basic Studies; External Teachers)	94	91
Visiting Teachers	9	6
Research Fellows	12	11
Retired Teachers	13	13
T o t a l	523	492

It is reported with profound regret that Professor B. Gruenfelder, Associate Professor of Pediatrics (retired) passed away recently.



### 3. INSTRUCTION AND RESEARCH

In this as in previous Reports, reference must be made to the problem of premises, which has been one of our most trying difficulties in connection with teaching in the city ever since the University was exiled from Mount Scopus. In our last Report we dilated on the additional premises that had been acquired here and there. There has since been a radical change in the situation thanks to the fact that construction was begun on the new University campus in Greater Rehavia. The campus was dedicated in June 1954 and construction has since proceeded apace. The first buildings to go up will be the Botany and Physics Pavilions and Canada Hall (for Natural Sciences). It is hoped that the Botany and Physics Departments will be able to move into their new quarters during the next summer vacation. It is probable that the Chemistry Lecture Hall will also be completed by that time, in which case it will be used as a lecture hall by the Departments already transferred to the campus. In the near future construction will start on the Eliezer Kaplan School of Economics and Social Sciences, the Jewish National and University Library, the Institute of Jewish Studies and Students' Dormitories. The Williams Planetarium and the Lauterman Humanities Building are already under construction.

Simultaneously minor improvements were made in some of the premises in the city, and more space was allotted to the various Departments of the Faculties of Medicine, Humanities and Science.

The Faculty of Agriculture dedicated its second building in April 1954 (see previous Report). Recently the Faculty received a 95-dunam tract from the Jewish National Fund. Construction has already **begun**



on the new tract on quarters for students, whose number is growing year by year. In view of the prolongation of the period of studies to nine semesters, the reduction in the number of semesters in Jerusalem to three, and the inauguration of the B.Sc.Agr. degree, the number of students in Rehovoth will be much larger than heretofore. A student housing project is also in hand.

This occasion will be taken to mention the transfer of the farm school at Talpioth to the University as a gift from the Moazath ha-Pcaloth (Workingwomen's Council). The Talpioth institution will be used as an experimental farm for cultivation in the hilly areas, and will also help in some measure to solve the student housing problem in Jerusalem.

#### 4. GRADUATES

As previously reported, the University at its last graduation exercises (Passover 1954) awarded the largest number of degrees in its history. Including the law graduates (who received their diplomas at separate exercises held on Lag b'Omer 1954), the total number of graduates in 1954 came to 605, distributed by Faculties as follows:

Bachelor of Arts	187
Master of Arts	85
Master of Science	81
Master of Science in Agriculture	12
Doctor of Medicine	78
Master of Laws	123
Doctor of Philosophy	<u>39</u>
Total	<u>605</u>



The Class of '54 was very large partly because there had been an unusually long interval in holding the graduation exercises, which was due to the change in the fixed date from Hanukkah to Passover of each year. It is nevertheless hoped that this year about 500 degrees will be awarded at the graduation exercises which will be held in the middle of April 1955.

Total Number of Degrees Granted since the University's Inception

Bachelor of Arts	241
Master of Arts	765
Master of Science	611
Master of Science in Agriculture	92
Doctor of Medicine	161
Master of Laws	123
Doctor of Philosophy	201
T o t a l	2194

The Senate and its Standing Committee are now considering certain changes in the text and form of the diplomas with a view to ensuring uniformity of text and similarity of form for the diplomas of all the Faculties.

5. FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

Professor Polotsky has continued to serve as Dean of the Faculty of Humanities in 1954/55, and Dr. Prawer has agreed to act as Assistant Dean of the Faculty for another year. Close cooperation has been maintained with the Faculty of Social Sciences; inasmuch as the methods of teaching are similar in the two Faculties, they have a joint Committee on



Instruction and all teaching problems are discussed jointly by the two Faculty Councils.

In 1953/54 a new system was adopted for the B.A. programme. The Supplementary Subject was discontinued and the students are now required to take two Full Subjects. The Basic Studies have, however, been organized in accordance with two Schemes, - one for students well advanced in Jewish Studies and the other for those with an average knowledge of the subject. After a year's experience of the new system, the results are already evident: There has been a great improvement over the old system, which was in the nature of an initial experiment.

Following the adoption of the new B.A. programme, changes were urged in the curriculum for the M.A. degree. In 1953/54 the Committee on Instruction and the Faculty accordingly devoted much thought to a new M.A. curriculum. Late in 1953/54 the discussions on the subject were summarized and approved by the Senate. Under the new arrangement students holding the B.A. degree may study for their M.A. according to one of the following three trends:

1. One Major Subject with Complementary Courses;
2. Two Major Subjects, for only one of which a thesis will be required;
3. One Major Subject and one new Minor (that is, a Subject not studied while working for the B.A. degree).

The Committee on Instruction is considering how the Complementary Courses are to be constituted, and what types of students are to be permitted to study for the M.A. under each of the trends.

The Committee on Instruction has also considered changes in the curricula for the various Subjects, and has already made its decisions in regard to Greek, Latin, Classics, Education, the Department of Education,



Talmud, International Relations, Jewish Philosophy and Mysticism, the Contemporary Middle East, etc. Some of these revised curricula have already been summarized and approved by the Faculty, while others are still under discussion.

The Sub-Committee of the Committee on Instruction held weekly meetings at which hundreds of requests from students regarding courses, registration, admission, etc. were dealt with.

The Faculty has launched a new and very important undertaking in the form of a "Library of the Faculty of Humanities," which is to be published with the aid of the Matz Fund. A number of articles, which have been approved by the Faculty Committee on Publications, are in preparation as follows:

Dr. P. Haezrachi: Introduction to Aesthetics.

Dr. J. Katz: Traditional Jewish Society and its Disintegration.

Professor J.H. Polotsky: The Aramaic Dialect of the Jews of Kurdistan.

Dr. S. Pines: The Theory of Reason and the Theory of Self-Consciousness  
in Mediaeval Jewish Philosophy.

Dr. D. Amiran: Geography of Palestine.

Dr. M. Plessner: Arabic Syntax.

#### I n s t i t u t e   o f   J e w i s h   S t u d i e s

Professor Scholem continues as Chairman of the Institute, and has been provided with technical assistance for the performance of his duties in that capacity.

The Institute completed the thirtieth year of its existence at Hanukkah 1954, when the anniversary was celebrated at a modest ceremony. On that occasion the Dead Sea Scrolls, ancient coins and seals were displayed at an exhibition held in the University Senate Hall which attracted large



numbers of visitors from all parts of the country.

It is worthwhile to mention that the University Press together with Mossad Bialik published recently a magnificent edition of the "Dead Sea Scrolls" which the late Professor E.L. Sukenik had acquired for the University.

#### Hebrew Literature.

Professor Halkin and Professor Schirman had been promoted to full professorships. Professor Halkin is on leave this year in the U.S., and is lecturing as Visiting Professor at the University of California in Los Angeles.

#### Jewish History.

Dr. Ben-Sasson has been appointed Instructor and is now teaching both in the Jewish History Department and in the Basic Studies courses. (Previously Dr. Ben-Sasson taught in the Basic Studies courses only).

Dr. Malamet has been appointed Instructor of the Jewish History in the Bible Period and has been teaching since the beginning of the current academic year.

#### Hebrew Philology.

Professor Tur-Sinai will stop teaching at the end of this academic year, when he is due to retire. In the meantime Mr. Kutscher will have returned from his study leave in the U.S.

The "Tarbitz" quarterly, which has been converted into a journal for Jewish Studies, has resumed publication under the editorship of Professor Schirman.

#### School of Oriental Studies

The School is headed this year by Professor Goitein.



The Executive Council has approved the creation of a lectureship in Arabic Language and Literature. The Committee on Appointments is considering Dr. Plessner for the post.

Establishment of a half-time lectureship in the fields of Islamic Culture and the Middle East in the Islamic Period is under consideration. The exact subject of the lectureship will be the "History of Islam, with special reference to the History of the Jews in Moslem Countries". Dr. Ashtor is the candidate for the post.

### Institute of General Humanities.

The Institute is headed by Professor Koebner.

#### Philosophy.

Dr. Jacob Fleischman has begun to teach in the Department with the rank of Instructor. Mr. Poznanski has been appointed Research Fellow in Philosophy and is now pursuing advanced studies in that subject for a year in the U.S. Professor Leo Strauss of Chicago, who is teaching at the University as Visiting Professor for the current year, is giving courses in Philosophy and Political Science. Professor S.H. Bergman is on sabbatical leave for the winter term and will retire from the University thereafter. The appointment of a successor to Professor Bergman and plans for the re-organization of the Department are under discussion.

#### History.

As Professor Koebner is to retire at the end of the current year, the appointment of his successor is now being considered. Dr. Talmon has returned from a year's leave in the U.S. and resumed his teaching duties.

#### Classics.

Professor Schwabe fell ill at the beginning of the academic year and has therefore been unable to teach in the winter term. His duties



have been divided up among the other teachers of Classics.

New curricula for Greek and Latin as Subjects within the B.A. programme have been approved.

#### Psychology.

There is unfortunately no progress to report in connection with the Psychology Department and this year, as well as last, no students have been enrolled. Further efforts are being made here and in America to find a suitable head for the Department.

#### English.

After Dr. Lever resigned from the Department, it was decided at Professor Mendilow's suggestion to encourage two of the young women teachers (Mrs. Czernowitz and Mrs. Shalvi) to pursue advanced studies so as to fit themselves for the vacant post. The two teachers have been promised assistance in connection with their studies abroad.

#### Archaeology.

Dr. Avigad has been promoted to the rank of Lecturer.

The Department has grown considerably since the subjects which previously constituted the Archaeology of Palestine, Moslem Archaeology, Pre-Historic Archaeology and Historical Geography of Palestine were included within its scope.

In the summer vacation of 1954 members of the Department conducted archaeological excavations and explorations in various parts of the country. Special mention will be made here of the excavations conducted at Beth Shearim by Dr. Avigad and at the Kebara Cave by Dr. Stekelis.

#### American Studies.

After American Studies had been taught for three years by visiting professors, the courses were discontinued in 1954/55 because it was



felt that instruction in such a Subject should not be given solely by visiting teachers. Establishment of a permanent Institute of American Studies at our University is under consideration.

Science of Religions.

Introduction of studies in Science of Religions is under consideration. The Permanent Committee has discussed a proposal that Science of Religions be designated as a Subject in the courses leading to the M.A. degree. The Subject would be based on the three monotheistic religions (Judaism, Christianity and Islam), but courses would also be offered on the Persian and Far Eastern Religions, the phenomenology of religion and primitive religion. The proposal is still to be considered by the Senate and the Executive Council and will then be submitted to the Board of Governors for approval.

In concluding the report on the Faculty of Humanities, it is gratifying to be able to note that the Faculty's first volume of the "Scripta Hierosolymitana" (in English), which is devoted to Classics and Jewish Hellenism and edited by Professor Koebner and Dr. Fuks, has already appeared. Additional volumes of the "Scripta" devoted to Social Sciences and General Humanities are ready for publication by the Magnes University Press, which also issued the first volume.

6. FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES -- ELIEZER KAPLAN SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES.

The Faculty was headed by Professor Bachi as Dean in 1953/54 and the first part of 1954/55. In January 1955 Professor Bachi submitted his resignation and Professor Bonne was elected Dean for the following two years (to the end of the winter term of 1956/57). Professor Bonne



assumed his duties on February 15. Dr. Eisenstadt continues this year to serve as Coordinator of the Faculty.

It will be recalled that the Social Sciences were organized as a separate Faculty only at the end of the academic year 1952/53, after the Board of Governors had approved the establishment of the Kaplan School. The greater part of the year 1953/54 was taken up with the organization and consolidation of the Faculty. Matters relating to teaching and students were considered in consultation with the Faculty of Humanities. The report on them was therefore given under the heading of that Faculty (see above).

The Faculty Council has discussed the development programme for the various subjects taught in the Faculty (Economics, Sociology, Political Science and Public Administration, International Relations, and Statistics), and considered introducing additional subjects such as Auditing, Social Service, development of the Institute for Labour and Cooperation, etc. In the meantime the development programmes of teaching in these subjects have been approved by the University Senate on the one hand and by the Board of Management of the Kaplan School on the other. Appointments to the posts provided for in the development programme are under consideration. The Faculty Library, which was established with funds contributed for the purpose by the Bank Leumi LeIsrael, is already functioning.

Professor Ferdinand Zweig, Associate Professor of Labour Relations, took up his teaching duties in 1954/55.

Dr. Sonnabend has been appointed Research Fellow in Anthropometry and Ethnography.

A Laboratory for Group Dynamics has been set up with funds contributed for the purpose by Mr. James Marshall, and is headed by Dr. Herman.



The Institute for Labour and Cooperation has begun to function with Mr. Shazar at its head. Dr. Silberner, Professor Zweig and Mr. Israel Halpern (of the Jewish History Department) are taking an active part in the Institute. (Mr. Viteles, the Lecturer on Cooperation, is on leave this year).

Guest lectures on Political Science are being given by Professor Leo Strauss (see above under the report on the Faculty of Humanities) as Visiting Professor, since the principal teacher of the subject, Professor Akzin, is on leave in the U.S. Mr. Edwin Samuel is giving a series of lectures on the British Civil Service. Appointment of an additional teacher of Political Science is being considered.

The appointment of an additional teacher of International Relations, to go into effect in 1955/56, is under consideration.

In the Department of Statistics Professor L. Guttman was appointed Visiting Professor of Social Statistics for this year. Professor Guttman is teaching methods of research in the Social Sciences.

The Kaplan School is taking part in the consultations on the various courses being arranged by the Government. Thirty-five Government officials attend lectures at the Kaplan School under a programme planned by the Civil Service Commission. The Ministry of Finance has opened a school with a dormitory for senior officials of the Ministry, and these officials, also, attend some of the courses given by the Faculty as part of their curriculum.

## 7. FACULTY OF LAW.

Professor S. Ginossar has been elected Dean of the Faculty for the years 1954/55 and 1955/56, and Dr. Klinghoffer as Assistant Dean.



As mentioned above, the first class to be graduated by the Faculty (with 123 Students) were awarded their degrees at separate exercises held on Lag b'Omer 1954. Simultaneously the Faculty began to plan graduate studies to follow the M.Jur. degree. A set of regulations has been worked out for research students, and the first candidates for the doctor's degree have already been enrolled for research work. The Faculty is also reviewing the curriculum for the M.Jur. degree.

As the permanent staff of the Faculty is still small, a special effort is being made to train promising young people for future service on the staff. A number of those who served as Assistants in 1953/54 have been sent abroad (to France, England and the U.S.) for advanced study in various branches of law. They have been replaced by new Assistants chosen from among the best students of the class graduated late in 1953/54.

Dr. Agranat and Dr. Silberg, both of whom are members of the Supreme Court of Israel, have been appointed as Visiting Professors, the former for Criminal Law and the latter for the Law of Persons, Family Relations and Succession. No other appointments have been made, and the Faculty continues to depend largely upon External Teachers.

#### 8. FACULTY OF SCIENCE.

Professor Evenari has been re-elected Dean of the Faculty of Science for the years 1954/55 and 1955/56. The Faculty deciding to elect an Assistant Dean, Dr. Stein, Lecturer in Physical Chemistry, was chosen for that office.

As mentioned in the earlier part of this Report, special efforts are being made to complete the Botany and Physics Pavilions on the new campus by the beginning of the academic year 1955/56 together with Canada Hall and



other lecture halls. The premises vacated by the Departments of Botany and Physics will be allotted to other Departments (Zoology, Geography, etc), which are pressing for additional space. At the beginning of the current year various minor improvements were made in the University premises, particularly in those occupied by the Departments of Inorganic Chemistry, Physical Chemistry, Geography and Mathematics. The problem of premises for the workshop for scientific instruments has been satisfactorily solved by the erection of a fine new structure in cooperation with the Scientific Research Council of the Government.

The number of students was again increased thanks to maximum utilization of the Faculty's laboratory space. The competitive examinations in Chemistry and Bacteriology, which were still held as late as the beginning of 1953/54, were discontinued this year, and all candidates holding secondary school-leaving certificates were admitted to the Faculty.

The Committee on Instruction and the Faculty Council devoted much time to discussing the proposal for introducing the B.Sc. degree. These discussions were completed early in 1954/55 and the plan for the new degree was then approved by the Senate as well. It provides that the B.Sc. degree may be granted on the basis of three alternative programmes of study, as follows:

1. Three Minor Subjects;
2. One Major Subject (for which no thesis will be required) and one Minor Subject;
3. Two Minor Subjects with additional single courses (which, taken together, will be equivalent to one Minor Subject).

Unlike the Faculty of Humanities, the Faculty of Science will make it possible for able students to work directly for the M.Sc.



degree without being required previously to take a Bachelor's degree.

The Faculty resolved to ease the teaching load, and fixed a maximum of 35 hours of teaching a week (lectures and laboratory instruction combined).

The Faculty (and later the Senate) approved a curriculum for the minor Subject of Mineralogy and Petrography. For the present (until an additional permanent teacher of the Subject is appointed), the Lecturer will be assisted by two External Teachers.

Prolongation of the period of study for the M.Sc. degree from eight to nine semesters is under consideration.

#### Mathematics.

The term of Professor Fekete's service at the University has been extended to the end of 1954/55.

Dr. Guggenheimer has entered upon his duties as Lecturer in Geometry and Topology.

Professor Dvoretzky and Dr. Amitsur (who has been promoted to the rank of Lecturer) have returned from their leave abroad, and Professor Amira has gone on sabbatical leave for the winter term of 1954/55.

Professor P. Erdos of Notre Dame University, U.S., is teaching this winter in the Institute of Mathematics as a Visiting Professor. Other visiting teachers have also been invited.

The historical library, which was previously kept in the Institute, has been removed elsewhere, and convenient facilities have been provided for the mathematical library and for a teachers' staff room in the space thus made available.

#### Physics.

Three members of the Weizmann Institute have been invited as



visiting teachers of Physics (chiefly of Theoretical Physics).

The first beginners' laboratory has been installed for all students of the Faculty.

Dr. H. Henisch of the University of Reading, England, has served as a Visiting Professor of Physics and demonstrated the latest methods of research in the solid state to the members of the Department. Dr. Henisch also took part in the symposium on the solid state arranged by the Department jointly with the Physical Society of Israel.

Professor P.M.S. Blackett of the Imperial College, London (Nobel Prize Winner in Physics), also visited the Department and took part in a symposium on cosmic radiation.

#### Chemistry.

A new curriculum has been approved whereby the Chemistry courses now embrace four Subjects (Inorganic, Organic, Physical and Biological Chemistry), instead of seven as previously.

Dr. Hayman of the Physical Chemistry Department and Dr. Liwschitz of the Organic Chemistry Department have been promoted to the rank of Instructor.

Dr. Jordan of the Inorganic Chemistry Department has resigned from the University and is remaining in the U.S.

Professor L. Pauling of the California Institute of Technology (Nobel Prize Winner in Chemistry) visited Israel as the guest of the University and gave a public lecture on the structure of proteins.

A symposium on the desalting of brackish water was held in memory of the late Professor Farkas.

Dr. Sarel, Instructor in Organic Chemistry, has returned from study leave abroad, and Dr. Patai, also an Instructor in Organic Chemistry,



has gone to England for advanced study.

#### Botany.

As already mentioned, preparations are under way for moving the Department of Botany to its new premises in the summer of this year. The two sections of the Department, which have long been separated, will then be reunited under one roof.

Progress has been made in the teaching of genetics, and an Instructor who has specialized in the Subject will soon be appointed.

#### Zoology.

Professor G.S. Fraenkel of the University of Illinois, gave a series of guest lectures on the physiology of insects. The University is negotiating with Professor Fraenkel with a view to his appointment to the Chair of Zoology.

Dr. Goldschmidt, who has specialized in genetics, has been promoted to the rank of Lecturer.

The Department of Zoology is greatly hampered by lack of space but the situation will improve only next year, after the Department of Botany has moved to the new campus and its present quarters are allotted to the Department of Zoology.

#### Geology.

It has been found necessary to separate the University Department of Geology from the Government Institute of Geology.

Certain administrative problems which arose when Minerology and Petrography were designated as a Minor Subject await solution.

#### Geography.

The Department of Geography now has somewhat larger premises at its disposal after having received the rooms vacated when the Department



of Soil Science was closed down. (After the death of the late Professor Reifenberg, the Department of Soil Science of the Faculty of Science was merged with the parallel Department in the Faculty of Agriculture in Rehovoth).

The Department of Geography is attached both to the Faculty of Humanities and to the Faculty of Science. Most of its students come from the Faculty of Humanities.

#### Meteorology and Climatology.

Dr. Ashbel has been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor of Climatology.

A proposal is under consideration for a new Minor Subject to be known as Meteorology and Climatology, in which instruction will be given with the aid of External Teachers from the staff of the Government Institute of Meteorology.

#### Bacteriology and Parasitology

The Departments of Bacteriology and Parasitology, where students of science as well as of medicine attend courses, are attached on the administrative side to the Medical Faculty. A statement on their activities is therefore included in the Report submitted by that Faculty.

A Symposium on viruses was arranged by the Committee on Symposia of the Faculty of Science.

### 9. FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE.

Professor Ravikovitch has been elected Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture for the years 1954/55 and 1955/56.

Mention has already been made (in the first part of this Report) of the enlarged premises of the Faculty of Agriculture, the erection



of a second building, and the Faculty's programme of development which provides for still other buildings and for student housing.

The Faculty has discussed problems concerning specialized courses in the last two semesters and concerning examinations.

Late in 1953/54 the Faculty and the Senate approved the proposal for shortening the preliminary period of study in Jerusalem to three semesters, so that the agricultural students will now attend three semesters in Jerusalem and the remaining six in Rehovoth.

Early in 1954/55 the Senate approved the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture on the basis of three years of study (three semesters in Jerusalem and three in Rehovoth) and supplementary courses for six weeks during the summer vacation. The object of the courses leading to the Bachelor's degree is to train teachers for the agricultural schools, agricultural instructors for the settlements, and all-round agronomists.

For students who will go on to study for the Master's degree additional training and specialized courses will be provided. In the Faculty of Agriculture, as in the Faculty of Science, the best students will be permitted to study directly for the Master's degree, without being required to take the Bachelor's degree previously.

New enrolments in the Faculty have risen again, and number 70 this year. The increase is due to the fact that special conditions were allowed for the matriculation examinations of graduates from the agricultural schools.

Dr. Bondi has been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor of Animal Nutrition.

Dr. Harpaz has been appointed Instructor in Agricultural



Entomology, and Dr. Wahl has been promoted to a lectureship in Plan Pathology.

Other appointments in the Faculty are being considered by the Committee on Appointments.

The regulations applying to the staffing of the Faculty have been found obsolete and ill-adapted to its present needs and future development. The Standing Committee of the Senate has therefore appointed a special committee to draw up a new set of regulations in this respect.

10. FACULTY OF MEDICINE.

The Medical Faculty is submitting a separate Report on its activities. It should be noted, however, that the list of Promotions and Appointments appended to this Report includes those of the Medical Faculty.

11. MATTERS DISCUSSED BY THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE

Professor Mazar has been re-elected Rector for the year 1954/55.

The Permanent Committee and the Senate have considered various matters concerning the Faculties, some of which have already been referred to above. Other matters discussed in these bodies include new regulations for student discipline, to be drawn up in the light of the experience of Professor Tedeschi, who dealt with disciplinary matters during the past two years;; new regulations for the research students uniform; text and form of diplomas (mentioned above); publication of Chemistry theses by candidates for the doctor's degree jointly with their supervising teachers; the School of Secondary Education at Beth Hakerem; appointment of Experts' Committee, and the like.



Three problems considered in the Permanent Committee and the Senate late in 1953/54 will be enlarged upon here, namely:

(a) As the number of institutions of higher learning has increased in Israel (for example, the University Institute in Tel Aviv, The College for Social Sciences in Haifa, and so on), it has been questioned whether courses given in those institutions should be recognized by the University when some of their students apply to it for admission. After giving their best thought to the matter, the Senate and the Permanent Committee laid down rules of procedure whereby the Committees on Instruction are authorized to accord limited recognition to courses given at other institutions of higher learning in Israel, each case to be considered separately on its merits. The Senate went on record as absolutely opposed to granting recognition to any of the institutions as such or to members of their staffs as teachers of University rank.

(b) Late in 1953/54 the Senate resolved to bestow an honorary doctorate upon Professor Klausner upon the occasion of his eightieth birthday as a token of recognition of his great services to the University and his outstanding role in the dissemination of Hebrew culture in the course of many decades.

(c) The Permanent Committee has recommended the organization of a special programme of studies for students coming from America. This programme, which is to be initiated in 1955/56, will be comprised partly of courses in Judaism and problems of Israel and the Middle East especially adapted to the needs of American students, and partly of general courses given at the University. Mr. Poznanski, who is at present in the U.S., is assisting in the organization of the courses.



### THE STUDENT BODY

At the beginning of the current academic year the University was again subjected to the severe shock of students' strike. When the University decided late in 1953/54 to abide by the decision of the Advisory Commission on Institutions of Higher Learning (which was approved by the University's Executive Council) to increase the annual tuition fee to IL.200, the students proclaimed a strike on that issue. Owing to the strike the academic year was not inaugurated on November 23, 1954, as had originally been intended. It was only after trying negotiations and after the University had announced that it would remain closed for the winter term if the strike continued after December 5, that the students returned on December 5 and agreed to the annual tuition fee of IL.200.

The University for its part has done and is doing everything in its power to alleviate conditions for the students, and especially for those of very limited means, in regard to their living arrangements and studies. The Alleviation Fund, from which grants are made for reduction of tuition fees, has been increased to IL. 150,000. This fund is composed of IL.120,000 contributed by the University (representing 20% of its gross income from tuition fees) and IL.30,000 received from the Government this year as a special grant for ending the strike.

The University also does its utmost to increase the funds available for maintenance scholarships for able and needy students. Thanks to the devoted efforts of Friends of the Hebrew University everywhere, the funds at the University's disposal for this purpose have been largely augmented, and it is hoped to allocate over IL.100,000 in 1954/55 for scholarships.



Housing facilities for students are being constantly increased. After the Allenby Barracks had been acquired for housing, additional accommodations became available in the farm school at Talpith. The Israel Friends of the Hebrew University are erecting a dormitory for men students in the Kiryath Shmuel quarter, and a dormitory for women students is going up in the Katamon quarter. The corner-stone has already been laid on the campus for the Argentine Building, which will also serve as a dormitory. The problem of student housing will thus be solved within a very few years. As already mentioned above, the University itself is building accommodations for students at the Faculty of Agriculture in Rehovoth.

The new canteen serves the students with good meals at low prices. The premises of the old canteen have been converted into a students' club. Beth Hillel is, as always, a pleasant meeting-place for both teachers and students.

A new and unusual problem has been created by the admission of students from Israel's national minorities (Arabs and Druses), whose number has reached 60 in 1954/55. These students have raised questions in connection with their courses, adjustment and other matters, and consultations are now being held with a view to solving their problems.



CHANGES IN THE ACADEMIC STAFF  
during the Period of  
APRIL 1954 to JANUARY 1955

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| 1. Professor B. Gruenfelder | Professor of Pediatrics (retired) |
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PROMOTIONS

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| 1. Amitsur, A.S.          | Lecturer in Mathematics                  |
| 2. Ashbel, D.             | Associate Professor of Climatology       |
| 3. Avigad, N.             | Lecturer in Archaeology                  |
| 4. Bondi, A.              | Associate Professor of Animal Nutrition  |
| 5. de Vries, A.           | Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine |
| 6. Goldschmidt, E. (Miss) | Lecturer in Zoology (Genetics)           |
| 7. Halkin, S.             | Professor of Hebrew Literature           |
| 8. Schirman, H.           | Professor of Hebrew Literature           |
| 9. Sulman, F.G.           | Lecturer in Applied Pharmacology         |
| 10. Ullman, D.            | Lecturer in Medicine                     |
| 11. Ungar, H.             | Professor of Pathological Anatomy        |
| 12. Wahl, I.              | Lecturer in Plant Pathology              |

APPOINTMENTS

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| 1. Agranat, S.      | Visiting Professor of Criminal Law  |
| 2. Ben-Sasson, H.H. | Instructor in Jewish History        |
| 3. Cohen, A.        | Instructor in Bacteriology<br>and   |
| 4. Eckerling, B.    | Instructor in Gynecology/Obstetrics |
| 5. Efrati, P.       | Clinical Lecturer in Medicine       |
| 6. Floischman, J.   | Instructor in Philosophy            |



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| 7. Guttman, L.        | Visiting Professor of Methods of<br>Research in the Social Sciences    |
| 8. Harpaz, I.         | Instructor in Agricultural Entomology                                  |
| 9. Hayman, H.         | Instructor in Physical Chemistry                                       |
| 10. Katz, J.          | Instructor in Surgery  |
| 11. Lenk, R.          | Visiting Professor of Roentgenology                                    |
| 12. Liwshitz, Y.      | Instructor in Organic Chemistry  |
| 13. Malamet, A.       | Instructor in Jewish History of the<br>Period of the Bible             |
| 14. Matoth, Y.        | Instructor in Pediatrics   |
| 15. Pauzner, Y.M.     | Clinical Lecturer in Surgery   |
| 16. Poznanski, E.I.I. | Research Fellow in Philosophy  |
| 17. Rabinovici, N.    | Lecturer in Surgery  |
| 18. Rappaport, A.     | Associate Professor of Clinical<br>Biochemistry                        |
| 19. Raubitschek, F.   | Lecturer in Dermatology and Venerology                                 |
| 20. Silberg, M.       | Visiting Professor of Personal Law,<br>Family Relations and Succession |
| 21. Sonnabend, H.     | Research Fellow in Anthropometry and<br>Ethnography                    |
| 22. Suskind, M.I.     | Instructor in Physiology   |
| 23. Toaff, Y.         | Clinical Lecturer in Gynecology and<br>Obstetrics                      |
| 24. Wayl, P.          | Lecturer in Pulmonary Diseases   |



REPORT ON THE MEDICAL SCHOOL.  
covering the period April 1 - December 31, 1954.

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ORGANIZATION.

After prolonged consultations, the Medical Faculty voted in favour of Ein Karem as the site of the future Medical Center. Hadassah and the University were requested by the Faculty to enable also the erection of the Science Faculty buildings on the same site.

Final agreement was reached, with the active assistance of Dr. Harry Eagle, Chairman of the Medical Advisory Board, who visited Jerusalem in July, concerning the planning of teaching and research space in the new Center. After extensive discussions, the Board of Management approved Dr. Eagle's recommendations and authorized the planning of 14,795 sq.m. of floor space to provide the facilities for 75 medical students in each class; a School of Dentistry and a School of Pharmacy each for 25 students per class; teaching facilities for Science students majoring in Microbiology; clinical and preclinical research laboratories; as well as the space required for a library, auditorium, administration, student lounges and lockers, animal house and auxiliary space. After a recent revision of this allocation, an additional 750 sq.m. were approved for clinical dental departments (with a provision for future expansion according to requirements) and 1,000 sq.m. for the special laboratories needed for the School of Pharmacy.

The total allocation for research and teaching space thus amounts to 16,545 sq.m. It is believed that this allocation will provide a small but self-sufficient and integrated structure which may be expected to meet the needs of the Medical School, but which cannot be materially reduced without adversely affecting the functions of the institution.



A sub-committee, consisting of two members of the Medical Faculty and the Assistant Dean, was assigned the task of making recommendations on the distribution of the approved floorspace; the committee concluded its deliberations and submitted its recommendations to the Dean.

Furthermore, Mr. Neufeld's plans for the 500-bed University Hospital, equipped with modern facilities and labour-saving devices, a large outpatient department, a medical library, a nurses' training school, and training facilities for ancillary personnel, were finalized and approved. It is expected that construction work will take at least five to six years. Excavation for the nurses' training school, the first building to be constructed, has begun.

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The Ministry of Health formally recognized the Hebrew University - Hadassah Medical School as the only institution in Israel authorized to confer the M.D. degree.

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Dr. M. Avidor, Director General of the Ministry of Education, was appointed member of the Board of Management, succeeding the late Prof. Rieger as the Ministry's representative on the Board.

Dr. M. Prywes, Assistant Dean of the Medical School, who hitherto participated in Board meetings ex officio, was nominated as a regular member of the Board.

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The Medical School authorities intensified their efforts to train young and promising scientists for teaching posts in the Medical School, in particular in the preclinical disciplines, where the shortage of well-qualified personnel is especially felt. With this aim in view, a joint scholarship fund was established by the University and Hadassah, each



institution contributing \$ 12,000 which will be allocated in the next few years in the form of annual scholarships of \$ 1,000 each. Eligible for the award of a scholarship will be (a) medical students who interrupt their training after the conclusion of the preclinical stage to work for one year in a preclinical discipline; and (b) students choosing the programme of studies leading to the degree of "Master of Medical Sciences" after a five-year course of training in the Natural Sciences and preclinical theoretical subjects. The latter course is an entirely new scheme which is at present under consideration in the Faculty and will soon be submitted to the academic authorities for approval. Both projects were worked out in consultations with Professor Samson Wright, who visited the Medical School in the summer of 1954, and who promised to assist the Medical School authorities also in their efforts towards the raising of fellowship funds for postgraduate studies enabling Medical School graduates to specialize in theoretical subjects both in England and in the Medical School itself.

Within the framework of the Travelling Fellowships established by the Humanitarian Trust Fund with the aim of enabling the University to invite well-known English scientists for a visit to Jerusalem, Professor S. Zuckerman, Head of the Department of Anatomy of the University of Birmingham, will spend several weeks in the Medical School early this year. Under the same arrangement, Dr. J. Elkes, Professor of Psychiatry of Birmingham University, is planning a visit in February 1955.

The humanitarian Trust Fund allocated £ 5,000 towards the working budget of the Cancer Department, in addition to their current contribution. This gift provides a most welcome opportunity for the Department to expand its work through the engagement of additional workers.



Dr. Milton Rosenbaum, Professor of Psychiatry of the University of Cincinnati, Ohio, arrived in Israel in July, 1954, to take up work in the Department of Psychiatry for one year. It will be recalled that Professor Rosenbaum assisted the Medical School authorities last year in the organization of the Department of Psychiatry. The substantial contribution towards the establishment and running of the Department which was received by the University in the form of the Julius and Marie Scheider Fund with the assistance of Professor Israel Wechsler, gave impetus to the establishment of the Psychiatry Department in the University Hospital for which the Hadassah Medical Organization provides the clinical facilities and staff. Prof. Rosenbaum is now actively and successfully engaged in the organization and consolidation of the various branches of Psychiatry. On his initiative, the "Eitingon Fund" was established, consisting of contributions from American psychiatrists earmarked for the acquisition of a Psychiatry library for the new department; he also sponsored a loan fund from which allocations are made to the staff of this and allied departments to enable them to undertake a teaching analysis.

Dr. G. Mohr, Professor of Psychiatry of the University of Illinois, has been invited by Hadassah to head the Lasker Center, Katamon, for one year during the absence of its director. Prof. Mohr's visit is partly financed with the aid of the Scheider Fund. The University has conferred on Prof. Mohr the title of a Visiting Professor.

A new laboratory for research in Experimental Neurology is being established in the Department of Neurology, with the assistance of monies allocated for the purpose from the Julius and Marie Scheider Fund.

The Medical School Virus Laboratory has been nominated as the regional poliomyelitis laboratory of the World Health Organization. A one-time grant



of \$ 2,000 was allocated by the WHO for the acquisition of equipment in this connection.

Dr. Sidney L. Kark, Medical Officer in charge of the Institute of Family and Community Health in Durban S.A., visited Jerusalem again for several weeks, to assist Hadassah in placing the new Family Health project on a firm footing. On this occasion, Dr. Kark advised the Medical School Curriculum Committee on the introduction of Family Health into the Medical School curriculum.

The Ministry of Health established a Section of Nutrition in close cooperation with the Medical School's Department of Biochemistry. Dr. K. Guggenheim was appointed Head of the Section, and work will be carried out with the Medical School staff and facilities. A cash grant in the amount of IL 1,000 per annum will be made available by the Ministry of Health. The project has as its object (a) the conduct of a country-wide nutritional survey, (b) the drawing-up of recommendations on the improvement of the bad state of nutrition at present prevailing in the country; and (c) the coordination of activities in this field of the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and the Medical School.

Dr. M. Prywes, Assistant Dean, left Israel on a 5-months study trip to the U.S.A., under a World Health Organization fellowship grant in medical education. The trip is sponsored by the American Association of Medical Colleges. Dr. F. Dreyfuss, Lecturer in the Department of Medicine "A", was appointed A/Assistant Dean for the time of Dr. M. Prywes's absence from the country.

The following were nominated as new members of the Medical Advisory Board: Dr. Leo Mayer, consultant orthopedic surgeon, President of the Federation of the Handicapped and Associate Editor of the Journal of Bone and



Joint Surgery; Dr. Abraham White, Professor of Biochemistry, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Yeshiva University; Dr. Alexander B. Gutman, Professor of Medicine, Columbia University; Dr. Irving London, Professor of Medicine, Columbia University.

In view of the acute shortage of physicians who are ready to take up work in villages, settlements and frontier outposts, a Knesset Committee is at present discussing the introduction of a law providing for a compulsory year of work in such places for all physicians who want to be admitted to a hospital for specialization. The proposal has so far been discussed, on an inter-institutional level, by representatives of the Ministry of Health, Kupath Cholim, the Army, Hadassah and the Medical School. The Medical School is opposed to the project for various reasons, first and foremost because the law would tie down the young physician for another year after seven years of study and two and a half years of Army service. Furthermore, the Faculty holds the opinion that the problem could be solved through redistribution of medical manpower and use of part of the time devoted to Army medical services.

Dr. I.C. Michaelson has succeeded Prof. A. Feigenbaum as Head of the Department of Ophthalmology, on the latter's retirement by the end of 1954. The conferment of the rank of Professor of Ophthalmology on Dr. Michaelson is at present under consideration.

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Progress has been made during the period under review towards the consolidation of the School of Dentistry and towards an understanding between the various institutions responsible for its upbuilding and maintenance. The question of the future organizational set-up of the School has been under discussion, and there is reason to believe that the controversial issue of



the autonomy of the School which arose between the Alpha Omega Fraternity and the Medical School authorities will be settled to the satisfaction of all concerned. It is hoped that personal consultations with the delegation of prominent members of the Alpha Omega Fraternity, who are planning to visit the country in March, will go a long way towards a mutual understanding in this matter.

The Members of the group, which is being organized by Dr. Harry Seldin, will hold lectures and conferences, and consultations will be held on questions of organization, curriculum and staffing. The visit of a similar group of English dentists at the same time is under consideration, but has not yet been definitely decided upon.

The Alpha Omega Fraternity reached its original goal for the capital fund drive of \$ 300,000 in cash and pledges one year ahead of time. On the basis of an understanding with the past President, Dr. Louis Galin, the drive for the benefit of the Dental School is being continued with good prospects. (The fact that the original goal has already been reached has so far not been publicized so as to avoid a slackening in the efforts of the membership.)

The activities of the World Federation for an Israel Dental School are being intensified; various chapters, such as those in the Argentine, England, South Africa, France, New Zealand and Australia, are being re-organized with a view to obtain a more substantial support towards the equipment and maintenance of the Dental School. Satisfactory contributions have already been secured by the English, Argentine and South African groups.

Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Charles Krown, the sponsor of the drive for the benefit of the School of Pharmacy who is at present on a visit in



Israel, the activities on behalf of the School have entered a more active stage.

Contact has been made with important institutions and individuals abroad and existing relations have been intensified. The main contributor so far is the American Association of Jewish Pharmacists which has undertaken to contribute the following amounts to the operational budget of the School of Pharmacy:

\$ 15,000 to the first year;

\$ 30,000 to the second,

\$ 45,000 to the third,

\$ 60,000 to the fourth.

The Association closely cooperates with the American Friends of the Hebrew University in New York through a joint committee. They are at present undertaking a new membership drive combined with an appeal on behalf of the School of Pharmacy.

Furthermore, the Aesculapian Pharmaceutical Organization of Detroit pledged a contribution of \$ 25,000 of which \$ 10,000 have already been made available.

Through the good offices of Mr. Risk, Director of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, contact was made with the Pharmacists Association of Toronto which expressed readiness to contribute funds towards the setting-up of a room or a laboratory in the School. Appropriate proposals were submitted.

The Pharmacists' Association in Israel, with the aid of the local branch of the Friends of the Hebrew University, has started a new drive aimed at the raising of funds in addition to the IL.25,000 pledged at the time in complementation of Mr. Krown's donation of IL.10,000. These



funds are obtained through the sale of a tag in the amount of 50 prutoth, levelled by all dispensing chemists on the sale of drugs prepared in their pharmacies ( taxa laborum). It is hoped to raise in this way about IL.15,000 annually.

Endeavours are made through the local branches of the American Friends of the Hebrew University in the U.S.A. and Canada to stimulate interest in the School and to obtain support for its upbuilding.

#### FLOORSPACE and EQUIPMENT.

The University authorities allocated an additional amount for the enlargement of the preclinical departments. After the modification of two adjacent buildings last year for the requirements of the Departments of Bacteriology and Clinical Microbiology, and the building of two new lecture halls for 100 and 120 students respectively, it has been possible during the period under review to allocate additional floorspace to a number of other departments. Construction work has been completed in the Departments of Pathology, Hormone Research, the Microbiological Chemistry Laboratory and the Nutrition Laboratory. A new student laboratory for the teaching of Physiology, Pharmacology and Biochemistry has been set up, and the animal house and other auxiliary facilities were enlarged. Additional floorspace for the Departments of Biochemistry Pharmacology and Hygiene is at present under construction, and the modification of new premises for the Department of Parasitology is nearing completion. The offices of the administration and the Faculty room have been transferred to more adequate quarters.

The Ministry of Health agreed to place at the disposal of Hadassah



a large part of the Avihail Hospital on the Russian Compound, which Hadassah, in turn, is making available for Medical School requirements. This arrangement will enable the transfer of the Medical Library, at present inadequately accommodated in the Straus Health Center, to the Medical School campus. The Hospital will also house the Department of Parasitology, the Laboratory for Clinical Investigations and other clinical research laboratories, as well as Laboratories of the School of Pharmacy.

Provisional premises are also under construction for the clinical part of the Dental School. Hadassah agreed to make about 400 sq.m. available in the Straus Health Centre which are being modified and equipped for the purpose. The University contributes IL.25,000 (out of the Alpha Omega grant of \$ 30,000) towards the building costs involved. It has been agreed that part of this sum will be refunded if and when the clinical dental departments are transferred to the new Medical Center.

Part of the equipment needed for the clinical dental departments has been donated by manufacturers and private individuals, mainly from the U.S.A. Earmarked cash grants for the purchase of equipment have been obtained from various chapters of the World Federation for the Israel Dental School. Thus, the Argentine chapter contributed over \$ 6,000 towards the equipment of a dental surgical room. However, these contributions do not meet the actual requirements and the major part of the equipment will have to be purchased out of the regular budget.

Intensified efforts are also being made towards the upbuilding of a modern dental library. Dean Nagle, of the School of Dentistry of the New York University, is giving the School valuable assistance in sorting out the numerous gift books contributed by friends and organizations in the States.



### FINANCIAL MATTERS.

The operational budget of the Medical School for the budgetary year ending March 1955, in the amount of IL.470,000 was approved. In addition, the University is spending another IL.309,000 for the Medical School in the current year.

The University has tried to persuade Hadassah to raise their annual participation in the Medical School operational budget, which had been fixed at \$ 100,000 p.a. during the first five years after the opening of the Medical School, but which is no longer in keeping with actual needs. Negotiations on this point as well as on the extension of the Agreement between both partners which will be terminated in 1956, have so far been inconclusive, but it is hoped that a satisfactory solution will be found to settle this vital issue. The professors of the Medical Faculty, after a discussion of the problem, have drawn up a memorandum, expressing their grave concern at the situation and urging both partners to remain conscious of the fact that the very existence of the Medical School is at stake.

### CURRICULUM.

The Faculty decided to extend for another year the trial period of teaching in trimesters in the preclinical part.

Following the recommendations of the Curriculum Committee, improvements were introduced in the preclinical and clinical programme of studies. Inter alia, more place in the curriculum was given to Public Health, the social aspects of Pediatrics and Psychiatry including the psychosomatic aspects of medicine.

A six-year course of studies in Dentistry has been laid down, providing for the teaching of premedical subjects during one and a half



year, together with the students of Medicine. Preclinical studies are begun in the third semester, partly together with medical students, and partly in special courses. Endeavours are made to include certain special subjects, such as Oral Histology, Oral Physiology, Oral Pathology and Tooth-carving in the general Histology, Physiology, Pathology and Anatomy courses, so as not to increase unduly the overall number of teaching hours. At the end of the third and beginning of the fourth year, dental students will receive instruction in various dental subjects, forming a bridge between the preclinical and the clinical stage of their training. Some of the pre-clinical subjects, such as Bacteriology, Parasitology and Pharmacology will be given in shortened courses with special emphasis on their relation to Dentistry. The same applies to general clinical subjects, such as Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Neurology, Dermatology, Psychiatry, Surgery, Preventive and Social Medicine. These arrangements aim at preventing a too heavy teaching load, which is believed to be detrimental to students and teachers alike. Endeavours are being made to allow the students sufficient time for extra-curricular activities and to enable the teachers to devote themselves to research work which is considered a sine quanon for a Dental School of a high scientific standard.

In the planning of the clinical dental curriculum, the recommendations of the Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association have been taken into account.

A four-men committee appointed by the Advisory Committee, in consultation with Mr. Igra, Secretary of the University's Faculty of Science, has drawn up a tentative course of studies in Pharmacy for the first three semesters which are being conducted under the auspices of the Faculty of



Science. Latin courses, the study of Zoology and of Hebrew and English literature and language were included, as proposed by the committee. The curriculum for the remaining 5 semesters, devoted to the specific Pharmacy courses, is at present under study.

Arrangements have been made for the teaching of Pharmacognosy in the summer semester. Instruction will be given by Dr.D.Zaitchek of the University's Department of Botany.

Furthermore, the Government has agreed to put at the disposal of the school its staff and laboratory facilities for the teaching of Pharmaceutical Chemistry.

#### TEACHERS.

Thirteen academic appointments and five promotions were conferred on Medical School teachers during the 9 months under review. Furthermore, the conferment of clinical titles on five physicians in recognized hospitals and one Hadassah physician was approved, as well as the appointment of one Visiting Professor.

Fourteen members of the Medical School staff participated in international congresses abroad, where many of them were invited to read papers on their investigations.

Seven Medical School teachers went to the U.S.A. and England under various fellowships, for further specialization in their fields. The members of the staff of the preclinical departments were chosen as recipients of a Magnes Fellowship for 1954, for a study trip to the U.S.A., the award of the third annual Magnes Fellowship to a member of the clinical staff is still under consideration.

Provisional Tables of Organization have been approved for the clinical



staff is still under consideration.

Provisional Tables of Organization have been approved for the clinical dental departments pending laying-down of the future full academic establishment. The post of one senior academic teacher in each of the departments of Preventive Dentistry and Public Health; Operative Dentistry, Prosthodontics, Dental Surgery and Oral Medicine and Diagnostics have been approved.

Perhaps the greatest problem with which the School of Dentistry is faced is the recruiting of a suitable clinical teaching staff, in particular for full-time posts. Here, as in the Medical School itself, efforts must be concentrated on the training of locally available manpower. It is hoped to attain this aim by enabling candidates for teaching posts to go abroad for further specialization, and by inviting experts from abroad to conduct post-graduate courses in Jerusalem. A beginning has been made in both directions. A Jerusalem dentist has been chosen as the recipient of a six-months scholarship offered by the National Dental Division of the Friends of the Hebrew University in New York. Furthermore, it is planned to invite Professor I. Schour, Associate Dean of the School of Dentistry of the University of Illinois, for a three to six months visit by the end of 1955 under a World Health Organization grant or the Point Four scheme. Prof. Schour is the Head of the Department of Postgraduate Studies of the University of Illinois, a well-known histologist, an excellent organizer and a very good friend of the Dental School, and his visit will be of great benefit.

Provisional Tables of Organization have been approved for the School of Pharmacy providing, for the time being, one senior teacher for the Departments of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Pharmacognosy, Pharmacy and Pharmacology.



Dr. F. Sulman, previously a lecturer in the Medical School Department of Pharmacology has been detailed for instruction of Pharmacology for Pharmacy and Dentistry students.

#### STUDENTS.

Of the 251 candidates who sat for the competitive entrance examinations, 96 passed with very high marks. From among these candidates, fifty were chosen by the Medical School Admission Committee, under the chairmanship of Prof. J. Gurevitch, for the first-year class opened in November 1954. Furthermore, 19 students of Dentistry and 10 students of Pharmacy were admitted. Of the total number of 79 students, 18% are women, 47% were born in Israel, the others hailing from Poland (15%), Rumania (13%) Bulgaria (8%), Hungary (4%). Among the remainder there is one student from each of the following countries: Czechoslovakia, Argentine, Iraq, Italy, Russia, Turkey and Germany.

To the second year of studies, two additional medical students were admitted, as well as two additional students of Dentistry and five of Pharmacy.

Of the 21 Israeli students who had begun their training abroad but returned to the country, thirteen were admitted to the 5th-year class, and the remainder to the third, fourth and sixth year, according to their previous studies.

54 Medical School students who passed their final examinations during the period under review, were accommodated in the University Hospital and recognized hospitals in the country where they will spend the practical year of work and prepare their M.D. theses.

The Textbook Lending Library, which was established two years ago



with the help of American physicians and medical **editors** has considerably grown and includes today over 2,000 volumes. All textbooks are available in latest editions. For a nominal fee of IL.2 a year every student at the Medical School may obtain a textbook on any subject he studies during his course. The funds accruing **from** these fees are used for the replacement of obsolete textbooks.

Endeavours are made to establish similar facilities for dental students. Dean Nagle, of the New York University's School of Dentistry, promised his active assistance in the project, and contact has also been made with Australian dentists with a view to enlisting their support in the scheme.

#### RESEARCH.

The Joint Research Committee of the Medical School and Hadassah, acting under the chairmanship of Prof. B. Shapira, dealt with a large number of applications for the financial support of research projects submitted by the staff of both the preclinical and the clinical departments. Out of 80 applications, 34 projects were chosen for the allotment of research grants totalling about IL.21,000, of which IL.16,000 were made available from Hadassah's permanent research fund and somewhat less than IL.5,000 from privately established research funds available to the University. Furthermore, from earmarked funds and donations, two grants totalling IL.1,800 were allocated for cancer research projects and one grant of IL.2,700 for hematology research (the latter obtained from the Hematology Research Foundation, Chicago, Ill).

New grants received consisted mainly of cash donations and equipment for cancer research, contributed by numerous Cancer Foundations in the U.S.A.



For the Dental School, research space has been allocated in all the preclinical departments. It has however been found desirable that a special dental research laboratory be set up for specific investigations. Equipment for the purpose is available, mainly from the laboratories of the late Professor Gottlieb. It is hoped that this plan will materialize soon, as special importance is attached to the availability of such research facilities for the prospective teaching staff of the Dental School.





# R E P O R T

## OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE JEWISH NATIONAL AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

April-December, 1954.

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One cannot begin a report on the activities of the Jewish National Library without considering the following problems:

1. Mt. Scopus

It must be borne in mind that for the past seven years, the Jewish National Library has been cut off from its main holdings on Mt. Scopus. In spite of the fact of having re-established a Central Library worthy of the name, the Jewish National and University Library has not yet recovered from the blow it had sustained when it was completely deprived of the use of half a million books. There has been no opportunity at all to use these books during the period which this report covers, as well. This situation has introduced a disturbing element into the normal operations of the Library and has caused untold difficulties for both teachers and students. From time to time Library employees visit the collections on Mt. Scopus and submit reports of the situation there. It is to be noted that the books on Mt. Scopus are still in good condition.

2. Space

Due to the receipt of additional rooms during the period covered by the previous report, the question of the lack of room space has been ameliorated somewhat. In any event the problem is still acute, especially in terms of storage space. The following additional improvements have taken place in the period under review:

a. An additional room was acquired in the Terra Sancta building. This has aided the Catalogue Department greatly inasmuch as it suffered badly from lack of space.

b. Storage. The Library was offered the use of the Science Faculty's cellar on Mamillah Street to store crated shipments of books. Two rooms in the Ratisbonne Building were also set aside for this purpose. The expansion of the General Storage Room in Terra Sancta has been completed. This achievement has allowed for the books, which for many months could not be arranged on the shelves and stored permanently, to be set up in their properly-designated places. Again it must be emphasized, however, that within 4-6 months from now, due to the continual influx of new books, the Library will once again be faced with the same pressing problem of a lack of storage space.

c. Eitingon House. The acquisition of additional rooms has facilitated the transfer of the Music Section to these quarters. This expansion will also permit the preparation of the important Eitingon Collection for wider reader use by the inauguration of a special reading room.



d. Roth House. The transfer of the Music Section to Eitingon House has allowed for the broadening of the Oriental Department which is housed in this building. A large collection of French books on Judaica has also been incorporated here.

e. The Medical Library. It will be recalled that in the previous report, we indicated that the room-space at our disposal did not, in any way, come close to meeting the objective needs. During the present period, every effort was made to obtain another location, and it is hoped that in the near future this collection will be moved to much roomier quarters, in the building that once housed the Avichail Hospital. Plans for the transfer, as well as for the structure's conversion which will make it suitable for the purpose, were drawn up conjointly by the Medical School, on the one hand, and by the Jerusalem Branch of the Israel Medical Association, on the other.

All of the medical literature now at the Ratisbonne Building, in addition to the main collection at the Strauss Centre, will henceforth be concentrated in this new abode.

f. The Reading Room. The Second Reading Room has undergone improvements and changes which have put additional reference books at the readers disposal. Bookcases also have been installed in the adjoining room, stacked with UNESCO periodicals and pamphlets. This has enabled us to put a greater number of periodicals at the disposal of the readers.

g. A NEW BUILDING. In our previous Reports, we have always stressed that all the expansion work, changes and improvements constitute only temporary measures, designed to be of use for a limited period of time. The final and permanent solution is the construction of a new building, large enough to fit our needs. During the period under review, the management of the Library has been at work on the construction plans, in all of their different aspects, in collaboration with the University's Development Committee and in conjunction with the academic authorities. The Library has continued to gather useful material on foreign library structures, and has drawn up a bibliography for this purpose. According to these plans, the new building will include, in its first stage of construction, a storage-room designed to hold one million volumes, as well as the necessary space for reading and work rooms. The second stage will include an additional area to house one million more books, as well as other study halls and work rooms.



### 3. The Acquisition of Books and Periodicals.

In the period under discussion, 38,186 volumes of books have been obtained. Of these, 12,852 were bought and the remaining 24,580 were received in the form of gifts.

A detailed list of the most important gifts will be found further on in this Report under "Gifts".

The Library purchases books not only for its own collection, but also for University Departments and its academic staff. A large number of the books bought by the Library for the University Departments are filed in its catalogue.

Purchased books were distributed as follows:

- a. More than 5,000 for the Library
- b. More than 3,000 for Basic Studies
- c. About 1,000 for the academic staff workers
- d. About 500 for University Departments, The Kaplan School, The Sociology Department, The Zoology Department and the Medical School.

The Library has attempted to supplement its Hebrew collection in a systematic fashion, and has purchased 1500 Hebrew books during the period under review. Among these, are to be found 120 rare books, details of which will be given in a special paragraph later on. The Library has endeavored to acquire many books printed in Palestine and the Middle East which, until now, were not to be found in its collections. Especially noteworthy are hundreds of books in Judeo-Arabic and Hebrew that were published in North African countries such as Tunis, Algeria, Djerba, Tripoli and Morocco. These books were difficult to obtain and are not to be found in European and American libraries; the opportunity for their systematic purchase arose only with the advent of mass immigration from those countries.

The Library has also been attempting to supplement its collection in the Russian language, and in spite of the great difficulties in the acquisition of books directly from Russia, about 400 were bought during the period under discussion.

Two hundred sixty-four Arabic books and 174 Turkish books were also purchased during this period.

The Library has continued to purchase books from the Gaster Collection (the previous Report has dealt with this important Collection), and during this period, has bought about 50 books on Judaica written in Spanish.



To facilitate the work of the academic staff and the University Departments, the Library has continued, in the period under review, to file books which heretofore had not been catalogued. By the end of December, 1954, 25,270 had been recorded in a card index file. This prevents duplications in purchasing and also hastens the cataloging of those books in which the academic staff are interested.

During the period under discussion, 70,890 issues of periodicals arrived, 414 of which were in Arabic. Among the purchase of newspapers, the following should be noted:

1. 74 volumes of Excerpta Medica
2. 38 " " Annual Reports of the Progress of Chemistry
3. 30 " " Helvetica Chemica Acta
4. 17 " " Zoologische Jahrbücher
5. 15 " " Planta

The acquisition of books and newspapers necessitate a great deal of correspondence, and in the period under review, 2,573 letters were written.

#### 4. Exchange Relations

The Library has continued to develop its exchange relations with libraries and institutions abroad, and has even succeeded in expanding this field of activities. Twenty-four scientific publications published in this country (including the Library's bibliographical quarterly, Kiriat-Sepher) served as a basis for exchange. The number of institutions with whom the Library had dealt, has grown from 350 to 434. The Library has had relations with the following countries: The United States, England, France, The Soviet Union, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Hungary, Austria, Poland, Yugoslavia, Romania, Italy, Sweden, Switzerland, Norway, Denmark, Argentina, Mexico, The Dominican Republic, Spain, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Persia and Vatican Institutions.

The Library has generally been in contact with the National Libraries of each of the above countries, as well as with those of their universities. We should also like to note here that good ties have been made with many academies of science.

These exchange relationships have enabled the Library to greatly augment the number of periodicals in its collection, as well as publications and books. Among the important publications to have been acquired, it is worth noting the receipt of a complete series of important Russian publications from the Russian Religious Mission in Jerusalem.



## 5. Gifts

We have already noted in the paragraph on "The Acquisition of Books and Periodicals" that most of the books acquired by the Library are obtained in the form of gifts. In this respect, we must reiterate again and again, our gratitude to the many friends of the Jewish National and University Library in the Diaspora. Here, special note should be taken of the fruitful activities and numerous efforts invested in collecting the books by the Friends of the Hebrew University everywhere.

The American Friends have developed multifarious activities. In this connection, the activities of Prof. Mendelsohn, the Chairman of the Library Committee, deserves mention. In the musical field he has been aided greatly by Mrs. Frank Cohen and Mr. Max Trag. Mrs. Cohen has promised to continue this important work in the future despite the fact that she has retired from her Co-Chairmanship for music of the Library Committee. Mr. Targ's gifts will be mentioned in detail in the paragraph, "The Music Library". The Library has also received invaluable aid from Dr. Frederic Lachman, in addition to his work in securing funds for the construction of the new building.

We would like to take this opportunity to also thank Miss Rita Blum for her beneficent attitude and invaluable help in the field of supplies and the collection of books and periodicals. Thanks are also due to Mr. Marc Bergman, in charge of the Chicago Office of the American Friends, for the great amount of interest he has shown in his efforts to obtain books for the Library, as well as to Mr. Alex Berner, in charge of the Western Branch Office of the American Friends, who visited the Library during the period under review. Mr. Morris Wainger continued to collect money for the purchase of law books and even succeeded in buying several publications that had already disappeared from the market.

Of its many friends, the Library wishes to mention in particular Dr. Julius Jarcho, who has been continuing, tirelessly, in his blessed work of enriching the book collection of the Medical Library. Mr. Daniel G. Ross, Dr. Jarcho's son-in-law, was of invaluable assistance to him, as was the American Jewish Physicians' Committee of New York.

We wish to cite, with satisfaction, the activities of the Friends in Canada headed by Mr. Alan Bronfman. The Director of the Office, Mr. Samuel R. Risk, visited the Library during the period under review. Miss Shirley Field, the Executive Secretary is a great source of help to them in this work.

Among other visitors to the Library in the period under



review, we welcomed Dr. Eduard Rosenbaum, former assistant librarian of the Library of the London School of Economics, who is now serving in the capacity of Chairman of the Library Committee of the London Friends of the Hebrew University. Dr. Rosenbaum has been devoting himself to the collection of pamphlets in the fields of economics, politics and history. Prof. Norman Bentwitch has also continued to actively participate in the various fields connected with the University and the Library, and has been instrumental in securing many gifts. Dr. Walter Zander also deserves mention here for his introduction of a new system of acquiring books from English publishers, i.e., in the form of gifts.

As for the Friends of the Hebrew University in Switzerland, Prof. Tonio Gordonoff and Mr. Norbert Welder deserve special citation.

Dr. Theodor Ronsheim, the Secretary of the Friends in South Africa, has done a great deal toward obtaining books and their transfer to Israel.

The activities of the Friends in Italy are to be commended, especially for their acquisition of valuable books. More about this gift will come later.

After having visited the Library, Dr. Siegfried Krebs has inaugurated a wide range of activities in Latin America in general and in Buenos Aires in particular.

The Friends of the Hebrew University in Australia have continued to send books, periodicals and music scores. These shipments were made possible through the efforts of Mr. Alroy Cohen, Mr. B.S. Moses (Sydney) and Miss Diana Kolker (Melbourne).

Many gifts have also been received from Belgium, Denmark and Sweden due to the untiring work of the Friends of the University in those countries. Special mention must be made of Dr. B. Sisefsky's help in obtaining a number of medical journals appearing in Scandinavia.

The Friends, wherever they may be, have been of invaluable assistance in the purchase of books that are ordered by the Library in their respective countries.

The following list contains a number of the most significant gifts received during the period under review:

1. The Friends of the Hebrew University, New York:  
Contemporary American Literature.
2. The Friends of the Hebrew University, Switzerland:  
About 600 books, booklets and periodicals.



3. The Friends of the Hebrew University, London:  
About 600 new books in English dealing with various branches of science.
4. The Friends of the Hebrew University, Florence:  
13 volumes of Papiiri Graeci e Latini, published by the University of Florence, and other important books.
5. The Friends of the Hebrew University, Belgium:  
A collection of Mathematical literature in French, Russian and English.
6. The Foreign Ministry: This Government Department from time to time supplies the Library with different publications, especially periodicals. The Ministry regularly supplies us with Arab journals after having used them.
7. The Ministry of Defence: Numerous booklets of various periodicals.
8. The Ministry of Health: Various health journals.
9. The United States Embassy through the U.S. Consulate General, Jerusalem: books on Christian theology have been received.
10. The British Embassy: Various publications.
11. The Polish Consulate in Tel-Aviv: Various publications.
12. Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.: Due to the aid of Dr. L. Marwik, 200 books have been received, amongst which were a number of books in Hebrew and Yiddish heretofore not to have been found in our Library.
13. Bibliothèque Royale de Belgique, Service des Echanges internationaux, Brussels: A large parcel of different government publications.
14. CARE: Several dozens of books.
15. United States Book Exchange, Washington, D.C.:  
Many books and thousands of issues of scientific publications. This literature may be thought of as gifts even though they were acquired on an exchange basis.
16. S. and T. Salinger, Beth Haemek: About 800 important Hebrew books. These books are a significant supplement to the collections of the Library.
17. Leo Bauman, New York: Five hundred and sixty-seven new books in the fields of art and the humanities were received through the New York Office of the American Friends of the Hebrew University.



18. Bequest of Prof. Grimm, New York: About 500 important Law books and Law periodicals were contributed through the New York Office of the American Friends of the Hebrew University.
19. Prof. Whittinger of Michigan College: About 300 books.
20. Prof. S. Morgulies, Omaha: Fifteen thousand reprints in the fields of chemistry and biology. A meticulously arranged catalogue has been added to this collection.
21. S. & B. Bazroy, Jerusalem: Two hundred and fifty booklets and journals that appeared within the last twenty-five years.
22. Norbert Welder, Zürich: Two hundred and fifty publications, most of which are in German and 30 volumes of medical journals.
23. Dr. Margulies, Cambridge: About 150 different scientific publications.
24. Dr. Gitlin: 162 books in Arabic.
25. Bequest of Dr. Farbstein, Zürich: A Law book collection which contains within it a collection on Swiss Law.
26. Börsenverein der Deutschen Verleger- und Buchhändler-Verbände, Frankfurt am Main: The previous Report has already mentioned this shipment of books. The collection also contained important publications.
27. M.L. Galinsky Family, New Orleans: They contributed \$ 100.00 for the purchase of books.
28. Dr. Albert Wolkenberg, London: More than 100 books on pharmacy.
29. Miss Fanny Goldstein, Boston: In addition to the gift mentioned in the previous Report - 60 books. Also various publications in the fields of bibliography and librarianship.
30. Prof. Feinberg, Jerusalem: Fifty-four volumes of Law books.
31. Bequest of Dr. Bernard Levitstone, Montreal: Fifty books.
32. Eliezer Ettingen, Jerusalem: About 50 Hebrew books, including works of Maimonides.
33. Bequest of Dr. Stahl, Tel Aviv: Forty-nine volumes of medical journals.
34. Ephraim Levy, Jerusalem: Forty books on Jewish subjects, amongst which are a number of rare editions.
35. Prof. Hadamard, Paris: Once again, through the offices of the French Embassy in Tel Aviv, important mathematical publications were acquired.



36. Mr. A. Weiss, Tel Aviv: Books and various publications in the field of economics.
37. Mr. S.J. Agnon: Different Palestinian publications.
38. Dr. Henri Wachtel, New York: Different types of publications.
39. United States Information Service, Tel Aviv: Various publications.
40. J. Greenwald, New York: Different publications.
41. Dr. J. Leon Jona, Melbourne: Medical journals.
42. School of Oriental Studies: 500 copies of Arabic publications.
43. The Zionist Central Archives, Jerusalem: Various publications.
44. Yeshurun Keshet, Jerusalem: Different publications.
45. Dr. Percy Spielman, London: Various publications.
46. Hamashbir Hamerkazi, Tel Aviv: Twenty publications on the Cooperative Movement.
47. Dr. Glazer, Jerusalem: Various scientific journals.
48. M.Y. Eldridge, Director of the Commonwealth Fund, New York: Fifteen medical books.
49. S. Kluger, Mexico: Fifteen Medical books.
50. Przegląd Biblioteczny, Warsaw: Publications.
51. Mr. L. Panush, Detroit: Numerous different publications.
52. Dr. S. Hurwitz, Zürich: Medical books, including 13 volumes of Encyclopedie Medico-Chirurgicale.
53. Lady Hill and Miss Hilde Reid: Numerous musical scores.
54. "St. Louis Light", St. Louis: Seven volumes of the newspaper.
55. Dr. S. Klausner, Jerusalem: Numerous scientific publications.
56. D. Neuman, Bloomington, Indiana: Publications.
57. Mrs. Ethel S. Cohen, New York: Publications.
58. Mr. Edward Turkisher: Musical books.
59. Mrs. S. Alman, London: Works of her late husband.

## 6. Catalogue.

During the period under review, 18,733 volumes of books were catalogued and put at the disposal of readers (besides the books that arrived from the Diaspora Holdings which will be discussed in the next paragraph). The books and publications are divided up as follows:

### 1. Newly Catalogued:

Hebrew	-	2,637
Arabic	-	496
Foreign	-	7,397 (excluding Russian)
Russian	-	311



2. Periodicals

- 313 (including 40  
Arabic publications)

3. Additions

New System: Hebrew  
Arabic  
Foreign  
Russian  
Periodicals

- 582  
- 73  
- 2,935 (excluding Russian)  
- 156  
- 115 (including 42  
Arabic periodicals)

Old System:

3,791

During the period under discussion, recording pamphlets was also begun.

It should be pointed out that during the period under review, changes were effected in processing the book which has greatly facilitated cataloguing and has accelerated the process of filing catalogue cards.

7. Diaspora Holdings - additions:

During the period under discussion, 8,188 volumes have been transferred from the Diaspora Holdings to the Library. After having checked the catalogue and the Storage Room, we found 1,878 duplicate volumes, and the remaining number, totalling 6,310 volumes, were filed in the catalogue and put at the disposal of the readers. The additional copies destined for the stacks, divide themselves up as follows:

Hebrew Books.	-	4,510	volumes
Foreign books	-	1,358	"
Periodicals	-	442	"

8. Rare Books.

During the period in review, 120 rare books in Hebrew and Yiddish have been added to our collections. Among them there are some books of which there are no other copies in the whole world. There are also a number of incunabula. We shall only mention the important ones here.

1. The first prophets with commentary by Redak (Kimhi), Soncino, 1486. Incunabulum.
2. The later prophets with commentary by Redak, Soncino, 1486. Incunabulum.
3. The book "Yad Moshe" by Rabbi Moshe Ashkenazi. The only one of its kind in the world.
4. "Igereth Hakodesh" by Rabbi Moshe Ben Nahman (Ramban), Basle, 1580.



5. "Behinat Olam", Ferrara, 1552.
6. Redak's commentary on the book of Amos, Basle, 1531.
7. "Maayanei Yeshua" by Abarbanel, Ferrara, 1551.
8. "Sefer Dikdukim", Venice, 1546.
9. Haftoroth with an unknown commentary. Printed on parchment, Constantinople, 1510. Only one in the world.
10. "Toldoth Yitzhak" by Rabbi Yitzhak Karo. Salonika, 1572.
11. "El Sol", a newspaper in Ladino. Constantinople, 1878 - 1879. Very rare.
12. "Beer Mayim Hayim" by Rabbi Hayim Ovadyah. Salonika, 1546.
13. "Ir Giborim" by Rabbi Shlomoh Efrayim Luntshitz. Basle, 1580.
14. The Torah with commentaries. Constantinople, 1522.
15. Chapters of Rabbi Eliezer. Constantinople, 1502.

#### 9. Manuscripts.

Among the Hebrew manuscripts that have been added to our collection during the period under review, the following merit special attention:

1. A Mahzor written on Parchment, according to Ashkenazic rite,
2. "Sefer Yad David" autograph of Rabbi David Oppenheimer, tenth part, 5463 = 1703, explanation of verses, Gemorah novella - Pirke Shira et al.
3. A Yemenite manuscript: containing Aruh Katzar; Esther; Havatseleth Hasharon by Avner bar Ner Hasharoni (Yahyah Bashiri) (Grammar, Masorah and Kaballah).
4. Sefer Raayah Mehemnah, an Italian manuscript from the 16th or even 15th Century.
5. Sefer Pithei Olam, a splendid oriental manuscript on practical Kabballah.
6. A book of prayers for the dead prepared by the Community of Budesheim near Bingen, from the year 5498 (1738 C.E.) to 5669 (1909 C.E.). Includes many names also from Frankfurt am Main.
7. Pinkas Hevra Kadisha Lomde Mishna, Kovno, from 5641 (1854 C.E.) and onwards.
8. Several illustrated Ketuboth from Herath, Yezd, Diabaker, Izphahan, Yemen (simple ones) and two from Meshhed in Persian.

It is also to be noted that during the period under review, 27 Arabic manuscripts have been added to our collection.



#### 10. Arabic Books.

In connection with the acquisition of Arabic books, please refer to paragraph no.3, "The Acquisition of Books and Periodicals".

Cataloguing has begun on the books which have been turned over to the Library by the Custodian of Abandoned Property. For the number of catalogued Arabic books, cf. para. no.6, "The Catalogue". For Arabic manuscripts, cf. para. no.9, "Manuscripts". During the period under discussion, the Library continued to lend out Arabic books the filing of which had not yet been completed.

#### 11. The Reading-Rooms in Terra Sancta.

Improvements and much-needed changes have been made in the second reading-room as has been noted in para. no.1.

An up-to-date micro-film reading machine has been installed in the first reading-room. It was procured through the American Friends of the Hebrew University in the United States. The number of readers using the machine has been increasing steadily since its inception.

The number of readers who have used the reading-rooms has reached 40,870, and the average number of readers per day to be found there exceeds 200.

During the period under review, 705 books were added. (This includes books which were added to the auxilliary libraries housed in the reading-rooms). New periodicals were also added. The latest issue of each scholarly periodical in the reading-room has regularly been put at the disposal of the reader.

As in our previous Report, here again we must stress that in spite of the improvements and changes wrought in the reading-rooms, the Library has still not been able to expand the place very much, and consequently there is a great deal of congestion.

#### 12. The Friedenwald Collection.

The Library has continued to add to this important collection with the aid of monies contributed by the Friedenwald Family, as well as from its regular budget.



### 13. The Music Library.

During the period under review, Mrs. Julius Chajes of Detroit has continued to work for the expansion of the Music Library. Through her efforts, the Library was presented with a generous gift from Prof. Robert Fanta Moyne of Vienna; records and books from the Detroit Music Study Club and \$ 100.00 from the Dorah and Julius Green Fund to supplement the Ernest Bloch collection.

The important assistance which the Library has been receiving from Mrs. Frank Cohen has already been noted in para. no.5 "Gifts".

Mr. Max Targ from Chicago, the founder and chairman of the "Americans for a Music Library in Israel (AMLI)", in addition to having subscribed to various musical publications in the name of the Library, has contributed the Collected Works of Brahms' during his visit in Israel. Mr. Targ promised to augment his activities for the Music Library so that it would be able to fulfill the same functions in Jerusalem as those assigned to the Music Library located in Tel Aviv.

The Friends of the Hebrew University in London also have continued in their activities toward the expansion of our musical material, especially in the Field of English music. The various musical gifts have been noted in para. no.5, "Gifts".

During the period under discussion, 1,500 units of sheet music and 25 records were added to the already-existing collection. Cataloguing has progressed and a large number of sheets of music have been bound.

### 14. The Medical Library.

During the period under review, the Library has continued to supplement and improve its medical collection. Dr. Jarcho's tireless efforts have been noted in para. no.5, "Gifts". The Library has also bought many books and sets of periodicals out of its own budget.

During this period too, about 3,000 volumes have been added which brings up the total number of books available to both physicians and students to about 18,000. Physicians and students frequent the reading-room a great deal, and many books are borrowed outside of it as well.

On the problem of space and its coming solution. cf. para. no.2, "Space".



15. Medical Libraries (Branches) in Israel.

Dr. Jarcho has continued his activities for the Medical Libraries in the rest of the country. The Jewish National & University Library, on its part, has continued to supply guidance and technical help, as well as books and publications which are to be found in duplicate in its holdings. Among other things, it is worth noting:

- a. Beth Löwenstein, Ramatayim, 28 volumes of different periodicals.
- b. The Kaplan Hospital - various periodicals.
- c. The Medical Branch in Tiberias - various periodicals.

16. Faculty Libraries and Seminar Collections.

The Library has continued to care for the Faculty Libraries and Seminar Collections, including all their book purchases. A number of these smaller libraries have had their books filed in the Catalogue of the University Library.

The University Library has been of help to the smaller ones in giving them duplicates from its holdings. Among other things, many volumes of medical journals were given to the Departments of Physiology, Bacteriology and Hygiene.

17. The Library of the School of Education of the Hebrew University and of the Ministry of Education.

This library, which is under the supervision of the University Library, has filed a large part of its books during the period under review. In so doing, it has greatly facilitated the use of its material to its readers.

18. "Kiriath-Sepher".

During the above mentioned period, the fourth issue of volume 29 and the first issue of volume 30 were published. The second booklet of volume 30 is about to appear.

19. Lending.

With the increase of students on the one hand, and the augmentation of the number of books on the other, the amount of readers has increased proportionally. Among these are to be found different institutions from all over the country; agricultural settlements, members of the Knesset, Government Offices, Army personnel, etc. During this period about 50,000 volumes were lent out and 55,000 volumes were arranged in the stacks.



## 20. Diaspora Holdings.

The Library has been continuing ceaselessly in its efforts to salvage the books which have remained in Europe since the holocaust, and in the period under review a staff member was sent to several European countries for this purpose.

This has been done in cooperation with the Ministry of Religions who had also sent a member of its staff on this mission. As a result of this project, part of the books have been forwarded to Israel. It is to be hoped that additional shipments will also be sent here.

During the period under discussion, 10,000 books and publications have gone through their first stage of classification. Besides the books and publications which have been transferred to the Library and have been put at the disposal of the readers (cf. para.7: "Diaspora Holdings-Additions"), over 6,000 other books have been transferred after having been checked and compared in our Catalogues. These were transferred from the Library to:

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| 1. | The Ministry of Religions .....  | about 3,000 books |
| 2. | The Talmudic Encyclopedia .....  | " 400 books       |
| 3. | The Rabbi Kook Institute .....   | " 500 books       |
| 4. | The libraries of Tel Aviv,<br>through the facilities of<br>the Institute for Higher<br>Learning which is sponsored<br>by the Tel Aviv Municipality ... | " 600 books       |
| 5. | The Drive for the Promotion of<br>the Hebrew Language through<br>the Cultural Centre of the<br>General Federation of Labour ...                        | " 1,000 books     |
| 6. | The Drive for the Promotion of<br>the Hebrew Language through<br>Mr. Jacob Maimon .....  | 500 books         |

as well as a number of books for each of the following institutions:

7. The Hebrew University's Astronomical Society
8. The Zichron-Yaakov Synagogue
9. The Editorial Staff of the new edition of the Talmud
10. The Schoken Library, Jerusalem
11. The Jeshurun Library, Jerusalem
12. The Beth Lessin Library, Tel Aviv
13. "Beth Micah Yosef", Tel Aviv
14. The "Seminar Hakibutzim", Tel Aviv
15. Kibbutz "Yad Mordecai" Library
16. Kibbutz "Negbah" Library



17. Kibbutz "Ein Hahores" Library
18. Kibbutz "Beth Alpha" Library
19. Kibbutz "Shaar Haamakim" Library
20. The Kadouri Agricultural School's Library
21. The Government Archives and Library
22. The Herzliyah Public Library
23. The Worker's Library in Hadera
24. The Library at the Children's Village,  
Ben-Shemen-Lod
25. The Religious Children's Village's Library
26. The Library of the Katzenelson Institute,  
Kfar Saba
27. The Mikveh Yisrael Agricultural School Library
28. Workers' Library, Natanyah
29. The Municipal Library, Ramat Gan
30. The Library at Kibbutz Ramat Rahel
31. The Library at Kibbutz Oranim
32. The Library at Kibbutz Kfar Massaryk
33. The Nahariyah Public Library

The books for the Talmudic Encyclopedia were given in the form of a long-term loan. The books for the Cultural Centre and for Mr. Maimon were given in the form of a contribution by the National and University Library to the Drive for the promotion of the Hebrew Language among New Immigrants.

#### 21. Secretariat

During the period under review, 7,092 letters were received. Thirteen thousand eight-hundred and seventy-seven units were sent forth according to the following division:

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|-------------------|--------|
| a. Letters        | - 4418 |
| b. Printed Matter | - 6435 |
| c. Packages       | - 3024 |

The above numbers allude to all the departments of the National Library.

In addition to the settlement of accounts within the limits of the Library's budget, the Secretariat also has dealt with the obtaining of Import and Export Licenses and has been concerned with foreign currency in order to release shipments when there is payment to be made on them abroad.

#### 22. Smithsonian Shipments

During the period under discussion the Library dealt with 120 shipments from the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. These shipments were destined for various persons and institutions in the country.



### 23. Book-Binding

The Library has succeeded in slightly increasing the number of employees in this department and has been able to improve the quality of work by the introduction of additional machinery. This has affected both the productivity and the excellence of the finished products.

During the period under discussion the following categories of books were bound:

a. Books and periodicals .....	3510
b. Booklets .....	7588
c. Volumes of daily newspapers ...	<u>108</u>
Total .....	11,206

Most of the books and booklets were bound within the physical limits of the Library, and only 637 books were bound by book-binders outside of it.

### 24. The Nahariyah Public Library Named in Honor of the Parents of Dr. Boorstein from New York.

During the period under discussion, the Library has continued to extend guidance and advice. The Nahariyah librarian often visits the National Library and during this period one of the Nahariyah Public Library's employees also visited us. During this time there have also been meetings of the Control Committee. The National Library has given Nahariyah's Library 95 books, in the form of a gift, from its duplicate copies.

The most pressing problem facing the Nahariyah Public Library at the moment is that of the acquisition of the building in which the Library is to be housed.

### 25. The Jeshurun Library in Jerusalem.

Aside from the hundreds of books lent to the Jeshurun Library monthly, the National Library has, during the period under review, presented this library with 38 books, in the form of a gift, from its duplicate copies.

### 26. Bibliographical Assistance and Relations with Institutions.

The National Library, as the central library in the country, has continued to develop existing ties and to foster relationships with various persons within the country and abroad. Hundreds of Bibliographical questions and requests for library advice reach it by the month. These requests are not only limited to persons and institutions within the country but come from all over the world.



The Library willingly answers these requests and endeavours to help in every way possible.

As the central library of the land, the National and University Library sees as one of its most important functions its task to help the smaller libraries by offering them guidance, as well as books, in the form of gifts, from among its duplicate copies.

A remaining portion of this report is devoted to only the most important activities which the Library has undertaken during the period under review.

### INSIDE ISRAEL.

#### a. Governmental Institutions

##### I. The Microfilms Committee (Documentary photographs):

Representatives of the National Library participate in this committee. One of its activities is to insert notices in the country's scientific journals for the purpose of ordering film.

##### II. The Documentation Committee of the Natural Sciences :

Representatives of the National Library took an active part in this work. The committee prepares a union list of science and technical periodicals in Israel libraries, for the press.

##### III. Consultation and Guidance:

Consultation and guidance are furnished to the librarians of the different Government libraries who, from time to time, visit the National Library.

##### IV. The Government Yearbook:

The bibliographical part of this publication is edited by an official of the National Library.

##### V. The School of Education Library:

This library is a part of the Hebrew University and the Ministry of Education and Culture, details of which have been given previously in this Report.



b. Armed Forces

The National Library maintains close ties with the librarians of the Armed Forces. It guides them in the field of cataloguing, and has prepared cataloguing rules for serial publications. In connection with foreign military literature, bibliographical guidance was also extended. The National Library has also assisted in the obtaining of "Library of Congress" cards.

The National Library has also arranged a bibliography for "Neroth Tamid" (Eternal Candles) published by Reuven Avinoam.

Army Officers have also been borrowing books very much.

c. British Council

The Library has been in close contact with the representative of the Council, Mr. Clarence Lake, and it is to be hoped that a larger number of scientific periodicals will be received in the future.

d. The American Embassy in Tel Aviv

A number of meetings have been held with Dr. Thomas McGrail, the cultural attache of the Embassy, in connection with the acquisition of additional books. A discussion on the libraries in the country was held on "Kol Yisrael", the Israel Broadcasting Service, in which the above attache participated, as well as the Director of the National and University Library, Dr. Curt Wormann, and Mrs. Natalie Delougaz, an American librarian. This programme was to be broadcast in the United States for the benefit of the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

e. National and Public Institutions

I. The Jewish Agency

The Library has extended bibliographical assistance to those involved in the opening of a new department for the purpose of circulating the Hebrew Book in the Diaspora. The Library has also helped the Technical Department of the Agency in the arrangement of its library and catalogue.

II. The Rabbi Kook Institute

The Library lent this institute 60 books, amongst which were valuable ones, for the Maimonides Exhibition arranged by the Institute. The Rabbi Kook Institute has



published a photograph of "Hayad.Hahazakah" by Maimonides. The original copy appeared in Rome in 5240 (1480 C.E.) and was lent to the Institute by the National Library from its Diaspora Holdings.

III. The Israel Scientific Press

Constant contact with this publisher is maintained, and bibliographical guidance is given.

IV. The Israel Branch of the World Jewish Congress

The Library has supplied the Congress with the bibliographical portion of the quarterly, "Geshet" which is published by it.

V. The Weizmann Institute

The Library has extended technical advice and bibliographical assistance to the Institute.

VI. "Yad Vashem"

The Library presented duplicate copies of books taken from its holdings.

f. The Cultural Centre of the General Labour Federation

During the period under review, the Library has continued to maintain close contact with the Cultural Centre. It presented the centre with 1,000 text books taken from the Diaspora Holdings for the purpose of promoting the Hebrew Language in immigrant settlements.

g. The Haifa Labour Council

The Library lent numerous rare books to the Council for the Bible Exhibit which was held in Haifa.

h. Public Libraries

I. The Nahariyah Public Library (dealt with previously in this Report).

II. The Jeshurun Library (also dealt with previously in this Report).



III. The Tel Aviv Municipal Library for  
Higher Studies

The Library has helped this institution by presenting it with duplicates of books.

IV. The B'nai B'rith Library, Jerusalem

The National Library has supplied guidance and advice.

V. The Givath Havivah Library

Guidance and advice has been supplied by the National Library.

VI. The Rambam Library, Tel Aviv

The National Library has presented it with duplicates.

VII. The Afulah Hospital's Medical Library

On-the-spot technical guidance.

VIII. The Beth-Harofe Library, Haifa

On-the-spot technical guidance.

i. Through Mr. Viteles' initiative, and for him, the National Library has prepared a union catalogue on the material dealing with Cooperatives in Israel.

j. Librarian Courses

The National Library participated in the Librarian Courses which were organized by the Library itself, the Cultural Centre of the Labour Federation, the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Library Association. A number of National Library employees lectured at these courses.

k. The Israel Library Association

During the period under review, a number of National Library employees continued to take an active part in the Association's activities. During this period also, the "Librarian's Journal" #2 was issued.

ABROAD

a. UNESCO

During this period Dr. Luther Evans, the Director General of UNESCO, visited the Library. He was formerly the Librarian of Congress in Washington, D.C. The Director of the National Library, who had been introduced to Dr. Evans during



his visit in the United States, met with him several times and discussed those problems which were of mutual interest to both the Library and UNESCO.

During the period under review, the Library did not spare any efforts to facilitate the visit of Prof. Leon Carnovsky to Israel. Prof. Carnovsky lectures at the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago. He is to advise us on the establishment of a similar school here which is to be sponsored by the Hebrew University.

The National Library has participated in a number of bibliographical projects of UNESCO. It also sends Reports to the UNESCO Centre in Paris covering library bibliography work being done in Israel.

Under the supervision of the Library, a list of translations from all languages into Hebrew was compiled, and appeared in the years 1953-54 for the new volume of the Index Translationorum.

The Library has compiled a list of Palestinian Scientific Journals for UNESCO's bibliography of scientific periodicals in Asia. The Library has also supplied bibliographical material for the Handbook of International Exchange of Publications. 2nd edition.

The Library, in collaboration with the Geography Department of the Hebrew University, has presented UNESCO with bibliographical material on maps in Israel for the International Bibliography of Maps which is being compiled by the Geographical Institute in Paris, within the framework of UNESCO.

b. A New Edition of Dewey

In connection with the new edition of the Dewey Decimal System, the Library has been in contact with its Editor, Mr. Haykin, a librarian in the Library of Congress at Washington, D.C., for the purpose of bringing about changes and improvements in subjects dealing with Judaica.

c. Institutions and Libraries

1. Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

During the period under discussion, the National Library sent the Library of Congress four shipments of newly-published books which have appeared in Israel.



2. Wiener Library, London

The National Library has continued to maintain strong ties with this library which has been very instrumental in helping us procure various publications.

3. "Smithsonian Institute"

Mentioned previously in this report.

4. The "Alliance Israelite Universelle"  
Library, Paris

The Director of this library, Mr. Reiss, requested and received library guidance from the National Library.

5. The Zionist Organization of Manchester

The National Library lent out a manuscript including a memorandum on the founding of the Hebrew University. This memorandum was written in 1902 by the late Haim Weizman, the late Berthold Feivel and Martin Buber.

For details of further contacts with institutions and libraries, see paragraphs entitled "Exchanges" and "Gifts".

27. The Autograph and Portrait Collection -

The Dr. Abraham Schwadron Collection

In 1954, several dozen autographs and portraits of important personages of our people. Among them those of Rabbi Israel Meyer Hacohen from Radin (the author of "Hafetz Hayim"), Rabbi Isaac Elhanan Spector, Rabbi Abraham Yishayahu Karlitz (the author of "Hazon Ish"), Narcissus Levin (President of the Alliance Israelite Universelle), Prof. Max Neuburger, a scholar of the history of medicine, the professors-doctors H. Finkelstein and Heinrich Shor, the Nobel Prize Winners, Prof. Zalman Waxman and Prof. H. Krebs, the Russian Literature Critic, V. Shklovsky, the German-Jewish writer, Jacob Wasserman and Ernst Lissauer, the Engineer Joseph Zeidner, Dr. Herzl's travelling companion during his visit in Palestine towards the meeting with Kaiser Wilhelm, General Johann Munch, and a document on parchment issued by the Chief Rabbinate of Padua with the signature of the scholar, Rabbi Shmuel Guirondi.

On the occasion of the reintering of the remains of Baron de Rothschild in Israel, material taken from this collection was presented to the Jerusalem Post for publication, and in a supplementary course on Judaica given by the Israel Defence Army to its highest officer cadre, Dr. Schwadron lectured on his collection.



## 28. Duplicates

Together with the bibliographical assistance and the library guidance given to other libraries and institutions throughout the land and abroad, the National Library has also continued, during the period under discussion, to present books which have been duplicated in its holdings, as gifts. During this period about 1,500 books were given in this way. Here we shall only mention a few of them:

1. The Section for Higher Education of the Tel Aviv Municipality's Department of Education	625 vols.
2. The Rambam Library in Tel Aviv	153 "
3. "Yad Vashem"	109 "
4. The Nahariyah Public Library	95 "
5. The Library of the School of Education, Beth Hakerem, Jerusalem	49 "
6. The Library of the University of Teheran (Iran)	40 "
7. The Jeshurun Library, Jerusalem	38 "

## 29. Visits

During the period under review, the Library had numerous visitors from abroad, as well as from Israel. Only the most important visits will be noted here:

1. Ministers: The Finance Minister, Mr. Levi Eshkol and the Minister of the Interior, Mr. Yisrael Rokah.
2. The Chief of Staff: Moshe Dayan.
3. The Diplomatic Corps: Dr. Thomas H. McGrail, Cultural Attache, Miss Eleanor Templeton and Mr. Joseph W. Bennett of the U.S. Embassy, Tel Aviv.
4. Dr. Luther H. Evans, Director of UNESCO.
5. The United Nations Mixed Armistice Commission: General V. and Mrs. Bennike, and his Advisor, General and Mrs. Cremona, and afterwards General Burns.
6. Mr. H.M.K. Howson, Director of the Technical Assistance Program to Israel.
7. Mr. Petkevich, representative of the Russian Palestine Society of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR.
8. Mr. Clarence Lake, representative in Israel, British Council, Tel Aviv.
9. The American Friends of the Hebrew University: Mr. James Marshall, Betty and Alexander Salzman, Fanny and Max Targ.



10. The Friends of the Hebrew University in London: Dr. Eduard Rosenbaum.
11. Librarians from Israel and abroad.
12. Professors and lecturers from abroad; among them: Mary Stocks, London, ex-principal of Westfield College, London University; Dr. and Mrs. Ignacio Bauer, formerly of Madrid, now Basle; Prof. Abraham Katsch, New York University; Dr. and Mrs. Abraham Neuman and Prof. Israel Efroth, Dropsie College, Philadelphia, Pa.; J. Alex Edmison, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada; Prof. Hans Güterbock, Oriental Institute, University of Chicago; Dr. Elmer Belt, Los Angeles, Calif.
13. Writers: among whom were: Haim Hazaz, Yehudah Burlah and Shalom Asch.
14. Among some of the other personalities who have visited, the following should be mentioned: Mr. and Mrs. Salinger from Beth Haemek; Mrs. Ray Schuster, New York, (wife of Mr. Schuster of Simon & Schuster, N.Y.); Dr. Emil Maurer, President of the Jewish Congregation, Vienna; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mayer, New York; Dr. Julius Margolinsky, Jewish Community, Copenhagen; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lourie, Johannesburg; Mrs. Julia Rapke, J.P. President of the Australian Federation of WIZO, Melbourne.

C. Wormann

Director, Jewish National &  
University Library



THE MAGNES PRESS OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY

JERUSALEM

A.

The Hebrew University Press was founded in 1929, four years after the University was opened. When Dr. J.L. Magnes died in 1948, it was decided to honour his memory by giving his name to the University Press, which he had founded 20 years earlier and in the development of which he had played so notable a part. It is accordingly now called The Magnes Press, The Hebrew University.

In the course of its 25 years of existence (1929 - 1954), the Magnes Press has published 200 books dealing with Jewish studies, Oriental studies, philosophy, psychology, education, law, mathematics, agriculture, bibliography and other subjects. In addition, it has published 29 volumes of "Kirjath Sepher", the bibliographical quarterly of the National and University Library, which first began to appear in 1924, and 23 Volumes of "Tarbiz", a quarterly review devoted to the Humanities and edited by the late Professor J.N. Epstein.

Since the establishment of the State, the Magnes Press has expanded its activities. During this period (1948 - 1954) it published 64 books. In addition, six volumes of "Kirjath Sepher" and five of "Tarbiz" were issued.

The Press continues to promote its original aims: to meet the needs of teaching, research and scientific activity at the University; to extend the boundaries of knowledge and increase the amount of general scientific literature in the Hebrew language; to publish



works by University teachers and graduates and other scholars; and to publish anything calculated to further science and human knowledge in general and Jewish studies in particular.

The publications of the Press have been warmly welcomed by the academic world, and some of them have been awarded the Bialik and Tchernikowsky Prizes. A considerable number of the books have had a wide circulation, and some have been reissued in second and third editions.

Among the books to be published by the Press in 1955, the following are singled out for mention: "The Dead Sea Scrolls" (in English); "Religion and Knowledge: Essays and Lectures" by the late Professor Julius Guttmann, a monograph on Ahad Ha'am by Sir Leon Simon and Dr. Joseph Heller; Volume II of "Scripta Hierosolymitana"; and "Tractatus theologico-politicus" by Spinoza, translated into Hebrew by Dr. H. Wirszubski.

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In 1954, the Magnes Press of the Hebrew University issued a larger number of publications than in previous years, as follows:

1. QUARTERLIES

Kirjath Sepher

Bibliographical Quarterly of the Jewish National and University Library, Vol. XXIX.

Tarbiz

✓ A Quarterly for Jewish Studies (published with the aid of the Matz Foundation, U.S.A.) Vol. XXIV, No. 1,



October 1954. Editor: J. Schirmann

(This is the first issue published since the death of the late Professor J.N. Epstein, the first editor).

## 2. BOOKS

Brentano, Franz The Origin of the Knowledge of Right and Wrong, Translated into Hebrew by M. Shafi. Edited by H. Bergman and N. Rotenstreich, (Philosophical Classics).

Eshkoloth: Essays on Classic Antiquity, Vol. I. Edited by Moshe Schwabe and Yehoshua Gutman.

Fraenkel, A.H. Introduction to Mathematics: Problems and Methods of Modern Mathematics, Vol.II (with Massadah, Ltd.)

Greek Thought Essays by John Burnet, R.L. Nettleship, Gilbert Murray. Translated into Hebrew by M. Sternberg. Second edition (with Massadah, Ltd.).

Heineman, Isaac The Methods of the Aggadah, Second edition. (with Massadah, Ltd.).

Hume, David A Treatise of Human Nature, Book I: Of the Understanding. Translated into Hebrew by Joseph Ur. Revised edition. (Philosophical Classics).

Lammens, H. Islam, its Doctrines and Institutions. Translated by E. Harpaz and J. J. Rivlin (with Massadah, Ltd.).

## 3. ENGLISH BOOKS

Evershed, Sir Raymond Aspects of English Equity.

Goodhart, A.L. The Spirit of the English Law.

Kaufmann, Y. The Biblical Account of the Conquest of Palestine.



Translated from the Hebrew manuscript by M. Hagut.

✓ Scripta Hierosolymitana, Vol.I. Studies in Classics and Jewish  
Hellenism. Edited by Richard Koebner.

4. PAMPHLETS

Addresses on the Occasion of the Seventieth Birthday of Professor  
B. Dinur, Minister of Education and Culture.

In Memory of Professor Simha Assaf.

In Memory of Professor Eliezer Rieger.





DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT  
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Construction on the Campus in Rehavia B',  
Jerusalem

April 1, 1954 - January 31, 1955  
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A. Development of the Site

1. Preparation of Site and Botanical Garden

Work is proceeding on an area of 100 dunams in preparation for gardens, roads, and a Botanical Garden. A nursery has already been started for ornamental plants, the Botanical Garden and the first 4000 pine saplings, and further planting is in progress.

2. Magnes Avenue

Work has been completed (except for the planting of trees) on the Magnes Avenue and the Retaining Wall along its Eastern side. Planting will be begun in March and the paving of the footways in April.

3. Main Entrance Square

Excavation has been completed and levelling of the ground begun. Paving of the Square will be begun in April.

4. Eastern Drainage Main

Work on the underground drainage of the Eastern Complex, including



the Main Drainage Line, has been completed - as far as the Municipal Purifying Plant. The Main is 1750 meters long and 8" to 12" in diameter.

5. Water Main

With a diameter of 6", has already been completed.

6. Telephone Line

An underground channel has been built for the telephone cable to serve the whole Eastern Complex of the University buildings.

7. High Tension

A high-tension system to serve the laboratories in the Eastern Complex is being installed. A transformer has been set in place, and the overhead wiring is in hand.

8. Fuel Piping (underground)

The piping has been laid as far as the Eastern Servicing Center.

9. Eastern Service Road

This road is under construction. Its length will be 750 meters, and it will be asphalted.

10. The Crescent Road

The earthwork on the Main Entrance from the Rupin Road will shortly be completed. The soling and asphalt surfacing will soon be put in hand.



B. Buildings

1. Canada Hall

The stone and R.C. external structure has been completed.

The internal parts of the Hall (acoustic ceiling and walls, flooring and air-conditioning) are nearly complete. The Hall will have a seating capacity of 320, and will include a Library and Reading Room for the Department of Botany.

2. Department of Botany

a. The Building of the Cahin Weizmann Department of Plant Physiology

is a gift from the Canadian Hadassah (WIZO). The external structure of the building is already complete and work on the internal partitions and the various installation and electrical wiring systems is in progress.

b. Building No. 2: The Maxwell Lauternan (Canada)

Botanical Laboratories.

c. Building No. 3: The Marks (South Africa) Botanical Laboratories.

The external structures of buildings 2 and 3 have already been completed, and work on the fixtures and electric wiring will also be finished soon.

3. Department of Physics

a. Building No. 1)

) Anonymous Contribution from Switzerland.

b. Building No. 2)

The R.C. Structure has been completed, and the masonry work is in progress.

c. Building No. 3: The R.C. Structure is under construction.



4. Williamis Planetarium

Work on the masonry and R.C. Structure is in progress and has already reached to the height of the roof.

5. Rev. M. Lauterman Humanities Building

The excavations for the foundations and cellar are proceeding.

6. Chemistry Building

This Building will house the Physical and Inorganic Chemistry Departments

a. G. Wurzweiler Physical Chemistry Research Laboratories: The concrete foundations for these Laboratories have already been completed.

b. Lecture Hall: The excavations are in progress.

c. Inorganic Chemistry Laboratories: The foundations and the ground-floor walls have been completed.

7. Student Hostels

a. Argentine Building: This structure will comprise 30 rooms for the accomodation of students. The excavations for the foundations are in progress.

b. South Africa Building: This Building also will have 30 rooms. The foundations are being dug.

C. Works About to be Started

1. Construction of the Eliezer Kaplan School of Economics and Social Sciences
2. Construction of Main Gateway and Stone Fence facing Rupin Road.

D. In the Designing Stage

1. The Mazer Institute of Jewish Studies

The plans for this building are being prepared by Messrs. M. Weinraub



and Prof. A. Mansfeld, Haifa architects. The architectural design will be completed at the end of April, 1955.

2. Building for the Faculty of Law

This building will be erected with funds contributed by Canadian Jewry. Mr. J. Klarwein, a Jerusalem architect, will complete the plans in May, 1955.

3. Main Administration Building

The architect is Mr. D. Carmi of Tel Aviv. The plans will be ready at the end of April, 1955. The building costs will be provided from the sale of the present Administration Building at 67, King George Ave.

4. Jewish National and University Library

An open competition for architects for the new building of the Jewish National and University Library was announced on February 1, 1955. The latest date for submitting plans is May 31, 1955.

5. Western Road

The plans for this road are in preparation, and construction on it will be begun in April, 1955.

E Budget for the Current Fiscal Year

See Chapter IV: "Financial Position of the University, 1955".

F. Budget for the Next Three Fiscal Years

See Appendix No. 5: "Financial Position of the University, 1955".

G. Technical and Professional Staff of the Department of Development responsible for the execution of the plans.

The staff of the Department is very small in relation to the scope and pace of this work, and comprises only 14 men and women. The staff has three ma



functions: planning, supervision of work on the site, and administration. The work is done in an exemplary manner, with excellent teamwork, much good will, enthusiasm and devotion.

#### H. Architects and Planners

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| 1. Architect: D.A. Brutzkus, Jerusalem                                   | - Botanical and Physics Laboratories                                      |
| 2. Architect: J. Gvirtzman, Tel Aviv                                     | - Canada Hall   |
| " " " " " )  | - Williams Planetarium  |
| " : A. Krakauer (dec.) Jerusalem   |   |
| 3. Architects: M. Weinraub and A. Mansfeld Haifa                         | - Institute of Jewish Studies   |
| 4. Architects: A. Yaski and S. Povsner, Tel Aviv                         | - Rev. M. Lauterman Humanities Building                                   |
|  | The Eliezer Kaplan School of Economics and Social Sciences                |
| 5. Herut Ltd., Jerusalem   | - Design for Heating, Plumbing, Air-Conditioning and Drainage             |
| 6. Architect: D. Carmi, Tel Aviv   | - Administration Building   |
| 7. Architect: J. Mouchly, Haifa  | - Functional Design Furniture, Lighting                                   |
| 8. Markson, Civ. Eng., Jerusalem   | - Road Designs  |
| 9. Landscape Architects: J. Segal, M. Victor and D. Seidenberg, Tel Aviv | - Botanical Garden and Landscaping  |
| 10. Architect: I. Klarwein, Jerusalem                                    | - Law School Building   |
| 11. Architects: I. Klarwein, R. Kaufman and Rau, Jerusalem               | - General Layout and Town Planning  |
| 12. Engineer Rosenthaler, Tel Aviv                                       | - Consulting Electrical Engineer for the Chemistry Laboratories Building. |
| 13. Engineer Schwarz, Jerusalem  | - ditto - Canada Hall   |
| 14. Architect: A. Schiller, Tel Aviv                                     | - Design of Main Gateway and Entrance Square                              |
| 15. Architects: A. Sharon and B. Idelson Tel Aviv                        | - Chemistry Building. Student Hostels                                     |



H. General Contractors:

1. Herut, Ltd., Jerusalem

Air-Conditioning, Heating, Plumbing and Drainage.

2. Solel Boneh, Ltd., Jerusalem

This firm obtained contracts for the following projects by tenders:

- a. The Chemistry Building.
- b. The Eliezer Kaplan School of Economics and Social Sciences.
- c. The Lavy Building.
- d. Student Hostels: Republic of Argentina and South Africa.

3. Feitelson and Khalifa, Jerusalem

This firm obtained the contract by tender for

The Rev. M. Lauterman Humanities Building.

4. Peretz and Ben Giath

Canada Hall.

Botanical Laboratories Building - including the Plant Physiology Dept.  
Williams Planetarium.

5. A. Rubinstein and Co., Tel Aviv

Botanical Laboratories:

- a. Maxwell Lauterman Building.
- b. Marks (South Africa) Building.

Physics Laboratories:

- a. Building Nos. 1 and 2 (Anonymous contribution from Switzerland).
- b. Physics Building No. 3.



MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT  
1954 / 1955

1. This year certain activities begun in the latter half of the last fiscal year are being continued, as follows:
  - a. The internal reorganization of the Maintenance Department;
  - b. Improvements in the laboratories of the Faculties in the city which are intended to bring conditions there up to a minimum standard so that teaching and research can be carried on more or less normally until the new premises on the campus will be available.
2. Development Budget for the Laboratories in the city for the current fiscal year:

<u>Serial No</u>	<u>Item of Expenditure</u>	<u>Allocation for 1954/55 I.L.</u>	<u>Expenditure up to 1.2.55 I.L.</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1	Medical School	140,000	75,000	65,000	Allocation for two years
2	Faculty of Science	24,000	17,000	7,000	
3	Jewish National and University Library	20,000	12,000	8,000	
4	Faculty of Humanities	8,000	8,000	-	
<u>Total:</u>		192,000	112,000	80,000	
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It is expected that the expenditure in all the Faculties will be greatly reduced during the next fiscal year except for the Medical School, which will remain in the city for years to come.



3. Current Services Budget for the Current Fiscal Year:

<u>Serial</u> <u>No.</u>	<u>Item of</u> <u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Allocation</u> <u>for</u> <u>1954/55</u> <u>I.L.</u>	<u>Expendi-</u> <u>ture up</u> <u>to 31.1.55</u> <u>I.L.</u>	<u>Balance</u>
1	Faculty of Humanities	16,500	13,800	2,700
2	Faculty of Science	20,000	16,500	3,500
3	Faculty of Medicine	18,500	14,500	4,000
4	Workshops	8,000	6,000	2,000
5	Administration	22,000	12,500	9,500
6	General Services	15,000	14,000	1,000
7	Reserves	16,000	5,500	10,500
<u>Total:</u>		116,000	82,800	33,200

4. Department of Supplies and Stores

The Department of Supplies has been functionally and geographically separated from the Stores. There has been considerable improvement in the work of the Department, which is mainly due to better facilities. The premises of the Stores are now in a satisfactory condition; a closed truck has been acquired for delivering supplies to the laboratories; and the offices have been moved to a central location (near the King David Hotel). Nevertheless, it cannot be said that a satisfactory standard of supplying equipment and laboratory materials to all the University Departments has already been reached.



Certain problems, such as those connected with the purchase of supplies abroad and organization of the administrative work, etc., still await solution.

a. Supplies on Hand in the Stores

The amount of \$ 25,000 was allocated this year for the purchase of a minimum quantity of the materials most urgently required by the laboratories. This method proved satisfactory, enabling the Department to provide supplies expeditiously. The development of the laboratories makes an increase in next year's allocation for stock most essential.

b. Financial Turnover of Department of Supplies

Orders have been placed abroad during the present year in the amount of \$ 320,000  
and in Israel in the amount of IL.100,000

5. Workshops

a. The Mechanical Workshop is at present housed in the Schneller Compound in satisfactory premises and has been reorganized on a new basis. During its short existence the workshop has been found to be well organized and efficient, and the academic staff have expressed their appreciation of its high standard of design and execution in the making of scientific instruments. A committee of scientists supervises the workshop, which will serve as the nucleus of the central workshop to be erected on the new campus.



It is at present manned by a staff of nine workers.

b. Carpentry Shop

This is at present a mechanical workshop, which makes the current repairs required in the city. This year the personnel was reduced from 12 to 9 workers.

c. Liquid Air

The apparatus for the production of liquid air has been installed in the Schneller Compound, and supplies the current requirements of the Science Departments.

6. Administrative Structure of the Department

The accelerated pace of construction on the campus has necessitated changes in the administrative structure of the Department. A division has been made between its activities in the city and the development works on the new campus.

The work of the Department in the city has been divided into two parallel units. One unit provides the current services required by the Faculties and is making improvements in their laboratories, while the second unit deals with problems of personnel, cleaning services, guarding premises, the Department of Supplies and Stores, workshops, accounts, materials, and contact with the Financial Department.



7. Personnel

1. Technical Administration and Supervision	- 13 workers
2. Development Department of the University campus	- 14 "
3. Workshops	- 26 "
4. Services to the Faculties	- 21 "
5. Department of Supplies	- 17 "
6. Guarding Premises	- 20 "
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Total	- 111 Workers
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REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
ORGANISATION AND INFORMATION FOR THE PERIOD  
OF APRIL 1ST, 1954, TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1954

Cooperation with Societies of Friends.

The major activity of the Department continues to be that of maintaining relations with Societies of Friends in all parts of the world. This entails a vast volume of daily correspondence with our six major offices (U.S.A., England, Canada, South Africa, Australia, Latin America) and with volunteer committees in many other countries. The servicing of these groups is carried out through a regular stream of material, including both printed and stencilled publications and photographs, and the arrangement of occasional visits by representatives from Jerusalem. The Friends are kept appraised of all the latest developments in the life of the University, and new projects are given to them as avenues for obtaining additional financial resources.

The period under review was notable for the fact that building was commenced on the new University campus, with the result that the work of the Department was considerably increased. The raising of funds for the new campus, the supplying of material to the various offices for building projects, and the organisation of ceremonies connected with the campus have of necessity occupied a great deal of the Department's time and energies.

In furtherance of the Building programme, Professor M. Evenari, Vice-President of the Hebrew University, left at the beginning of June on an extended visit to England, France, Switzerland, and the United



States. He travelled extensively in all these countries, particularly in England and the United States, and addressed numerous meetings. At the time of writing he is still in the United States.

Another University delegate to the United States during the period under review was the Hon. Edwin Samuel. The purpose of his visit was also to assist the Friends in their Capital Fund Campaign.

U.S.A. The work of the American Friends of the Hebrew University during the nine months under review was concentrated largely on the Capital Fund Campaign inaugurated under the energetic direction of Dr. George S. Wise, Chairman of the Board of Governors and President of the American Friends.

The preparations for the campaign culminated in a National Conference, which was opened at a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York with the Israel Minister of Education and Culture, Professor B. Dinur, as guest of honour. The next day the Conference re-assembled at Princeton, where Professor Albert Einstein was the main speaker. Professor Evenari spoke on behalf of the Hebrew University, whilst Dr. I.S. Wechsler was another key speaker. The sessions were presided over by Dr. G. S. Wise and Mr. Samuel N. Katzin.

The Conference adopted a quota of \$10 million towards the University's Building Fund, and a pledge was also taken to raise an additional \$1,000,000 "as an extra effort" for the establishment of an Einstein Institute of Physics. A number of outstanding contributions was announced. Special reference must be made to the gift of



\$500,000 from members of the Mazer Family for the erection of premises for the Institute of Jewish Studies in memory of the late Abraham Mazer of New York; of \$100,000 from Dr. George S. Wise; \$50,000 from Mr. Charles Krown, a Vice-President of the American Friends and President of the Los Angeles Chapter; \$25,000 each from Mr. Daniel G. Ross, a Vice-President of the American Friends, and Mr. Samuel Fryer, of Los Angeles; \$10,000 from Mr. James Marshall, Chairman of the Board of the American Friends, in addition to \$30,000 for the Group Dynamics Programme he has inaugurated at the University. These were additional to the contribution of \$150,000 from Mr. Samuel Katzin and of \$50,000 from Mr. Maxwell Abbell, of Chicago.

These contributions set the standard for the campaign throughout the country and served as a stimulus to other communities which are currently conducting their campaigns.

Among other noteworthy gifts received from the United States during the period under review was that of \$100,000 from the Estates and Foundations of the late Mr. Gustave Wurzweiler, New York.

The Women's League for Israel pledged themselves to raise \$150,000 for a women's hostel and cafeteria. A luncheon addressed by Mr. Bernard Cherrick in New York yielded \$25,000 for this project.

Among special features of the work on behalf of the University in the United States, mention must be made of the great progress of the Alpha Omega Fraternity drive for the School of Dentistry. The visit to Israel during July of Dr. Louis I. Galin, National President



of the Alpha Omega Fraternity, provided a valuable opportunity for the discussion of problems relating to the School.

The National Council of Jewish Women has continued to support the School of Education, and its substantial contributions have for many years now been a major factor in the running of the School.

Mention must be made of the efforts to raise funds for the School of Pharmacy. Recently the Aesculapian Pharmaceutical Association of Detroit and its Ladies Auxiliary pledged the sum of \$25,000 for the Building Fund, to be used for the School of Pharmacy premises.

Canada. The Friends have continued with their activities on behalf of the University. Recently they adopted as their project for the new University campus the building of premises for the Faculty of Law, undertaking to raise between \$653,000 and \$750,000 for the purpose.

Canadian Hadassah is making an intensive effort to raise the \$50,000 it pledged for the erection of Canada Hall on the new University site. It is expected that this building will be completed by April this year, and arrangements are being made for an organised visit to Israel of members of Canadian Hadassah for the opening ceremony.

During the year Mr. Samuel Risk, National Director of the Canadian Friends, visited the University, and since his return has been travelling widely and addressing meetings throughout Canada.

England. The Friends have maintained their series of well-established annual functions for the purpose of raising funds for the University. Among outstanding gifts received by them was one of



£30,000 from Sir Simon Marks, £20,000 of which is for the Building Fund and £10,000 for the general budget. Sir Louis Sterling made a gift of £5,000 on the occasion of his 75th birthday, in addition to £1,000 contributed earlier for the acquisition of the private library of the late Dr. Israel Aharoni.

The Friends have continued to achieve success in the field of fellowships and visiting lectureships, enabling outstanding scholars from England to visit the Hebrew University and promising graduates of the latter to complete their studies at British Universities. In this connection mention must be made of a gift of £20,000 from Mr. Michael Wix for travelling research fellowships, and of a further grant of £5,000 from the Humanitarian Trust.

South Africa. The Friends continued to draw their main income from the participation in the United Appeal. Following the visit to Israel last year of Dr. A. Joffe, of Johannesburg, the Jewish dentists are being organised in support of the School of Dentistry.

A number of legacies were again received during the period under review, the largest being that of £58,000 from the estate of the late Mr. Joffe Marks, of Johannesburg.

Advantage was taken of the visit to Israel of Mr. Harry Lourie, a member of the Board of Governors and Honorary Vice-President of the Friends in South Africa, to discuss with him matters pertaining to the work in South Africa.



Latin America. We were fortunate in being able to discuss our work in the Argentine with Mr. A. Korn, Vice-President of the Argentinian Friends, and members of an Argentinian Trade Delegation when they visited Israel this year. During their stay the cornerstone was laid of a student hostel being erected on the new University campus by Argentine Jewry, a project sponsored by the Argentinian Friends and the Fundacion Catedra Republica Argentina.

Dr. A. Rosenfeld is at present in Latin America with a view to strengthening the organisation of the Friends of the Hebrew University in various countries there, with special concentration on Brazil.

The work in Latin America continues to be directed jointly from Jerusalem and New York, where Dr. F. Lachmann, Director of the Latin American Department, has his office. In addition, Dr. Lachmann has participated actively in the work of the American Friends, concentrating primarily on the Capital Fund Campaign.

Hebrew University publicity in Latin America is carried out very ably by Dr. Siegfried Krebs, Director of the Office in the Argentine.

In other parts of the world, including Australia, New Zealand and many European countries, the Department has continued to give guidance and maintain liaison in connection with activities organised by the Friends on behalf of the University. Several countries were visited by members of the academic and administrative staffs of the University in the course of their travels abroad, and Mr. D. Auster, Deputy-Chairman of the Board of Governors, made a special point of meeting and addressing the Friends



in Zurich while in Switzerland.

An outstanding contribution towards the Building Fund this year was that of \$100,000 from an anonymous donor in Switzerland for the construction of new premises for the Department of Physics.

Israel. Considerable progress has been made with the building of the hostel for men students towards which an anonymous donor last year contributed IL.150,000, and for which the Israel Friends are providing the balance.

The Friends are also raising IL.25,000 for the structural alterations and the furnishing of a hostel for 100 women students, the semi-completed premises for which were acquired by HIAS.

The Friends are also cooperating with the Israel Association of Pharmacists to raise funds for the School of Pharmacy.

An agreement has been reached with the Israel Teachers Association, providing for a regular levy on their members in aid of the University.

Visits to the University and its various departments, as well as to the new site, were arranged for leading members of the Government, members of the Knesset and other public figures, so that the work of the University could be better understood and appreciated in Israel.

Keren Hayesod. The agreement entered into with the Keren Hayesod, covering the University's participation in the United Appeal in all countries, with the exception of the United States, Great Britain and Israel, was renewed for the year 1955.

Discussions have taken place with the Keren Hayesod for increased



participation and also in connection with building campaign clearances.

Discussions have also taken place with the Jewish Agency for an increase of their allocation to the University.

Public Relations. One of the most important aspects of the work of the Department is that concerned with visitors from abroad. Experience has shown that a visit to the University and an inspection of the conditions under which it is working today are extremely effective in influencing the attitude of people towards the University, whilst the rapid development that has taken place at the new site during the past year makes a profound impression on all who see it.

Two tours of the University's buildings are conducted daily. In addition, special arrangements are made for groups and individuals both from Israel and abroad to be shown the University, with particular emphasis on those features of our work in which they are interested. A large number of important visitors have been entertained, in many cases by the President and Mrs. Mazar, and by other members of the academic and administrative staffs. The majority of the receptions in honour of guests are organised in this Department.

It is impossible in the limited space available to catalogue the entire list of visitors from abroad who have seen the University during the period under review. Special mention, however, should be made of some outstanding figures.

U.S.A.: Mr. Joseph Mazer, Deputy Chairman, Board of Governors;  
Dr. Louis Galin, National President of the Alpha Omega Fraternity;



Mr. James Marshall; Professor Milton Handler; Dr. Joseph Schwartz and Mr. Morris Bernstein, U.J.A. leaders; Professor Linus Pauling of the California Institute of Technology; Dr. Thomas McGrail, Cultural Attache to the American Embassy; Dr. Lincoln Hale, Director, U.S. Operations Mission to Israel; Mr. Lew Ayres.

England: Earl Jowitt, former British Lord Chancellor; Lord Kinross; Mr. James Griffiths, M.P.; Dr. A. Lerner; Dr. A. Neuberger; Professor Scott-Blair; Mr. Clarence Lake, Director of the British Council in Israel.

Canada: Mr. Edward E. Gelber, President of the Zionist Organisation of Canada, and Dr. Hannah Gelber; The Rt. Hon. John G. Diefenbaker, M.P.; the Rt. Hon. M.J. Coldwell, M.P.; Mr. Alex J. Edmison, Vice - Principal, Queen's University.

Australia: Dr. Morris C. Davis, President of the Victoria Friends; Mr. Sydney D. Einfeld, President, Executive Council of Australian Jewry; Mr. and Mrs. Alex Masel; Mr. and Mrs. Ellinson.

South Africa: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lourie.

Argentina: Mr. A. Korn, Vice-President of the Argentinian Friends; Professor Arturo Capdevila.

India: Professor Narandra Deva, former Rector of Benares Hindu University.

The major function arranged by the Department in the past nine months was the impressive ceremony at which the new site was dedicated on June 2nd. This was attended by a very large gathering, including



some of the most prominent personalities in the country, over whom Professor Mazar presided. Greetings were conveyed by the President of the State, Mr. I. Ben-Zvi, and addresses were delivered by Dr. G. S. Wise, Dr. Nahum Goldman, Mr. D. Auster and Mr. James Marshall.

Other ceremonies organised by the Department were those marking the opening of the Julius Jacobs' Laboratory for Physical Chemistry; the corner-stone laying of the student hostel being erected by Argentinian Jewry; the opening of the new academic year; the twentieth anniversary of the Institute of Jewish Studies; the inauguration of new premises for the Department of Linguistics; and the opening of a new students' mensa.

Publicity. The following material was prepared in the Department during the period under review:

1. Scopus, Volume 8, No.2. 50,000 copies (English)
2. "Yedioth Ha'Universita Ha-Ivrit" (Hebrew) Vol.3, July, 1954, Vol. 3, Nov. 1954, 10,000 copies
3. Pamphlet on "The University and its Friends in Jerusalem" (Hebrew), 1500 copies.
4. Pamphlet on the Medical School (published by the office of the Dean of the Medical School) 7,500 copies (English).
5. Pamphlet on the Institute of Jewish Studies (on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of its establishment) 20,000 copies (English).
6. General illustrated pamphlet on "The Hebrew University", 22,000 copies (English).
7. Fifteen issues of stencilled Newsletter in English.
8. A large number of feature articles.



9. Releases of news items to the local press almost every day, as well as of articles from time to time.
10. Articles for inclusion in various annuals and publications.
11. Material compiled on various aspects of the University at the special request of our offices abroad, journalists, local institutions etc.

Here it should be noted that owing to the great improvement in the paper situation in Israel, we were able to print Scopus and the three English pamphlets mentioned above in Israel itself, instead, as has been the case since 1948, of being compelled to have the majority offset in Canada. We hope we shall be able to continue with this practice in future. A deep debt of gratitude is due to the Canadian Friends who, in undertaking the work and responsibility connected with the offsets, came to the assistance of the Department at an extremely difficult time.

During the period under review, our offices abroad were as usual supplied with a large number of photographs of aspects of the work of the University and important functions. Arrangements have now been made for films showing progress on the new site to be included in the newsreels shown in Israel. Copies of these will be kept in the Department.

Special efforts were made to assemble reprints of papers by Hebrew University scientists for the very successful exhibition of Israel Scientific Publications organised in December by the Israel Embassy in London, as well as textual and photographic material for the Jerusalem Pavilion in "University Cavalcade", a large exhibition being held shortly in Johannesburg in aid of Witwaterstrand University.



A further series of recorded programmes was prepared for the American Friends on different aspects of the work at the University as well as talks on Kol Israel and Kol Zion Lagola programmes.

Press conferences were arranged from time to time, e.g. before the ceremony dedicating the site of the new University campus, before the opening of the exhibition of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Miss Marcia Gitlin was appointed head of the English Publicity Section in the Department and took up her duties at the end of May, 1954.





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March 24, 1955

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
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East 105th St. & Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I hesitate to turn to you again to ask for a favor, but since I know that you are always willing to help the Hebrew University, even at a cost of personal sacrifice, I am doing so in the hope that it will be possible for you to render an important service to the University.

I assume you know that among the many campaigns for the rebuilding of the Hebrew University which have taken place up to now, the campaign in Cleveland was particularly successful. This great success was due to your participation and to the inspiration your presence and your words gave to everyone. As a matter of fact, whenever we begin to organize a campaign in some community, and whenever important events are discussed, the first request we hear is "Couldn't Rabbi Silver attend?"

Normally, I discourage those who ask for your presence, because I know how busy you are and how overburdened you are with great responsibilities. However, there are two communities where we shall be campaigning during the months of May and June, where your presence at a dinner meeting would decide the success or failure of the campaign.

The first of these two communities is Rochester, New York, where a dinner will take place somewhere around the end of May. The second community is Providence, Rhode Island, where the dinner will take place around June 10th. In both places, the dinner would be scheduled according to your convenience, should you be willing to attend and speak on behalf of the Hebrew University. Incidentally, the dinner in Rochester will take place at the University of Rochester.



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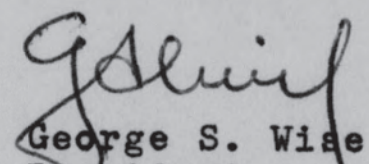
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As I am leaving for Israel Friday to attend the Board of Governors meeting, I will not be here when you make your decision. I have, therefore, asked Dr. Frederick Lachman, who called on you two years ago in Cleveland, to telephone you next week and to inquire about your decision.

May I extend to you again the heartfelt thanks of the Hebrew University and of the American Friends for the inspiration and encouragement your assistance has given to our efforts.

With best wishes and kindest personal regards,  
I am

Sincerely yours,

  
George S. Wise  
President

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Annual Meeting of the American Friends of the Hebrew University has been called for June 14th to elect the members of the Board of Directors and the officers of the American Friends for the next term.

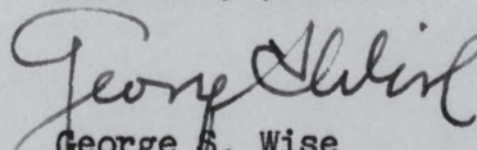
I am pleased to advise you that the Nominating Committee has recommended that you be re-elected to the Board of Directors. I sincerely hope that you will accept this designation and that we may have your continued cooperation on behalf of the Hebrew University.

The Annual Meeting will be followed by a buffet dinner at 6:00 P.M. and meeting of the Board of Directors at 7:00 P.M. at the University House.

Please let me know on the enclosed postcard of your acceptance and whether you will join us at the dinner and meeting.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

  
George S. Wise  
President