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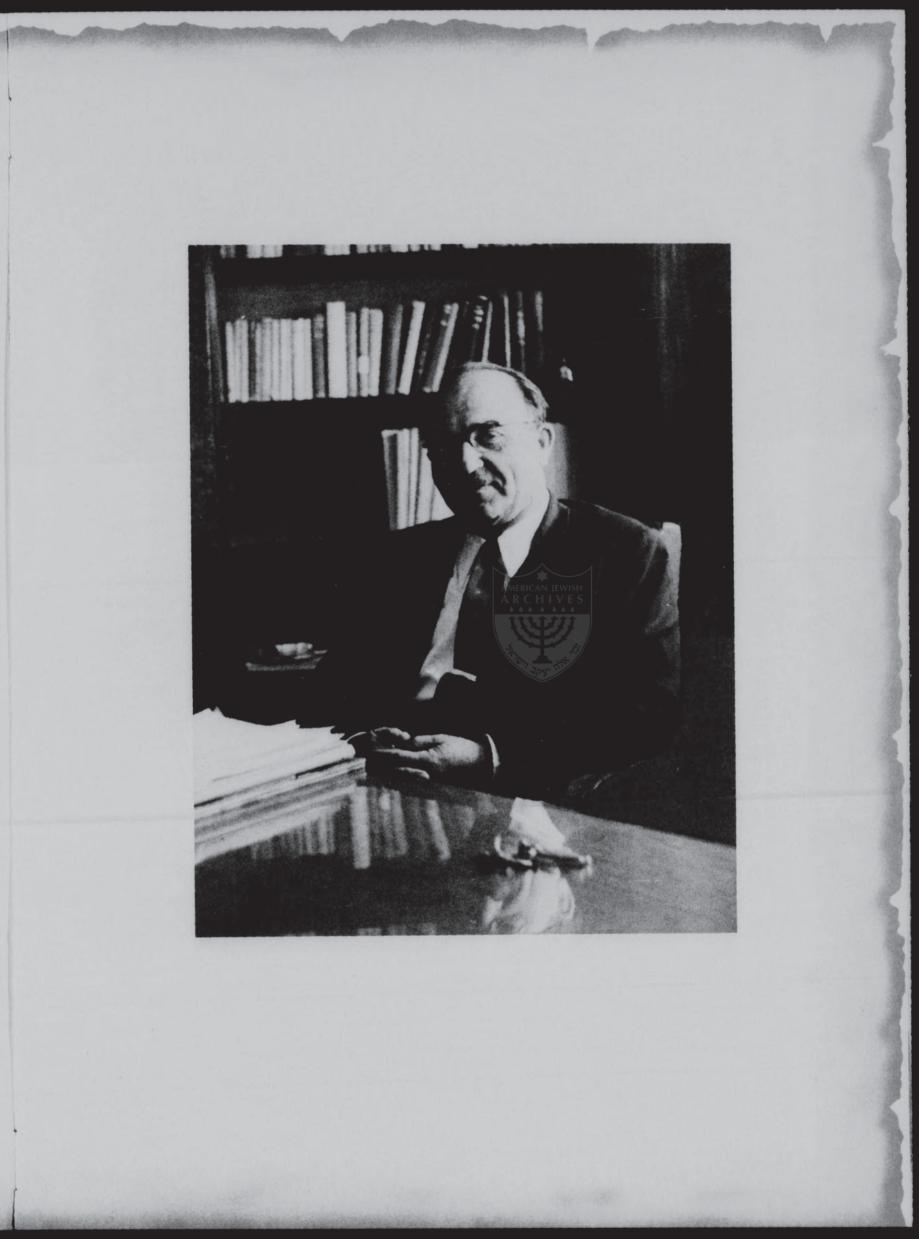
Our Guest of Honor

His Excellency

LEVI ESHKOL

Minister of Finance of the State of Israel

Whose four decades of pioneering labor and leadership have contributed greatly to the establishment of the State of Israel; whose statesmanship and vision have made him one of the foremost leaders in shaping the destiny of the people of Israel; who today plays a leading role in bringing Israel closer to peace, freedom and self-realization.



THEODOR HERZL-THE GREAT DREAMER

The first Jewish statesman since the destruction of the Jewish State founded by Judah Maccabee and the Hasmoneans 2,000 years ago, Theodor Herzl was, in the deepest and truest sense, a modern Maccabee. He had the vision to dream great dreams and the courage to fight to bring them to fruition. It is fitting, therefore, that this Chanukah Festival for Israel should be dedicated to the victory of the Maccabees over the Syrian invaders and desecrators of the Temple, and to Theodor Herzl who, more than any other single individual, was responsible for Israel reborn.



THE MAN

Theodor Herzl was born in Budapest on May 2, 1860, the son of well-to-do Jewish parents. His life was not unusual in any regard until he reached the age of 18, when his family moved to Vienna. It was in this gay city that young Theodor plunged into the social and cultural life of Austria, studying law and being admitted to the bar in 1884. Rather indifferent to Jewish problems, Herzl nevertheless knew that his career as a lawyer was limited by the fact that he was Jewish. A year after passing his bar examinations, he decided to become a writer.

He visited various countries in Europe, making contacts with editors and winning a growing reputation as a young man of talent. The theatre attracted him and he soon earned fame as a playwright. The *Neue Freie Presse*, the most influential newspaper on the continent, and the pride of sophisticated Vienna, offered him the post of Paris correspondent and Herzl was soon one of the best-known, most widely-read writers in Europe.

At this time, he was the epitome of success: Handsome, successful, talented and the representative of a great newspaper in the most exciting city in Europe. But then, in 1894, Captain Alfred Dreyfus of the French Army was arrested for treason. Dreyfus was a Jew, and anti-Semitism erupted. The Dreyfus Case split France as liberals insisted that Dreyfus was innocent and anti-Semites charged he was guilty of spying for the Germans. The virulence of the anti-Semitism shocked the sophisticated Herzl. The Dreyfus Case stirred his Jewish consciousness and he wrote a play "The New Ghetto," in which he attempted to express his views on Judaism. But his wrestling with his soul had only begun.

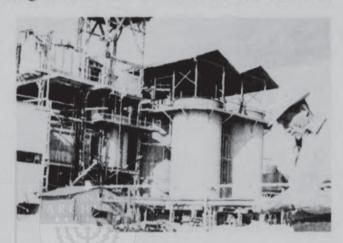
Ideas began to grow in his fertile mind. He met with influential Jews in an attempt to persuade them to aid the Jews of Europe. His work met with resistance. It was at this time, in 1895, that Herzl veered toward the concept of Zionism—and began to keep his Diaries, which are classics in Zionist history. He commenced to write his extraordinary political pamphlet, *Der Judenstaat, The Jewish State,* and he lived in a state of feverish excitement as the idea obsessed and enraptured him. He *saw* the Jewish State, in its details as well as in its wide scope. He talked to people about it, and convinced Dr. Max Nordau, the famous author and philosopher, of its value. Dr. Nordau shared his vision, and in 1896 *The Jewish State* was offered to a doubting world.

That was the beginning of Theodor Herzl's eight years of impassioned Zionism. He made speeches and met with kings and ministers and millionaires. He created the World Zionist Organization and convened the first Zionist Congress. He lived a brief 44 years, dying on July 3, 1904, after spending himself for the sake of the cause of

Israel. "If you will it," he once wrote, "it is no dream." Herzl willed the Jewish State. He was a man driven by a dream that has come to reality.

THE VISION

Theodor Herzl was a professional writer, and in his books and diaries he poured forth his soul. The poetry, the dreams, the aims of his life—and their prophetic truth—can



thus be put down accurately and honestly-for this is what he said:

"If I were to sum up the Basle Congress in one word—which I shall not do openly—it would be this: at Basle I founded the Jewish State.

"If I were to say this today, I would be met by universal laughter. In five years, perhaps, and certainly in fifty, everyone will see it." (Sept., 1897)



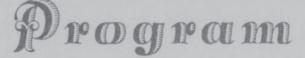
"I have been occupied for some time with a work [The Jewish State] which is of immeasurable greatness. I cannot tell today whether I shall bring it to a close. It has the appearance of a gigantic dream. But for days and weeks it has filled me, saturated even my subconscious; it accompanies me where I go, broods above my ordinary daily conversations, looks over my shoulder at my petty, comical journalistic work, disturbs me and intoxicates me." (1895)

"What it will lead to it is impossible to surmise as yet. But my experience tells me that it is something marvelous, even as a dream, and that I shall write it down—if not as a memorial

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Greater New York Committee for

STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS



CHANUKAH FESTIVAL FOR ISRAEL

Observing the 2119th Anniversary of the Victory of the Maccabees and the 50th Anniversary Year of the Death of Theodor Herzl

DANA ANDREWS LOUIS CALHERN JOSEPH SCHILDKRAUT KIM STANLEY LEONARD BERNSTEIN JAN PEERCE ISAAC STERN JENNIE TOUREL

SYMPHONY OF THE AIR

SCHOLA CANTORUM Directed by HUGH ROSS

Produced and directed by HIMAN BROWN Written by NORMAN ROSTEN Choreography by ANNA SOKOLOW Stage Design and Lighting by SAMUEL LEVE Costumes by PAUL DUPONT

PRESENTATION OF COLORS by Shomrim Society of the New York Police Department

STAR-SPANGLED BANNER HATIKVAH Schola Cantorum and Orchestra Conducted by Hugh Ross

- 1. BLESSING OF CHANUKAH CANDLES Jan Peerce and Schola Cantorum Music for B'ROCHOS composed by Morris Barash
- 2. GREETINGS

Dr. Israel Goldstein, Chairman, Chanukah Festival Committee Ira Guilden, Campaign Chairman, Greater New York Committee for Israel Bonds His Excellency Levi Eshkol, Minister of Finance of the State of Israel

3. "EMEK" by Marc Lavry

Symphony of the Air conducted by Leonard Bernstein

4. "JEREMIAH" SYMPHONY (finale) by Leonard Bernstein Jennie Tourel and Symphony of the Air conducted by the composer

5. VIOLIN CONCERTO (First Movement) by Felix Mendelssohn Isaac Stern and Symphony of the Air conducted by Mr. Bernstein

6. SONGS

Jan Peerce acompanied by Symphony of the	Air conducted by Werner Bass
1. "Veulai" by Shertok-Lefkowitch	3. "A Dudele" Arranged by Leo Low
2. "A Din Toire Mit Gott" Arranged by Leo Low	4. "Yerushalayim" by Hameiri-Freed

7. "THE GREAT DREAMER"

Narrator	Louis Calhern		
Captain Alfred Dreyfus	JOSEPH SCHILDKRAUT		
Dr. Theodor Herzl			
Mrs. Herzl	KIM STANLEY		
Emile Zola	RALPH BELL		
Dr. Max Nordau	LUIS VAN ROOTEN		
Friedrich Schiff	BERNARD LENROW		

Jan Peerce, Schola Cantorum and Symphony of the Air conducted by Hugh Ross

Dancers: Aza Bard, Eva Beck, Judith Coy, Jeff Duncan, Michael George, Page Johnson, William Korff, Harvey Lichtenstein, Rudy Mattice, Donald McKayle, Esta McKayle, Jack Moore, Miriam Pandar, Sandra Pine, Laura Sheleen and Annaliese Widman

Music Selections:

"Tales from the Vienna Woods"	Johann Strauss
*"Rachel M'Bakoh Al Boneho"	David Roitman
"Lift Thine Eyes" from "Elijah"	Felix Mendelssohn
March "Gloria Victoribus"	Darius Milhaud
"Sons of Japhet"	Anton Rubinstein
Chorus from "Ruth"	Georg Schumann
Finale of "King David"	Arthur Honegger

Wigs Contributed by David Lerch Costumes by Eaves Costume Co. Wardrobe Mistress—Bessie McMahon Chanukah Menorah, Courtesy of Jewish Museum "Jeremiah", Courtesy of Tams-Witmark Music Library *Arrangement Courtesy of Cantor Jacob Barkin



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for mankind, then for my own delight or meditation in after years. And perhaps for something between these possibilities; for the enrichment of literature. If the romance does not become a fact, at least the fact can become a romance." (1895)

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"My life is no longer a romance. But the romance is now my life." (1901)

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"It depends on the Jews themselves whether this political pamphlet [The Jewish State] remains for the present a political romance. If the present generation is too dull to understand it rightly, a future, finer and a better generation will arise to understand it. The Jews who wish for a State shall have it, and they will deserve to have it." (1896)

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"What are ten billion marks for the Jews?—As a matter of fact, under pressure of necessity we could start off with one billion. For it will be working capital, the foundation of our later railways, our immigration fleets and our war fleet. With this we shall build houses, palaces, workers' dwellings, schools, theatres, museums, government houses, hospitals; in brief, cities." (1895)

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"The people are sentimental. . . I believe that even now they no longer have a clear idea of me. A light mist has begun to beat about me, which will perhaps deepen into a cloud in the midst of which I shall walk. But even now if they no longer see my outline clearly, at least they understand that I mean well by them. I am the man of the poor." (1896) "In the Promised Land we shall finally come to live upon our own soil and die peacefully in our own homeland. We also as free men shall achieve honor as a reward for great deeds, and we shall live in peace with all the world, which we shall have freed with our freedom, enriched through our riches, and made great through our greatness." (1895)

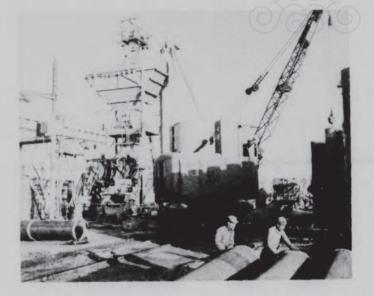
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THE REALITY

Herzl was a practical dreamer. He lived with his vision; yet he had his feet planted solidly on the ground. "In accordance with a preconceived plan," he wrote, the Jews "will construct roads, bridges, railways and telegraph installations; regulate rivers; and build their own dwellings; their labor will create trade, trade will create markets and markets will attract new settlers. . . The labor expended on the land will enhance its value, and the Jews will soon perceive that a new and permanent sphere of operation is opening here. . ."

It is as though Herzl's words took root and flowered in the State of Israel Bond Issue, for it is through State of Israel Bonds that:

Rivers have been harnessed and electric power made available to thousands of Israelis living in the ever-growing cities of the new State and to additional thousands of new immigrants living in settlements all over the land. Water power in Israel has increased 200% since 1948; more than 23% during the past year.

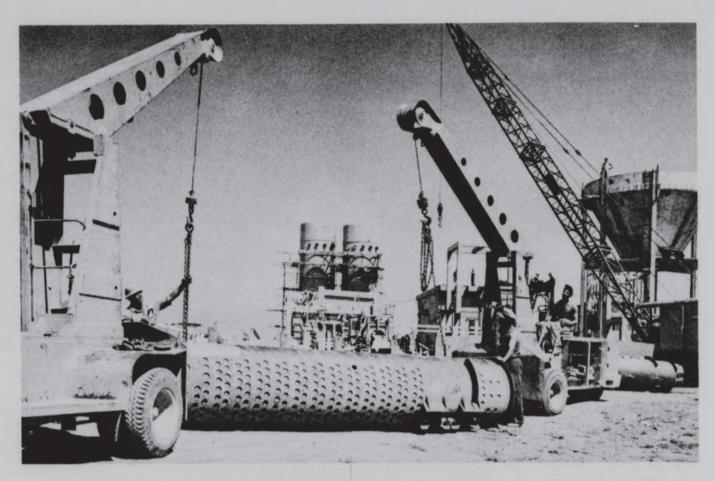


Natural resources have been intensively developed, with potash and phosphates increasing production to prodigious degrees.

Railways are in the midst of additional construction, with lines being built from Naan to Beersheba, from Tel Baruch to Tel Aviv, from Tel Aviv to Haifa, from point to point in Israel, making the country more compact as it expands.

The merchant fleet, about which Herzl had visions, has grown apace, with tonnage more than doubling its 1952 figure of 112,000 tons.

Industry is expanding, thrusting forward in areas never before known to have modern factories. Israel now boasts of exports in the fields of plastics, building materials, automobiles, metal products, textiles, pharmaceuticals and scores of other items hitherto unknown in the land.



Agriculturally, Israel has developed beyond expectations, for more than 50 new settlements were added during the past two years and 3,000 new families established homes on the land.

Water, so scarce and so desired in Israel, has been so well developed that the Israel Bonds invested in irrigation projects since the inception of Israel Bonds have increased the water supply from five billion gallons in 1948 to fifty-three billion gallons in early 1954.

Theodor Herzl had a dream—which he knew later generations would have to make into a reality. "Great things do not need to have a firm foundation," he stated, for "an apple must be put on the table so that it should not fall; the earth swims in space." He explained that "the secret lies in movement. Weight must be overcome by motion" and "the movement must be steered."

Herzl put the dream into motion. We, through State of Israel Bonds, are helping to steer Israel into those peaceful waters of which Herzl dreamed. In the purchase of Israel Bonds, we are making ourselves part of Herzl's dream, the same dream which stirred the Maccabees to heroic action, and which moved Jews all over the world at all times, in all lands.

There was the man—Theodor Herzl. There was the vision—an independent Israel. There is the reality—a secure, economically free and strong Israel, with the help of State of Israel Bonds.

Outstanding Leaders of Chanukah Festival



BENJAMIN ABRAMS Chairman, Greater New York Committee for Israel Bonds



DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN Chairman of Chanukah Festival Committee



IRA GUILDEN Chairman, Greater New York Campaign for Israel Bonds

Honorary Chairmen, Chanukah Festival

Hon. Thomas E. Dewey Hon. Averell Harriman Hon. Irving M. Ives Hon. Jacob K. Javits Hon. Herbert H. Lehman Hon. Robert F. Wagner If you wish to advance the growth of Israel, please fill out the declaration of economic support on the next page and mail it in the attached return envelope to State of Israel Bonds, 215 Fourth Avenue, New York 3, N.Y.

Declaration

of Economic Support for Israel Whereas, the State of Israel urgently requires economic aid for its internal development and its industrial expansion, and whereas State of Israel Development Bonds are a vital force in strengthening the economic defenses of Israel which are indispensable to its capacity to withstand attack and grow agriculturally and industrially self-sufficient;

And, whereas, the State of Israel, through integrity and industrial imagination has proved itself eminently capable of putting Israel Bonds to the greatest possible use to enrich and develop the land;

, therefore, declare my intention to become, for the year 1955, a: **Guardian OF ISRAEL**," through the purchase of \$1,000 in Israel Bonds.

TRUSTEE of the "Guardians of Israel," through the purchase of \$10,000 in Israel Bonds.

Thereby aiding, concretely as well as spiritually, in supporting and defending, in the spirit of the ancient Maccabees, the economic frontiers of the State of Israel, and the fulfillment of the Herzlian and age-old Jewish dream of an independent Jewish State, toward which all Jews can look with pride and honor.

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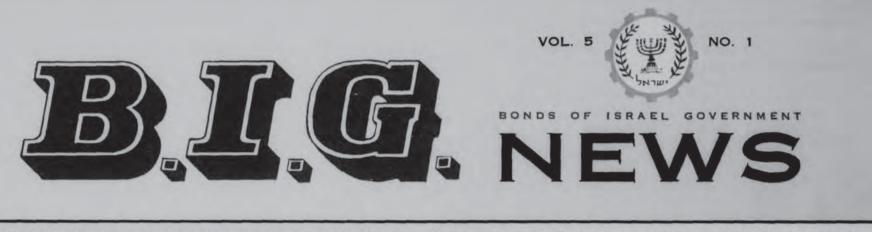


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AMERICAN FINANCIAL AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR ISRAEL . 215 FOURTH AVE., NEW YORK 3 . FOR PRIVATE CIRCULATION TO OFFICERS

MOBILIZATION CONFERENCE OPENS 1955 BOND CAMPAIGN JANUARY 29-30

Hotel Fontainebleau, Miami Beach, To Be Scene of Launching of New Series of Israel Bonds As Renewals of Trustees, Guardians and Sponsors Are Pressed by Communities

The 1955 campaign for the sale of State of Israel Bonds will be formally launched with a Mobilization Conference at the Hotel Fontainebleau, Miami Beach, on Saturday evening, January 29 and Sunday, January 30. Leaders of North American and South American communities will be in attendance, for there are now some twenty countries, on this hemisphere, in addition to the United States and Canada which are involved in the continuing sale of State of Israel Bonds.

The aim of the Mobilization Conference is twofold: (1) to emphasize the need for proceeding promptly in all communities with the effective organization of the sale in 1955 of Israel Bonds and (2) to serve as the platform from which may be announced the renewal of subscriptions to Bonds by Trustees, Guardians and Sponsors.

In 1954 an organization called the Guardians of Israel was created. It is the nucleus around which may gather all supporters of the economic development of Israel. Those who purchase \$10,000 or more of Israel Bonds in one year receive the designation of Trustees for that entire year. Those who buy \$1,000 or more of Israel Bonds within one year become members of the Guardians of Israel. Women who purchase Israel Bonds in amounts of \$1,000 or more are given the title of Sponsors in the Guardians. This new approach was hailed through the United States as an effective medium of winning and retaining the continuing support, on an annual basis, of all who recognize the vital importance of the investment capital provided by Israel Bonds.

For this program to be effective, however, it needs to be on an annually recurrent basis. Thus, the Miami Beach conference will serve as a stimulant for activities being initiated promptly in all communities to obtain renewals of subscriptions. The renewals obtained during the month of January in all commu-



WORTH \$2,500,000. The great Chanukah Festival held at Madison Square Garden on December 23 produced subscriptions for Israel Bonds totalling \$2,500,000, which Ira Guilden, Chairman of the New York Bond campaign (right), is seen showing to Hon. Levi Eshkol, Israel's Minister of Finance, who was guest of honor at the function attended by 20,000 persons.

nities will be reported at the Mobilization Conference.

Leaders of Bond campaigns are now organizing special functions: parlor meetings and dinners, in addition to the personal solicitation, so that each of the communities may encourage the rest of the country by announcing the number of Trustees, Guardians and Sponsors already re-enrolled for 1955 by the time of January 29-30.

MORE ISRAEL BONDS SOLD IN 1954 THAN IN PREVIOUS YEAR

From January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954, more State of Israel Bonds were sold than in the previous year, it was announced by Julian B. Venezky, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Bond Organization. In 1953, the amount of Bonds distributed was \$36,-800,000. In 1954, the figure is close to \$40,000,000. This includes the sales of Independence Bonds in the closing stages of that issue, plus the Development Bonds sold since May 1, 1954.

What is especially noteworthy about the 1954 sales is that the per capita sale is much higher than in previous years. The number of purchasers is less. The Bond organization concentrated the bulk of its energies on selling Israel Bonds in the category of \$1,000 and over. These efforts met with a gratifying response in all communities. Although not all communities uniformly sold more Bonds in 1954 than in 1953, all of them had a higher per capita sale.

Cities which exceeded their 1953 Bond sales in 1954 included, among others, New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Cincinnati, Detroit, Houston, Newark, Columbus, Miami, Baltimore, Jersey City and Milwaukee. In many smaller communities too, 1954 Bond sales forged ahead of 1953. Among them were Oakland, Bridgeport, New Haven, Norwich, Stamford, Sioux City, Omaha, Utica, Dayton, Youngstown, and Charleston, S. C.

From the beginning of Bond sales in May, 1951, the total amount distributed has been approximately \$175,000,000, it was reported by Mr. Venezky. Bonds of the Israel Government are now sold in 27 countries including the United States, Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Uruguay, Holland, Switzerland and Belgium.

CONVERSIONS OF BONDS FOR ISRAEL INVESTMENTS

As a result of the rigid anti-inflationary policies instituted by the Israel Government, the supply of Israel currency is very tight. That is why, among other reasons, the Israel Bond has such high value in the Israel economy.

Because of the desire of a number of recognized industrial, banking and agricultural institutions in the country to expand their plants or facilities through the acquisition of more pounds, the Israel Government has agreed to permit a selected number of companies to offer their stock in the United States in exchange for Independence Issue of Dollar Bonds.

Any institution which is granted the right to seek such investments must sign an affidavit with respect to the representations that will be made about these investments or about Israel Bonds. Each institution being granted such a right binds itself to adhere to regulations set up by the American Financial and Development Corporation as to the type of representations that may be made.

The only Israel institutions now authorized by the Israel Government to seek investment through conversion of Israel Bonds into their stock are: Mehadrin, Ltd. (citrus plantations), Industrial Bank, Ltd. (bank of the Manufacturers Association of Israel) and Rassco, Ltd. (builders of housing).

If any holder of Israel Bonds is approached by any other institution he may inquire of A.F.D.C.I., 215 Fourth Avenue (Martin Kurasch, House Counsel) as to its reliability. If any representation is made by any institution, including those which have signed certificates of compliance, which seems inimical to the interests of Israel Bonds, consultation may be had with the House Counsel.

"REDUCTIONS" OF ISRAEL BONDS

Those who change Independence Issue of Israel Bonds into Bearer Bonds are reducing their equities. That is why the term "reductions" rather than conversions is applied when holders of Israel Bonds change their certificates into Bearer Bonds. Inasmuch as holders of Independence Issue have the right to convert their Bonds into Development Issue (which pays 4% interest), and since only the original holders of Bonds (not the owners of Bearer Bonds) are entitled to the provision that their estates may claim payment in dollars on decease, and since conversion into Development Issue entitles the holder to 100% of credit in the event that the Bonds are conveyed to a philanthropic institution—the Israel Bond organization has felt it desirable to explain to all holders that they should be most cautious in accepting advice to change to Bearer Bonds.

It is noteworthy that the overwhelming bulk of Israel Bond owners have understood the losses accruing to them —and the disadvantages to Israel—in "reducing" their Bonds to Bearer Bonds. As of December 1, 1954, the total amount of "reductions" to Bearer Bonds was only \$1,200,000. It should be noted, however, that less than half of this amount was changed for purposes of sale. The balance was converted for legal and accounting reasons and has not actually been sold by the original owners.

EXPERT ON PIPES VISITING U. S. A.

Hundreds of American tourists who have visited Israel have met S. Robert Abrahami. They will now have the op-



portunity of hearing him in their own communities, for Mr. Abrahami is arriving in the United States as the guest of the Israel Bond organization.

Mr. Abrahami is the Managing Direc-

S. R. ABRAHAMI tor of the Yuval Gad pipe factory at Ascalon. Tourists who have visited that plant, largest factory of its kind in the world, were impressed by the huge pipes designed to carry the waters of the Yarkon down to the parched soil of the Negev, in one of the greatest irrigation projects of our time.

A Briton by birth and training, Mr. Abrahami has in recent years identified himself with the life of Israel and is making an outstanding contribution to the industrial as well as agricultural expansion of the country. A charming, knowledgeable speaker, he is expected to be an outstanding attraction for events being planned during the next six weeks to take advantage of his presence in this country.

Communities wishing to invite Mr. Abrahami should communicate with Director, Speakers Bureau, Israel Bonds, 215 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

FIRST TRUSTEE

Philip Lown, one of the leading figures in the Israel Bond campaign from the



moment of its inception, became the first Trustee of the 1955 Bond campaign, during the visit to Boston of Mr. Levi Eshkol. Mr. Lown was recently elected President of the Amer-

PHILIP LOWN ican Association for Jewish Education. Mrs. Lown is Chairman for Sponsors in Boston.

ISRAEL BONDS FOR TOURIST PURPOSES? YES!

Owners of Israel Bonds have addressed questions to headquarters of the Bond organization along these lines: (1) is it legally possible to use Israel Bonds for tourist expenditures while in Israel? (2) is it morally desirable to use Israel Bonds for such purposes?

The terms of the Israel Bonds, both Independence and Development, specifically provide that owners may exchange them for Israel currency at their option. (The Israel Government itself undertakes to redeem its Bonds in dollars. Only the purchaser has the option to select exchange for Israel currency.) Israel Bonds may be presented by the original owner to any branch of the Bank of Israel and the proceeds may be used for any usual tourist expenditure within the country. Some misleading advertisements have appeared in regard to the possibility of paying for transportation with Israel Bonds. This applies only to transportation within the country. No airline outside of Israel accepts Israel Bonds in payment for transportation.

The Israel Government, by incorporating the term into the Bond, has given complete sanction to holders of Israel Bonds to use them for tourist expenditures within Israel if they choose to do so.

Owners of Bonds are cautioned to examine carefully all representations with respect to exchanging or transferring Bonds, when the intent of such representations may be to encourage black market operations in Israel currency.

The Israel Bond has great value, both in the United States and in Israel, and any representation that starts with any other premise should prompt the holder of the Bond to be extremely careful; to preserve his interests.

BOND CHAIRMEN ASSUME **1955 RESPONSIBILITIES**

Because the 1955 campaign to sell Israel Bonds will start in January and not later in the year, every major community is now planning to re-install its current Chairman or to induct new Chairmen who have been selected in the interim.

Ira Guilden, brilliant Chairman of the New York City Bond campaign, was the pivotal factor in the increased sales in 1954. Already, a series of major functions is planned for every borough of New York during the first four months of the year in an unprecedented effort to sell to new prospects and to reenlist Trustees, Guardians and Sponsors.



Louis Boyar, whose leadership of the Los Angeles Israel Bond Committee, resulted in a 50% increase in sales over 1953, has undertaken to lead the Western city for 1955. The first major function designed

LOUIS BOYAR

to set the tone for the new campaign is a public rally on January 13 which will feature a celebration of the 3,000th anniversary of Jerusalem.

Chicago has selected Morris de Woskin, popular young hotel owner and industrialist with wide interests here and abroad, to lead the Chicago Bond campaign in 1955.

He will have the vigorous help of his predecessors Judge Henry Burman, who has been a pillar of Israel Bonds for two years, and Milton Krensky.



The leadership of

the 1955 Bond cam- MORRIS DE WOSKIN paign in Cincinnati is a vivid demonstration of the unity of the Jewish community. Nathan Zeff, businessman and communal leader, has accepted the Chairmanship in the coming year. Mr. Zeff succeeds Charles M. Messer who will head the 1955 Welfare Fund campaign. Mr. Messer is continuing his active role in the Bond drive as Co-Director of the Campaign Cabinet. Heading the Cabinet with Mr. Messer is Mr. Philip G. Steiner who in 1954 was Welfare Fund Chairman.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETS JANUARY 8-9

The Board of Governors of the Israel Bond organization will meet at the Savoy Plaza Hotel, New York, on Saturday evening, January 8 and Sunday, January 9. The Board will review activities during 1954 and will concern itself with defining policies of operation in 1955. With the Israel Bond organization now functioning in 27 countries throughout the world, its deliberations have a vital effect on the relations between Israel and the Jewish communities of these lands in America, Canada, Latin America and Europe.

HUSBAND AND WIFE TO BE HONORED

On February 6, 1955 Essex County Jewry will pay tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stavitsky at a joint testimonial dinner. The first husband and wife in the Bond effort to be so honored, "Mike" and Eve Stavitsky have each served Israel and the Jewish community with personal distinction. For three vears Chairman of the Essex County Women's Division, Mrs. Stavitsky be-



MICHAEL STAVITSKY

EVE STAVITSKY

came New Jersey State Chairman of women last Spring. With the launching of the Development Issue, she became Chairman of the National Sponsoring Committee which was the most productive sales project ever undertaken by the Women's Division. Mr. Stavitsky, a prominent realtor, served three times as Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal of Essex County. Prominently identified with State of Israel Bonds since 1951, he is a member of the Board of Governors of the national Bond organization.

WOMEN PLAY MAJOR **ROLE IN 1954 BOND SALES**

One of the most impressive factors in the sales of Israel Bonds in 1954 was the part played by Jewish women from coast to coast in setting new standards of sales and reaching new elements in the community. Veering away from the

old concept that women could be exclusively the buyers or sellers of very small denomination Bonds, leaders of the women's division of the Bond campaign created an entirely new atmos-





MRS. SELIG

MRS. GERSHON

phere by concentrating on "Sponsors," the purchasers of \$1,000 State of Israel Bonds. It is estimated that women in the United States were responsible for the purchase of about \$4,000,000 of Israel Bonds in the past year. Communities vied with each other in the number of Sponsors they were able to accumulate.

As the year ended, Miami, for example, under the leadership of Mrs. Fanny



MRS. TALCOFF

MRS. KATCHKE

Selig, was able to report the enrollment of 100 Sponsors for 1954. This included two women Trustees. Newark, N. J., which did so much to inspire the whole nation with its Sponsor activity, enrolled 187 women as Sponsors of Guardians of Israel, under Mrs. Julius Gershon, Women's Division Chairman.

Mrs. Ben Druch, Milwaukee women's Chairman, reported an enrollment of 124 Sponsors, and Mrs. Joseph Katchke reported 184 Sponsors for Detroit. In Chicago where Mrs. Jack Zackler is Chairman, 269 Sponsors are recorded, and Toronto, headed by Mrs. S. Barney Goldhar, enlisted 113 Sponsors. Balti-



MRS. ARNOFF MRS. SILVERMAN more women guided by Mrs. Gustav Liebowitz, Mrs. Louis Samuels and (Continued on page 4)





NATION'S BIGGEST. Probably the largest testimonial dinner of its kind ever held in the United States was the outpouring of affection registered for Jacob M. Arvey at a function attended by 2,000 Jews, Protestants and Catholics, who purchased Israel Bonds to show their esteem for the guest of honor. From left to right: Henry Crown, Co-Chairman of the Arvey Committee for Bonds; Mr. Arvey; Judge Henry L. Burman, Chairman of Bond Executive Committee, Ambassador Eban, and Adlai Stevenson.

GENEL HONORED. Sam Genel, dynamic Chairman of the Israel Bond Committee in Philadelphia, was honored with a dinner in December for his outstanding achievement in mobilizing Bond investment capital for Israel. Left to right: Hon. Reuven Shiloah, Minister of Israel, who presented the plaque of award to Mr. Genel, George Friedland, Dinner Committee Chairman, Sam Daroff, former Israel Bond Chairman, and Mr. Genel.

MORE BUILDING FUNDS INVESTED IN ISRAEL BONDS

When the Development Issue of Israel Bonds was launched in 1954, one new feature was introduced. It provided that tax-exempt philanthropic institutions could invest their building funds in Israel Bonds and could obtain redemption of their Bonds in dollars on notice of thirty days with certification that they were ready to use their funds for actual building purposes.

Synagogues, community centers, hospitals, homes and similar institutions which have accumulated funds for building purposes but which are not yet ready for actual construction have been glad to invest their funds in Israel Bonds. They have accomplished two purposes at the same time: they have been obtaining a 4% interest on their deposited funds, a high rate for a time deposit; at the same time, they have been helping to strengthen the economy of the State of Israel.

Notable among the purchasers of Israel Bonds in this category were: Jewish Community Center, Trenton, N. J., \$60,000; Hebrew Theological Seminary, Chicago, \$50,000; Sephardic Community Center, Brooklyn, \$40,000; Temple Israel, Hollywood, Cal., \$33,000; Bialystoker Young Men's Association, New

York, 40,000; Jewish Community Center, Wilkes Barre, Pa., \$22,000; Loop Orthodox Synagogue, Chicago, \$25,000; Congregation Ahavath Israel, Brooklyn, \$27,500; Congregation Beth El Zedeck, Indianapolis, \$25,000; Labor Zionist Institute, Detroit, \$25,000; Jewish Education Society, San Francisco, \$20,000; Zionist Organization, Winnipeg, Can., \$25,000; Kirvat Bialystok, New York, \$25,000; Jewish Center of Kew Gardens, Flushing, N. Y., \$20,000; Temple Beth El, Allentown, Pa., \$18,000; Mt. Sinai Temple, Sioux City, \$17,700; Hillel Foundation, Brooklyn College, \$13,-000; Hebrew Home for Aged, Dorchester, Mass., \$15,000; Jewish Home, Scranton, Pa., \$15,000; Jewish Center, Bay City, Mich., \$15,000; and Jooda Jongenschuis, Amsterdam, Holland, \$26,000.

BEST TIMES FOR CONVERSIONS OF ISRAEL BONDS

As of December 1, 1954, the amount of Independence Issue Israel Bonds converted into Development Issue Israel Bonds totalled \$3,200,000. With the conversion of Independence Issue into Development Issue, the holder is entitled to the 4% rate of interest and to the other privileges which have been written into the Development Issue. It should be noted, however, that the terms of the Development Issue provide that the State of Israel may at any time, on appropriate notice, withdraw the right to conversion.

Inquiries received at the headquarters of the Bond organization have indicated some confusion on the subject of when is the best time for conversion into Development Issue. Interest dates on Independence Issue occur on May 1 and November 1 of each year. Thus, if holders of Independence Issue who wish to convert to Development Issue want the maximum interest on their current Bonds the best time for conversion is just immediately after the May 1 and November 1 interest dates.

WOMEN IN MAJOR ROLE

(Continued from page 3)

Mrs. Mose Speert, Co-Chairmen, have mobilized 113 Sponsors.

Chairman of Women's Divisions for 1955 in the major cities include: Mrs. Edward Meltzer, Los Angeles; Mrs. William J. Talcoff, Boston; Mrs. Martin Silverman, Cincinnati, and Mrs. Morris S. Arnoff in Cleveland. Mrs. Selig, Mrs. Gershon and Mrs. Katchke will continue to lead the women's Bond activities in Miami, Newark and Detroit respectively.

Nothing contained herein is intended to describe the State of Israel Bond Issue or to sell Bonds. All material necessary for description of the Bonds as a prerequisite for their purchase, is to be found only in the Prospectus of the Development Issue of State of Israel Bonds, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

JULIUS KLEIN 110 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET CHICAGO 3, ILL.

May 9, 1955

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple 105th and Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing herewith several documents which I believe to be self-explanatory.

If you will be kind enough to read the letter addressed to Judge Harry Hershenson, dated April 21, 1955, this will explain the entire matter.

I look forward to your reaction to this material with a great deal of interest.

With kindest regards, I am

Faithfully yours,

Julius Klein/ecm

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April 21, 1955

Judge Harry G. Hershenson Criminal Court Building 26th and California Avenue Chicago, Illinois

Dear Harry:

I believe that the Jack Benny - Jack Kirsch Bond Drive Dinner was the most successful one held thus far. Nothing that was said there justified the participants work enough; but, as you and I discussed, what was not said and what was not done is the cause of great concern to those of us who have always put Israel above party politics. Why the Democrats continue to explicit Israel as their own achievement is something I cannot understand.

We had a similar situation in 1953 - I am enclosing a copy of the letter I wrote at that time to Abe Feinberg, who immediately arranged a meeting in New York with President Truman. Two days later, Truman personally delivered a speech and said:

"American diplomats, including Secretary of State John Hay, encouraged the early Jewish settlers in Palestine in the late 19th century. The first bill for aid to Israel had bi-partisan sponsorship, including the late Senator Taft. American support for Israel's independence today is the support of our whole people, and not the support of one or the other of our great political parties."

I am also enclosing the complete text of the speech, and more important, the confidential digest of the Forrestal Diaries which gives you an inside view of what happened behind the scenes.

We Republicans have never reminded our Democratic friends of what President Roosevelt said to Ton Saud. I know what happened during the early stage of the recognition period. Fortunately, men like Abe Feinberg, Sam Rosenman, Louie Johnson, Bill O'Dwyer, Herbert Lehman,

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Jack Javits, and Owen Brewster are still alive. Dave Niles was the spearhead along with Bob Taft of this great movement. Republicans and Democrats of the Foreign Affairs and Armed Forces Committees were on the side of the State Department which opposed establishment and recognition of Israel. It was the wonderful teamwork of Taft, Dave Niles, and Abba Hillel Silver during meetings, in which I participated, that brought this to a head.

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The dean of the Zionist's cause, and theman who instilled in me that great spirit, is our mutual good friend Judge Harry Fisher. I think you and he should have a talk. Furthermore, I think we ought to ask the Administration or a friendly Senator to open the files and publish the true story. I do not like to see history distorted, it might hurt the overall cause.

I am happy that Jacob Arvey and Harry Fisher have received so much praise - after all, they are our local leaders; but, I resent, with you, that Truman is exclusively given credit for the creation or recognition of Israel. Credit belongs to the soldiers who died on the battlefield. Recognition was given by Truman in the name of the people of the United States after he knew he had the backing of Senator Taft -who was ready to introduce a resolution in the United States Senate asking for formal recognition of Israel, and asking for the withdrawal of the United States from the United Nations if the United Nations was not able to cope with such a small problem like Israel. This was done during the zero hour of the crisis. President Truman was kept posted by Owen Nrewster and Dave Niles of Senator Taft's uncompromising and firm position, which was contrary to the position taken by those in power.

In addition to this, Truman was informed what Dewey was ready to say (both were opposing each other as candidates for the Fresidency) so naturally he felt fortified to do the right thing at the right time - for which he deserves credit and everlasting gratitude; but, at the same time, our beloved friend, Senator Taft, Dr. Silver and others are entitled to their share of the recognition. Once the files are opened, their hard work will receive its just tribute and become a part of history. We must not overlook the fact that Truman was a candidate and played "practical politics" - so did Dewey, both were after the so-called Jewish vote. Taft was not a candidate, he was always a Christian Zionist and carrie d on where his father left off. While Truman was still considering the issue, and while Truman did not rebuke his United

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Nations delegate, Austin, or the members of his administration (Marshall, Acheson, and Forrestal), Bob Taft and Owen Brewster, and also Guy Gillette Kept up their fight without yielding an inch.

The man who gave so unselfishly of his time and effort to further the cause of Israel was Eliahn Epstein, new known as Eliahn Elat - the present Israeli Ambassador in London. At that time, he was the representative of the Jewish Agency later he became the first Israeli Ambassador to the United States. He is custodian of the record and a witness of all the facts of this historical period; and, once a "White Paper" is published it will show that our Chicago leaders including Senator Lucas could not get any satisfaction from Truman or the State Department. It will also bring to the forefront the fine role played by Bill O'Dwyer. What is more important, it will show that without Taft there would have been no immediate satisfactory solution - even though I feel that no one in the world could have stopped the establishment and recognition of Israel.

There is one man who should write the story of what happened behind the scenes and that is former Senator Owen Brewster. This should be done in collaboration with former Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson - one of the most loyal and steadfast friends we had. It was Louis Johnson was drafted the recognition statement for Truman after the various conferences with the aforementioned leaders in New York. It was Louis Johnson, the only living Democrat in my estimation, who deserves the lion's share and some day history should do Taft, Johnson, Niles, Silver and others justice for what they did.

I want you to study the enclosed file with great care and discuss it with Harry Fisher. In the meantime, I am going to Washington and will talk with our friend, Simon Sobeloff, and will try to find a way for the true story to be told once and for all.

Why the Chicago Jewish leaders cannot operate like the New York leaders do, I do not know. In New York, there is always mutual respect and harmony on any question regarding Israel. As much as Dewey and Lehman disliked each other, they cooperated and were a great team when the situation concerned Israel. This was true of everyone all the way down the line.

Kindest regards and I hope to see you as soon as I return from Washington.

Sincerely,

Julius Kleinffhm Enclosures

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Superior Court of Cook County

County Building

Harry G. Hershenson, Judge In Chambers Chicago 2, Illinois

April 22, 1955

General Julius Klein 110 South Dearborn St. Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear General:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 21st, 1955.

I agree with you that the Jack Benny - Jack Kirsch Bond Drive Dinner was a success. However, the dinner which was tendered to Colonel Arvey was the most successful, and I doubt that it will ever be equalled in Chicago.

Colonel Arvey and Judge Fisher are entitled to all of the praise and commendation that can possibly be given to them for the part they played in the establishment and recognition of Israel and for the work they have done since that time in helping raise funds for the State of Israel.

Insofar as the other matter is concerned, I am in accord with your idea that someone should write a very short history, or, as you call it, "A White Paper", giving the facts as they are, and giving proper credit and recognition to the men who deserve it.

May I recall to your mind that at the time Israel became a State you were National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans and I was Department Commander for Illinois. I was present in Washington with you when Senator Taft was in conference with you and everybody was very much worried as to what the Truman Administration was going to do with reference to recognizing the State of Israel. It was at that meeting that Senator Taft made the statement that if Israel were not recognized by the Administration, he would introduce the resolution in the Senate that you mention in your letter.

I will look forward to seeing you when you return from Washington.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely.

/s/ Harry

Harry G. Hershenson

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April 25, 1955

Judge Harry Fisher 3740 Lake Shore Drive Chicago, Illinois

My dear Harry:

Enclosed for your personal information is a letter I have dispatched to our mutual good friend Harry Hershenson. The letter is self-explanatory. Judge Hershenson has the confidential Forrestal File, other documents, and minutes which show what happened behind the scenes before and during the crisis, and subsequent to the recognition of Israel.

Before leaving for Washington, I had a nice talk with Harry and told him to speak to you and Abe Marovitz. Some of the local democrats still do not want to become enlightened; fortunately, you and Abe are very noble "exceptions to the rule". The Chicago Democrats could surely learn something if they watched the conduct of the New York counterparts.

During the time I was National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans, Counsel to the GOP National Committee, and Bob Taft's advisor — Harry was with me, Bob Taft, and the others in Washington before, during, and after the crisis. No one knows the story better than Harry, and he can fill you in on the details.

With a national election coming up next year, I am afraid we will have a repetition of what has happened thus far. Only the people and the cause of Israel will suffer if we don't put a stop to the cheap exploitation game of some of our own friends.

Your noble role will forever remain enshrined in the history of American Jewry. We all know what you have done to further our cause, and I have always been prompt to follow your leadership.

If all the papers are released and the people find out the truth once and for all, I think it will be of benefit to all concerned.

I am also sending a copy of this letter to our find friend, Solicitor General Sobeloff. Hope to see you soon.

Kindest regards

Sincerely,

Julius Klein/fhm

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December 1, 1953

Mr. Abraham Feinberg 350 Fifth Avenue New York, New York

Dear Abe:

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I really don't know how to start this letter -- but I write it with a very heavy heart. I do not have the right to complain directly to the Israel authorities or the Israeli Ambassador after all, with all our love and admiration for the State of Israel and what we are doing for it -- we are still American citizens, and as such I do not believe I have the right to complain to them about the activities of fellow Americans. This is solely a problem facing us. Indirectly I do feel that the Israeli Government has a moral responsibility as to what is going on here. The Bond Drive is after all inspired by and for the benefit of the Israel Government and the Committee, of which I am a member of the Board of Directors. It is directly or indirectly subject to suggestions or semi-controlled by those interested in the financial affairs of the new State. Mr. Henry Montor is the Director of this organization and Morganthau is the Chairman of the Board.

The events that occurred here in Chicago, just last Saturday, convince me that no matter how much money was realized from the sale of Bonds, that the damage we have done to the cause of Israel will far exceed the funds raised and the good we are trying to do as American citizens is impaired by politicians using the cause and the State of Israel to exploit their own party to their own advantage.

There is no argument that either you or I have with the part that Harry S. Truman played in recognizing the infant state of Israel. You know my respect for him, you know what a supporter I am of the Weitzmann Institute and how glad I am to attend your dinner this Thursday night -- where Truman will speak. The contribution I made of \$2,500 to this cause, this year, as I did last year, is only a small token of my esteem and admiration for the wonderful ideals you represent in sponsoring such a worthy cause. But when you and I and Dave Niles and Owen Brewster and a few others who were vitally interested in the cause of Israel worked together, we made certain that partisan politics were kept out of it. This Harry Truman affair was arranged in Chicago -- the first letter they sent out, which was authorized by the local Bond people and signed by Judge Burman, inferred that with a single action on the part of Harry S. Truman, the State of Israel was created. I am certain that Truman himself would not claim such credit. If you could have heard on Saturday how Truman was introduced at the dinner, and at the affair which followed, you would feel the same as I. Take a look at the program. Not a single Republican was included in the program. We could have had Senator Ivew here; we could have had Javits here; a committee could have gone to see Governor Stratton or Senator Dirksen,

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appealing to them to make the introduction of Truman as the speaker. I made the suggestion to have either Governor Stratton or Senator Dirksen make the introductions, but no, if you look at the committee, the Democrats were in full control of the affair. The reaction is most unfavorable. I have been on the telephone ever since Saturday trying to "alibi" for what occurred.

It was an effort on my part to prevent the press here from blasting the whole thing.

Now how do you expect us to continue operating and helping the cause, when individuals are using this as a political media to advance their own ideologies and ignoring other groups -- distorting history and claiming all credit for one party.

This is bad business, Abe, and needless to say, I am terribly disturbed about it. Now I am fed up and I think I ought to take the same line that you did -- to devote my time solely to the Weitzmann Institute and stay clear of Israel or State Department politics. For the past six weeks, and no one knows it better than you and our friends in the Israeli movement, I have done nothing else but work behind the scenes with our friends in the State Department and our friends in the White House to bring about a change in the decision that was made a few weeks ago and help to bring about a solution that was most acceptable to all parties concerned. Now all this concentrated effort has gone up in smoke because I have no answer to give for what took place here Saturday. I think you should know these things and that you should draw your own conclusions. I think, in the future, if the Israeli Embassy or the Israeli Consulates or the Zionist Organization or the Emergency Council or the Agency or anyone else have any problems of Administration, I suggest they contact Henry Montor in New York, or this fellow Seymour Fishman in Chicago, and let them worry about it. As far as I'm concerned, I think it is time I took a back seat and let someone else assume these worries.

I am sure you will understand what I mean. I think you should have all these facts before you and when I see you, I'll fill you in on this thing in more detail. All I suggest you do is look at the program and try to find out what happened here. Try to get an impartial report and I'm sure you will see that it is nothing short of a miracle that we were not blasted more than we were -- and belive me, it took a lot of effort to accomplish this.

Since I do not like to criticize without offering something constructive in return, I think that first of all this entire matter should be brought to the attention of (off the record and in a very diplomatic way) the Israeli diplomatic representatives in Washington, so that they, on their own, can find out what really happened in Chicago, because after all, I may be just as biased and just as prejudiced as my beloved Democratic friends, and I want to be sure that I am submitting to you a very unbiased report. Then steps should be taken to see to it that such a thing is never repeated again because the damage done is absolutely irrepairable; the reprecussions I had from Washington were deplorable. When you are in Washington next, I'll let you talk to some of my friends in the White House and in the State Department and you will see for yourself how they feel about this project. I cannot understand why they

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cannot operate the way you used to when Dave Niles and you and I and a few others behind the scenes, worked for one common cause -and that cause was Israel. That should and must be done. I think that if you can find a solution for it, you will be rendering a great service to Israel.

They think that because they sold a million dollars worth of bonds, they have had a great success. Believe, me, the damage that has been done, when we really need help, is such that I consider this one of the great disasters and mistakes which will take months of hard work and good will to repair. You just cannot be knocking at the door of the Administration, and then on the outside just "spit in their face" as has been done deliberately in this case. It is just not in the cards to work this way. It is the old story -- when professionals are running a show such as this one, without regard to policy, without regard to diplomacy, without regard for the over-all picture, then this is the result. I feel I am within my rights to criticize. You know that Ernest and I are two of the heaviest bond buyers in Chicago. My love for Israel is from the heart because I know it is the best fir <u>all</u> Americans, for all U.S. citizens and for all Jews.

With kindest regards, I am

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Sincerely yours,

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NOTES OF ADDRESS DELIVERED BEFORE THE INAUGURAL CONFERENCE LAUNCHING THE 1956 CAMPAIGN OF ISRAEL BONDS Hotel Seville Hiami Beach, Florida February 4, 1956 by DR. ABEA HILLEL SILVER

I have read with great interest Ex-President Truman's Memoirs, especially those parts which relate to the events which led up to the proclamation of the State of Israel.

The Israeli and the Jewish people throughout the world will forever be grateful to Mr. Truman for the tremendous help which he gave to their cause in the decisive hour and for having been a consistent friend of the State of Israel ever since.

Mr. Truman refers in his Memoirs, deprecatorily, to the "extreme" Zionists. I do not know what he means by "extreme" Zionists. Presumably the reference is to those Zionists who worked for the establishment of an independent Jewish State, who urged our Government to assist in this work, and to grant recognition to Israel once it was established. The State of Israel was established and our Government <u>did</u> recognize it. In fact, it was Mr. Truman himself who, as President of the United States, gave the first recognition to the **Mew** State. In so doing he clearly endorsed the position taken by those whom he now calls "extreme" Zionists.

What was extreme about these Zionists was their unrelenting persistence and unflagging efforts without which their cause might never have succeeded. Mr. Truman himself calls attention to the fact that the Specialists on the Near East in our State Department "were almost without exception unfriendly to the idea of

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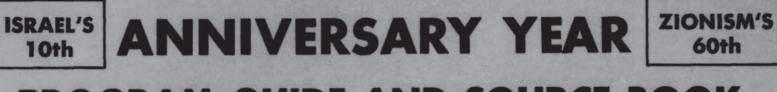
a Jewish State." He is sorry to report "that there were some among them who were also inclined to be anti-semitic " and that they almost succeeded in putting it over on him.

When, under pressure from those same forces, our Government reversed itself in March of 1948, and requested a special session of the Assembly of the United Nations in order to re-impose a "temporary" trusteeship on Palestine, it was these same "extreme" Zionists who by their redoubled efforts and powerful appeal to the citizens of our country, averted what would have been a political disaster and brought the policy of the Truman administration back to the its sound and just course.

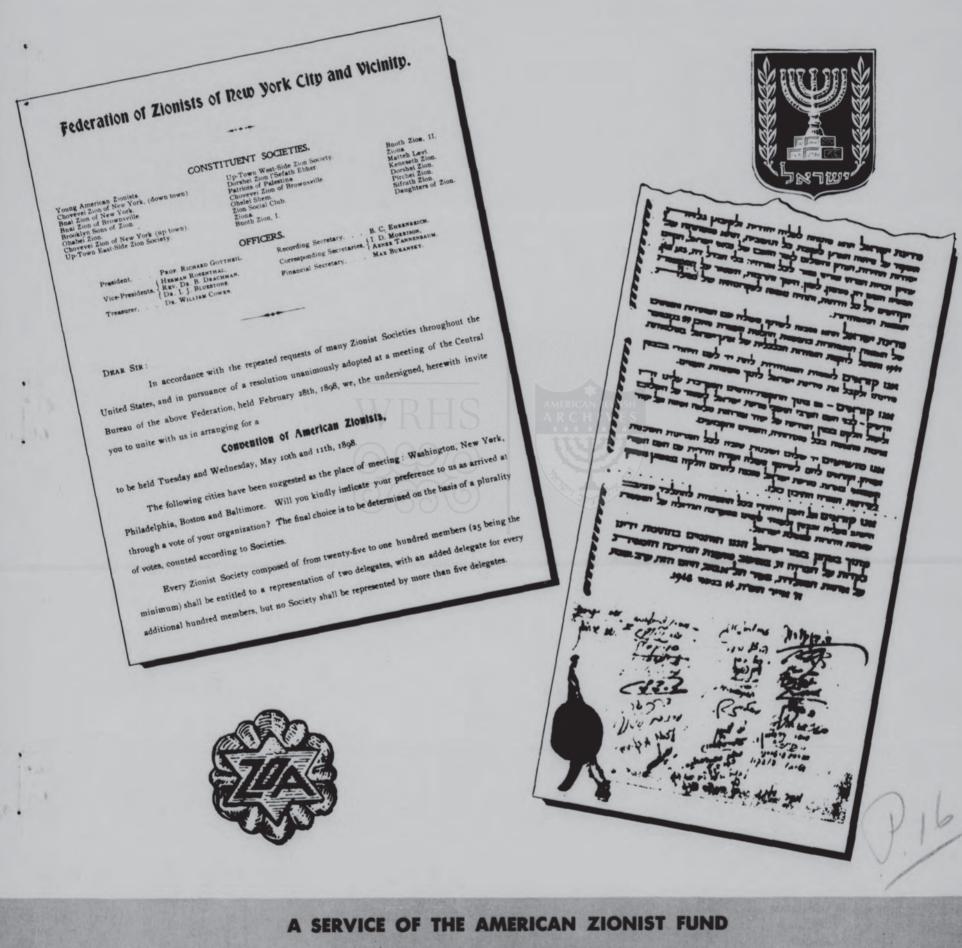
Needless to say that our State Department at the present time still harbors these same "specialists" on the Near East and that they are still almost without exception, unfriendly to the idea of a Jewish State. They are still trying to "put it over" on the President and our Secretary of State.

The State of Israel was established in spite of the unfriendly attitude of these people, in spite of the violent opposition and sabotage of Great Britain and the armed attacks of Arab Governments. I am strongly of the bellef that the State of Israel, which is soon to celebrate its eighth anniversary, will, in spite of all these continuing oppositions and conspiracies, continue to grow and prosper. Its people are firm in their moral integrity and in their resolve to defend themselves and their country at all costs. They are steadily building for strength and security, while at all time seeking the ways of peace. They are learning that which is very difficult for a young State to learn — how to exercise restraint in the face of constant provocation, and how to keep on building under severe threat and danger.

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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PROCLAMATION : The fifth day of Iyar, Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day!

"תקע בשופר גדול לחרותנו, ושא נס לקבץ גלויותנו, וקבצנו יחד מארבע כנפות הארץ!"

"Blow the great trumpet of our freedom, and raise the banner to gather our Exiles from the four corners of the earth."

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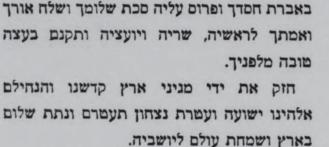
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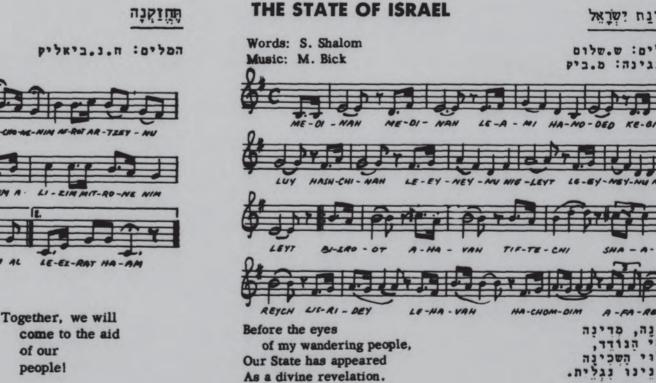
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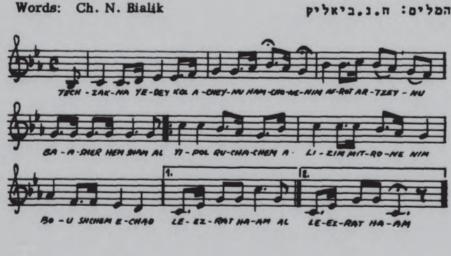
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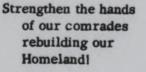
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USING THE MATERIALS

This Program Guide and Source Book is directed to observance of both Israel's tenth and Zionism's sixtieth anniversary years. While prepared primarily for ZOA groups, the contents can easily be adapted for programs of wider scope involving also non-Zionists and non-Jews.

Such items as the prayers, responsive readings, and playlets will supply the substance of celebration programs. The chronology, documents, and statements by Zionist leaders are intended as reference materials for the guidance of chairmen and speakers.

In all celebrations of Israel's tenth anniversary adequate place should be given to the role of the Zionist Organization in the creation and the building of the State.

The materials herein are offered as tentative suggestions, to stimulate your own inventiveness. Local creativity and enterprise are an invaluable asset in planning the observance. Specific aid in shaping your program will gladly be furnished by

> Your Zionist Region The ZOA Speakers' and Artists' Bureau The ZOA Program and Education Department

Reports and requests for assistance are cordially invited.

PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

The observance should be arranged on as broad a community basis as possible, initiated and led by the Zionist District.

The youth of the community especially should be drawn in, as participants in the preparation and program and also as audience. The Jewish struggle for a place among the nations is an ideal theme for inspiring our youth to identification with their people and dedication to its future.

The suggested program numbers which follow are of course to be adapted to local conditions and needs--

- OPENING--ANTHEMS: Singing of the Israeli and American national anthems. (According to official protocol, the American anthem should be last.) This may be preceded by a flag ceremony if Jewish War Veterans or other fitting personnel are available.
- INVOCATION: Several texts are readily available. The Rabbi may also read selections from the Bible (Genesis, Prophets) which particularly refer to the redemption of Zion. This can be followed by responsive reading from the Hallel Psalms; audience participation is important.
- PROCLAMATION: "The fifth day of Iyar, Yom Haatzmaut, Israel's Independence Day! (In Hebrew, followed by English translation:) 'Blow the great horn of our freedom and raise the banner to gather our exiles from the four corners of the earth!" Reading of the text of Israel's Declaration for the State, followed by trumpet peal and--
- CHOIR: Sings "Medinat Israel," "Techezakna," or other appropriate song.
- PRAYER for the welfare of the State of Israel, in Hebrew and English.
- MUSICAL NUMBERS should be interpolated in the program, whether solo, choral, instrumental, or community singing of Hebrew songs. This last is an essential, for maximum audience enjoyment.

DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE OR READING and/or

READING OF POETRY SELECTIONS; The first two dramatic sketches in this Guide can be done as microphone readings, but the Youth Presentation must be enacted.

GREETINGS AND MESSAGES from notables.

MAIN ADDRESS.

FINALE -- CHORAL OR COMMUNITY SINGING.

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The order of the numbers, the omission of some or the substitution of others, is of course optional, depending on the program personnel, type of audience, and time available. For example, it may prove advisable to have a feature not mentioned in the outline above, such as one of the films listed in this Guide.

Timing of the program is of essential importance. Each number should be accurately allotted its time and held to it strictly.

Preparations should be methodically undertaken including invitations, publicity, decorations and rehearsals. Preliminary steps might include the issuance of an official proclamation by the Governor or Mayor, for which a suggested text is given following. A radio or TV program may prove a practical possibility. Time on your local stations should be tried for; a film or other appropriate materials will be supplied for this purpose.

For decorations, the seal and flag of Israel, the emblem of the ZOA, banners and blow-ups, etc. naturally suggest themselves as motifs. The setting should be impressive--but not dull; colorful--but not garish! The youth can be utilized to advantage in this phase of the work; assign the designing and production of decorative materials, to some of your talented Young Zionists or older Young Judaeans.

Additional materials, booking of films or scheduling of speakers should be requested with as large a margin of time allowed as possible. Your Region and the National Office are eager to serve you in accordance with your needs.

Suggested Text of

PROCLAMATION FOR ISRAEL'S TENTH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

WHEREAS, the State of Israel will celebrate its tenth anniversary year beginning April 24, 1958; and

WHEREAS, the young and flourishing State is completing a decade of inspiring progress as a democracy dedicated to the same ideals on which our own country was founded; and

WHEREAS, Israel has remained a steadfast bastion of the free world in a troubled and turbulent area and has shown constant proof of friendship and community of interest with the United States, and

WHEREAS, it continues to fulfill its great and historic role of providing purposeful work, secure homes, and abiding hope to hundreds of thousands of refugees from persecution and intolerance; and

WHEREAS, Israel has made giant strides forward in agriculture and industry, with acknowledged and welcome help from the United States, redeeming the desert, building new cities, and expanding the horizons of its growing population; and

WHEREAS, it has kept equal pace in the arts and sciences, making a notable contribution to humanity and civilization in these fields, and

WHEREAS, Israel stands as a noble expression of the high purposes and ideals of the Zionist Organization, which brought it into being; and

WHEREAS, it is a symbol of peace and brotherhood and an exemplar of selfhelp to the backward nations of the earth,

NOW, THEREFORE, I (Governor of the State of (Mayor of the City of to , 1958, as Israel's Tenth Anniversary (month) (week) (period) in honor of the renascent nation of Israel, and I bid all our citizens join joyfully in its celebration in harmony and brotherhood.

PRAYER FOR THE STATE OF ISRAEL

Our Father in Heaven, Rock and Redeemer of Israel, bless the State of Israel, the inaugural flowering of our redemption. Protect her with Thy love. Spread over her the tabernacle of Thy peace, and bestow of Thy light and Thy truth upon her leaders, governors and counselors, and endow them with Thy divine counsel.

O God, strengthen the hands of the defenders of Israel and lead them to triumphant victory. Grant peace to Thy Holy land and tranquility to her inhabitants.

We beseech Thee, O God, remember our brethren, the whole household of Israel in all the lands of their dispersion. Speedily restore them in dignity to Zion, Thy city, and to Jerusalem, the abode of Thy name, as it is written in Thy Holy Torah: "If any of thine that are dispersed be in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there will the Lord thy God gather thee, and from there will He fetch thee. And the Lord thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it: and He will make thee more prosperous and numerous than thy fathers. And the Lord thy God will circumcise thy heart, and the heart of thy offspring, to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live."

Unite our hearts to love Thee, to revere Thy name, and to observe the precepts of Thy Torah.

"Shine forth in the majesty of Thy power over all the inhabitants of Thy world, that all with life's breath in their nostrils may proclaim: 'The Lord God of Israel is King and His dominion ruleth over all.'"

(Jewish Agency Torah Department, New York)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Our God and God of our fathers, our voices rise in humble gratitude unto Thee for the miracle of the rebirth of Israel which Thou hast wrought in our own days. Gladness fills our souls as our brothers in ever mounting numbers come to their ancestral home from the lands of oppression.

We thank Thee, O Lord, for the great mercy Thou hast shown them. May they find upon the sacred soil of their homeland healing of the wounds of their bodies and balm for the anguish of their souls.

Grant, O Lord, that this new Israel will dedicate itself to Thy Torah and fashion a community which will become the pattern for all mankind. Make it steadfast in the faith that "out of Zion shall go forth the Law and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." Prosper Zion! Grant it health and strength, courage and wisdom, and reverence for Thee -- that Thy Kingdom may be established speedily.

In celebrating the rebirth of Israel we pray, O Lord, that the whole house of Israel will unite to do Thy will. And, as we seek Thy favor for the welfare of the new State, so we invoke Thy blessings upon our country and upon all mankind. Hasten the day when the vision of Thy prophets will be realized: The Lord shall be One and His name shall be One in a world of Universal justice, peace and brotherhood. Amen. (Union of American Hebrew Congregations)

RESPONSIVE READINGS FROM THE HALLEL PSALMS

Israel's Day of Independence marks a deliverance and a miracle that is ' unprecedented in Jewish history, at least since the Second Temple era, ' constituting the restoration of Jewish sovereignty in the Holy Land and ' involving the gathering of hundreds of thousands of Jews from centuries ' of exile in their lands of oppression. By all accounts, these soul-stirring events warrant, from the point ' of view of Jewish tradition, special thanks giving to the Creator and ' commemoration. ' The Israel Chief Rabbinate has therefore enjoined festive garb, feasting' ' and kindling of lights, issuing a special order of prayer including thanks-' giving psalms, the recital (without the accompanying benedictions) of the ' ' Hallel (Song of Deliverance) and Haftara (Reading from the Prophets), and ' ' the sounding of the Shofar. 1 _ _ _ _ _ _ . When Israel came forth out of Egypt, The house of Jacob from a people of strange language, Judah became His sanctuary, Israel His dominion. The sea saw it and fled, the Jordan turned backward. The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like young sheep. What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleest? Thou Jordan, that thou turnest backward? Ye Mountains, that ye skip like rams; ye hills, like young sheep? Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, At the presence of the God of Jacob; Who turned the rock into a pool of water, (Psalm 114) The flint into a fountain of waters. Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, But unto Thy name give glory, For Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake. Wherefore should the nations say: Where is now their God? But our God is in the heavens; whatsoever pleased Him He hath done. The Lord hath been mindful of us, He will bless -He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron; He will bless them that fear the Lord, both small and great. (Psalm 115) I love that the Lord should hear my voice and my supplications. Because He hath inclined His ear unto me, Therefore will I call upon Him all my days. The cords of death compassed me, And the straits of the nether-world got hold upon me, I found trouble and sorrow.

But I called upon the name of the Lord: I beseech Thee, O Lord, deliver my soul. Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; Yea our God is compassionate. The Lord preserveth the simple; I was brought low and He saved me.

Return, O my soul, unto thy rest; For the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee. For Thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling. I shall walk before the Lord in the lands of the living.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. I will pay my vows unto the Lord, yea, in the presence of all His people; In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. (Psalm 116)

O Praise the Lord, all ye nations; Laud Him, all ye peoples. For His mercy is great towards us, And the truth of the Lord endureth forever. (Psalm 117)

Out of my straits I called upon the Lord; He answered me with great enlargement. The Lord is for me; I will not fear; What can man do unto me?

The Lord is for me as my helper; And I shall gaze upon them that hate me.

> It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

All nations compass me about; verily, in the name of the Lord I will cut them off. They compass me about, yea, they compass me about; verily, in the name

of the Lord I will cut them off.

They compass me about like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns; Verily, in the name of the Lord I will cut them off.

Thou didst thrust sore at me that I might fall; But the Lord helped me. The Lord is my strength and my song; and He is become my salvation.

The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents of the righteous; The right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.

The right hand of the Lord is exalted; The right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly. I shall not die but live and declare the works of the Lord.

The stone which the builders rejected is become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day which the Lord hath made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.

> O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good, For His mercy endureth forever.

(Psalm 118)

Some of the

BASIC DOCUMENTS

THE BIBLE

"Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for the father of a multitude of nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. And I will establish My covenant between Me and thy seed after thee throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land of thy sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God." (Genesis XVII:5-8)

And the Lord appeared unto him (Isaac) and said: "Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of. Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath which I swore unto Abraham thy father; and I will multiply thy seed as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these lands; and by thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." (Genesis XXVI:2-4)

And it shall come to pass in the end of days, That the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow unto it. And many peoples shall go and say: 'Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, To the house of the God of Jacob; And he will teach us of His ways, And we will walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. (Isaiah II:2,3)

And I will turn the captivity of My people Israel, And they shall build the waste cities and inhabit them; And they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; They shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. And I will plant them upon their land, And they shall no more be plucked up Out of their land which I have given them, Saith the Lord thy God. (Amos IX:14,15)

THE BASLE PROGRAM - 1897, FIRST ZIONIST CONGRESS

"The aim of Zionism is to create for the Jewish people a home in Palestine secured by public law.

In order to attain this object the Congress adopts the following means:

1. The systematic promotion of the settlement of Palestine with Jewish agriculturists, artisans, and craftsmen.

2. The organization and federation of all Jewry by means of local and general institutions in conformity with the local law.

3. The strengthening of Jewish sentiment and national consciousness.

4. Preparatory steps for the procuring of such Government assents as are necessary for achieving the object of Zionism."

"Foreign Office "November 2nd, 1917"

"Dear Lord Rothschild, -- I have much pleasure in conveying to you, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, the following declaration of sympathy with Jewish Zionist aspirations, which has been submitted to and approved by the Cabinet:

"His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country!

"I should be grateful if you would bring this declaration to the knowledge of the Zionist Federation.

> "Yours Sincerely, "Arthur James Balfour"

THE PALESTINE MANDATE

a. It incorporated the wording of the Balfour Declaration.

b. "The mandatory shall be responsible for placing the country under such political, administrative and economic conditions as will secure the establishment of the Jewish National Home...the development of self-governing institutions, and also for safeguarding civil and religious rights of all the inhabitants of Palestine, irrespective of race and religion." (Art. II)

c. "An appropriate Jewish agency shall be recognized as a public body for the purpose of advising and cooperating with the Administration of Palestine....The Zionist Organization, so long as its organization and constitutions are in the opinion of the mandatory appropriate, shall be recognized as such agency. It shall take steps to secure the cooperation of all Jews who are willing to assist in the establishment of a Jewish national home." (Art. IV)

d. "The Administration of Palestine....shall facilitate Jewish immigration under suitable conditions and shall encourage, in cooperation with the Jewish Agency.... close settlement by Jews on the land.... (Art. VI)

THE BILTMORE PLATFORM

Excerpts from the Declaration Adopted by the Extraordinary Zionist Conference, May 11, 1942, at Hotel Biltmore, New York

6. The Conference calls for the fulfillment of the original purpose of the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate which "recognizing the historical connection of the Jewish people with Palestine" was to afford them the opportunity, as stated by President Wilson, to found there a Jewish Commonwealth.

The Conference affirms its unalterable rejection of the White Paper of May, 1939. . . The policy of the White Paper is cruel and indefensible in its denial of sanctuary to Jews fleeing from Nazi persecution; and . . . in direct conflict with the interests of the allied war effort. 8. The Conference declares that the new world order that will follow victory cannot be established on foundations of peace, justice and equality, unless the problem of Jewish homelessness is finally solved.

The Conference urges that the gates of Palestine be opened; that the Jewish Agency be vested with control of immigration into Palestine and with the necessary authority for upbuilding the country, including the development of its unoccupied and uncultivated lands; and that Palestine be established as a Jewish Commonwealth integrated in the structure of the new democratic world.

ISRAEL'S DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE *

WE, MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLE'S COUNCIL, REFRESENTATIVES OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF ERETZ ISRAEL AND OF THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT, ARE HERE ASSEMBLED ON THE DAY OF THE TERMINATION OF THE BRITISH MANDATE OVER ERETZ-ISRAEL AND, BY VIRTUE OF OUR NATURAL AND HISTORIC RIGHT AND ON THE STRENGTH OF THE RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, HEREBY DECLARE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JEWISH STATE IN ERETZ ISRAEL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

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THE STATE OF ISRAEL will be open for Jewish immigration and for the Ingathering of the Exiles; it will foster the development of the country for the benefit of all inhabitants; it will be based on freedom, justice and peace as envisaged by the prophets of Israel; it will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex; it will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture; it will safeguard the Holy Places of all religions; and it will be faithful to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

THE STATE OF ISRAEL is prepared to cooperate with the agencies and representatives of the United Nations in implementing the resolution of the General Assembly of the 29th November, 1947, and will take steps to bring about the economic union of the whole of Eretz-Israel.

WE APPEAL to the United Nations to assist the Jewish people in the buildingup of its State and to receive the State of Israel into the comity of nations.

WE APPEAL--in the very midst of the onslaught launched against us now for months--to the Arab inhabitants of the State of Israel to preserve peace and participate in the upbuilding of the State on the basis of full and equal citizenship and due representation in all its provisional and permanent institutions.

WE EXTEND our hand to all neighboring states and their peoples in an offer of peace and good neighborliness, and appeal to them to establish bonds of cooperation and mutual help with the sovereign Jewish people settled in its own land. The State of Israel is prepared to do its share in common effort for the advancement of the entire Middle East.

WE APPEAL to the Jewish people throughout the Diaspora to rally round the Jews of Eretz Israel in the tasks of immigration and upbuilding and to stand by them in the great struggle for the realization of the age-old dream--the redemption of Israel.

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*From declaration published in the Official Gazette, No. 1 of the 5th Iyar, 5708 (14th May, 1948).

I--THE BIBLICAL PERIOD

B.C.E.

17th to 15th centuries: The Patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. 15th to 14th centuries: Exodus from Egypt; conquest of Canaan. 13th to 12th centuries: Judges: Deborah, Gideon, Samson, etc. Mid-11th to Mid-10th centuries: Saul, David, Solomon. c.1000: David establishes capital in Jerusalem. c.960: Solomon builds the Temple. c.930: Division of Kingdom into Judah and Israel. 721: Conquest of Kingdom of Israel by Assyrians. 587: Conquest of Kingdom of Judah and destruction of Jerusalem by Babylonians. 538-515: First return from Babylonian captivity. Rebuilding of Temple in Jerusalem.

II--SECOND TEMPLE PERIOD

457-424: Second return. Ezra and Nehemiah.
333: Alexander the Great conquers Judea.
323-167: Judea under Syrian and Egyptian rule.
167: Revolt of the Maccabees (Hasmoneans).
63: Pompey enters Jerusalem. Beginning of Roman Domination.
37: End of Hasmoneans' rule.
37-4 C.E.: King Herod.

C.E. 66: Revolt of Jews against Romans. 70: Destruction of Jerusalem.

III--UNDER FOREIGN RULE

132-135: Bar-Cochba's revolt against Romans. c. 200: Completion of Mishna (codification of Jewish Law). 352: Jewish revolt against Roman rule in Galilee. 395-640: Byzantine Rule. c. 400: Completion of Jerusalem Talmud (commentary on Mishna). 6th Century: Justinian conquers independent Jewish island of Yotvah (Tiran) in Gulf of Aqaba. 614: Persian invasion, supported by Jewish army. 630: Mohammed concludes treaties with Jewish settlements in southern Palestine, including Eilat. 636: Beginning of Arab domination. 8th, 9th Centuries: Immigration of Jews from Babylon, Egypt and Syria. 10th Century: Immigration of Jews from Africa and Spain. 1099: Crusaders capture Jerusalem. 1141: Yehuda Halevi's journey to Palestine 1210: French and English rabbis settle in Palestine. 1267: Nachmanides rebuilds Jerusalem Jewish community. 1291: Mameluke conquest -- end of Crusader rule. 15th and 16th Centuries: Immigration of Jews from Spain, Portugal, Italy. 1516: Ottoman conquest. c. 1530-c. 1650: Famous Jewish Cabbalists in Safed.

- 1555-63: Composition of Shulhan Aruch, compendium of Jewish Law, by Rabbi Joseph Karo in Safed.
- 18th Century: Immigration of 1500 Jews from Poland, etc.
- 1799: Invasion of Napoleon.
- 1812: Immigration of 400 Lithuanian Jews.
- 1836: Rabbi Zvi Hirsh Kalischer advocates Jewish colonization in Land of Israel.
- 1862: Moses Hess's "Rome and Jerusalem," advocating return to Land of Israel.

IV--PRE-STATE ZIONISM

- 1370: Agricultural School founded in Mikve-Israel.
- 1878: Petach Tikvah, first agricultural settlement, founded.
- 1882: Pinsker's "Auto-Emancipation." Beginning of first Aliyah.

Rishon Le-Zion, Nes Ziona, Zichron Yaakov and Rosh Pina founded.

- 1896: Theodor Herzl's "Judenstaat," advocating revival of Jewish State, published.
- 1897: World Zionist Organization founded at First Zionist Congress, Basle.
- 1898: Federation of American Zionists founded, at New York.
- 1904-1914: Second Aliyah--first seeds of labor movement.
- 1909: Tel Aviv, first all-Jewish city, founded.
- 1911: First kvutza (collective settlement) founded.
- 1917: Balfour Declaration.
- 1918: British occupation of Palestine.
 - Federation of American Zionists becomes Zionist Organization of America.
- 1920: Beginning of Third Aliya. General Federation of Jewish Labor (Histadrut) founded.
- 1922: British Mandate over Palestine confirmed by League of Nations.
- 1925: Hebrew University founded on Mount Scopus.
- 1937: Peel Commission proposes partition, with Jewish State in part of country.
- 1939: British White Paper severely restricting Jewish immigration, land purchase and settlement.
- 1942: Jewish State demanded in Biltmore Program, adopted at New York.
- 1944: Jewish Brigade Group organized in Allied Forces.
- 1946: Anglo-American Committee recommends reversal of White Paper policy and immediate admission of 100,000 D.P.'s.

V--THE ERA OF STATEHOOD

1947:

Nov. 29: United Nations Assembly resolves on partition of Palestine into Jewish and Arab States.

Dec.: Arab attacks on Jews in towns and on roads.

1948

Jan.-Feb.: Arab "Liberation Army" attacks Jewish villages in Galilee. Feb.-March: Arab attacks paralyze Jewish traffic to Jerusalem and Negev. April 6-10: Haganah, Jewish defense force, opens way to Jerusalem. April 12: Arab attacks on Mishmar Ha'emek repulsed. April 22: Jews occupy Haifa. May 13: Jaffa surrenders May 14: Proclamation of State of Israel. May 15: End of British rule. Invasion by Arab armies. June 11: 28 days' Truce imposed by United Nations. July 9: Hostilities renewed by Arabs--Lydda and Ramleh taken by Israel Defense Forces. July 19: Second Truce begins. October 14: Egyptian attacks on Jewish convoy in Negev re-opens hostilities hostilities there. October 20: Beersheba occupied by Israel.

1949

January 25: Elections to First Knesset. February 16: Chaim Weizmann elected President. February 24: Armistice Agreement with Egypt. March 10: First regular government under David Ben-Gurion as Prime Minister. March 23: Armistice agreement with Lebanon. April 3. Armistice Agreement with Jordan. May 11: Israel joins United Nations. July 20: Armistice Agreement with Syria.

Autumn: Beginning of large-scale immigration from Yemen.

1950

Spring: Beginning of large-scale immigration from Iraq.

1951

July 30: Elections to Second Knesset. September 1: Security Council condemns Egypt's anti-Israel Blockade in Suez Canal. End: Lull in large-scale immigration.

1952

November 9: Death of President Weizmann. December 8: Izhak Ben-Zvi elected President. December 23: New Government, including General Zionists.

1953

December 7: David Ben-Gurion resigns and retires to Sdeh Boker. Moshe Sharett becomes Prime Minister.

1955

January 21: Ben-Gurion returns as Minister of Defense. July 26: Elections to Third Knesset. Autumn: Czech-Egyptian arms deal. November 3: New Government with Ben-Gurion as Prime Minister.

1956

October:-November 3. Sinai Operation.

1957

March 8: Completion of Israeli withdrawal. March: Speedup in development of Red Sea port of Eilat.

1957 (cont'd)

April: 3,000 refugees -- 1,000 from Egypt -- enter Israel during Passover Week.

May: On Independence Day, Israel pays homage to the dead of the War of Liberation and of the Sinai Campaign.

- June: Knesset votes approval of the Eisenhower Doctrine. Israel's Cabinet approves a foreign currency budget of \$55,000,000 over last year due to "security purchases" and rising world prices.
- Zionist Organization of America in 60th Jubilee Convention at September: New York, marking six decades of the Zionist Movement and the ZOA.

Ben-Gurion resigns, on issue of Cabinet discipline.

1958

- January: Ben-Gurion forms new Government consisting of the same five parties in the old coalition. Jewish Agency reports that 72,000 immigrants entered Israel in 1957. Radio Moscow continues to attack Israel for "subordination to military plans of the West." Israel will spend \$5,000,000 over the next three years to rehabilitate and repatriate Arabs. Israel inaugurates a powerful new Arab-language station, staffed entirely by Arabs. The new Beersheba-Elat highway, 155 miles long, opened. A budget of 1,166,000,000 Israel Pounds is approved by the Cabinet for the fiscal year 1958-59. Ben-Gurion advises Soviet Russia that Israel strongly desires closer economic and cultural relations with Moscow, at the same time stressing Israel's adherence to the Eisenhower Doctrine.
- February: Israel reports that more than 500 Americans settled there in 1957, the largest figure since 1951. The total number of immigrants from the Western Hemisphere since the establishment of the State is estimated at 10,000.

The record shows that Israel voted with the United States before the 1957 UN General Assembly at least 75 percent of the time.

Israel is reported to have a per capita income of \$510, highest March: among the 19 states which won independence in World War II.

> Some 8,000 Japanese converts to Judaism, who speak only Hebrew among themselves, have repeatedly requested the Israel legation in Tokyo for visas to Israel. Jewish Agency officials are studying possibilities of facilitating their settlement in Israel.

April 24: Celebration of Israel's 10th Anniversary Year begins.

TEN YEARS AGO -- THE "BREAKTHROUGH"

By DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER,* Honorary President, Zionist Organization of America

There are certain achievements in science which are thereafter known as breakthroughs; supersonic speed was such a breakthrough; nuclear fission and the space satellite. In these and similar instances, man battered down barriers that had hemmed him in since the beginning of time. And each breakthrough open up for man new and unexplored worlds of immeasurable possibilities. Each, as it were, was a new day of creation. Now, in human history too, there are such breakthroughs, political, social and economic breakthroughs. The Renaissance was such a one; the American Revolution, the French Revolution, and that of the Soviet Union and its people, the Russian Revolution. With their occurences in history, mankind began to move in radically new directions. And the world was never the same thereafter.

In Jewish history, likewise, there have transpired events of such critical and decisive character, that they too must be regarded as breakthroughs. The exodus from Egypt was such a breakthrough; the giving of the law at Sinai, together with the prophetic movement to which it gave rise, was such a breakthrough for the religious development of Israel, and of mankind for that matter. The return from the Babylonian captivity, the victory of the Maccabees -- each of these momentous events inaugurated a new era and each opened windows upon new horizons for our people.

Now, in my judgment, one of the most significant breakthroughs in Jewish history was the United Nations Resolution of November, 1947, and the proclamation of the State of Israel in May, 1948. These events broke down the 2,000-year-old barrier of the Galut which had hemmed in our people and wedged them in helplessly. It opened a new age of freedom, of political and spiritual independence. It changed everything, including ourselves. We began to think differently and to act and to speak differently. We found ourselves experiencing a complex of new sensations which had been alien to our people for centuries. We discovered unsuspected reservoirs of energy and resources within ourselves, a capacity to undertake and execute projects which formerly we had been persuaded were beyond our powers.

Successful revolutions are nearly always the open sesame to great and daring new enterprises. And they nearly always bring to the front large numbers of heretofore unknown or unenlisted people, who materialize suddenly, and suddenly assume a vital role in the prosecution of these great, new enterprises. And where there were only few, there are now mighty hosts which loom up.

All this happened to us following the breakthrough of ten years ago. These ten years have been tremendous years, glorious in dynamic plans and unprecedented deeds and achievements in valorous defense. No decade in Jewish history is quite comparable to it. So many fears have been proved groundless. So many hopes have been speeded. So many myths have been exploded.

These ten years have been years of testing. The world and we ourselves waited to see whether the Jewish people possessed the stamina, the perseverance, the sagacity, the sacrificial loyalty requisite for the building of the nation. And through ten years, and with mounting wonder and admiration, the world and we ourselves witnessed an unfolding drama of national ingathering and construction

*From an address at the International Conference for State of Israel Bonds, Miami, Florida, February 8, 1958 aid courage and vigor and valor, such as mankind has seldom, if ever, witnessed. And during these ten years Israel has made good in a breathtaking way, not in perfection, but in remarkable progress with daring spirit of enterprise. Israel has made good in shop and field and land and sea and air, in city and town and village, in swamp and wilderness, in schools and higher centers of learning and research, in social service, in a revived language and culture. Israel has made good on the battlefield to the amazement of friends and the confounding of enemies.

Ten years ago, following the great act at the United Nations, I addressed a meeting in the City of New York, which was given as a sort of testimonial to me before I left for a visit to Israel. And in that address I said:

"Our builders in Palestine will have much to endure and much to overcome, but they will assuredly match their hour. They have still to discover their political eyes. They are children of the crucible. They have come from the four corners of the earth and all parts of the Galut, and the Galut leaves its mark on everyone. They hail from all cultural zones and from all political backgrounds. They represent most diversified personal experiences, and they must all be fused into an organic whole. They must learn unity in diversity, patience in distress, and the act of subduing the voices of partisans, the doctrinarian and the fanatic in the joyous tumult of building.

"Our people", I said then, "will live in a land which is not a fortress built by nature for herself against infection and the hand of war, as Shakespeare said of England. It is a very open land whose borders are difficult to defend, and whose security must rest on stout hearts, the political wisdom and the national discipline of its people. What they have gained with courage they will have to keep with prudence. But the spirit, the will and the capacity are there and they will not be found wanting."

And years later, I am proud to repeat that last statement. They will not be found wanting. They have not been found wanting.

But not only they in Israel have not been found wanting, but you have not been found wanting--and the rest of the Jews of the Diaspora. Your loyalty and their loyalty was steadfast and your support and the support of the rest of the Jews of the far-flung Diaspora proved unfailing. And whatever patent of nobility history may come to confer upon this generation of Jews, for their rare dedication to a struggle, will be shared, I am persuaded, equally by our valiant people within the borders of Israel and by their faithful brothers and sisters, co-workers beyond the borders.

What have these last ten years given us? What have these last ten years given our people? Not only a national home, not only the status of a free and sovereign nation, not only a sanctuary of redeemed life and reborn hope for hundreds and thousands of our brethren, refugees for whom the rest of the whole great wide world had no place. Not only an emergent new civilization, a rare blending of the old and new, not only a land risen from the ruins and the waste of the ravages of centuries. One beholds at every turn the strength of youth and the eyes of youth and the hopes of youth. But these last ten years have restored to our people its lost pride, the confidence which the cruel centuries almost succeeded in destroying. The last ten years saved us from fatal despair after the Nazi horrors which rent, bent down and caused the spirit of our people almost to languish unto death. These last ten years have healed us and made us whole again. They have restored to us the sense of national worth and national mission. And history has led us back after many daring and desperate detours to the royal highway of our national destiny. Is our work done after these ten magnificent, exciting, heroic years? Our work will not be done until the ingathering is completed, until the national economy of Israel is stabilized, until it has its borders made secure and its enemies cease from threatening and harassing.

Israel sees itself ultimately as a partner in a companionship of efforts on the part of all people and governments in (the Middle East). I recall that even in ancient days, when Israel faced a hostile Egypt and often a hostile Syria-an Egypt which had enslaved our people for 400 years, and a Syria which destroyed the Kingdom of Israel in 722--nevertheless the prophets in Israel in those days had the larger vision of the ultimate reconciliation. And so the flaming words of the prophet Isaiah pronounced: "In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Syria, even a blessing in the midst of the land whom the Lord of Hosts shall bless, saying, blessed be Egypt, my people, and Syria by the work of my hands and Israel by inheritance."

This is the spirit of Israel all throughout the ages. We need not be concerned greatly with a narrow self-centered Jewish nationalism, inconsiderate and thoughtless of the rights of other peoples. It was Israel who gave to mankind the vision of all peoples beating their swords into plowshares and their knives into pruning hooks, and not going to war anymore, all of them being guided by the God of Justice and the Brotherhood of Peace.

But until that time of acceptance and reconciliation, until such time as statesmen, instead of ambitious politicians, shall arise among the Arab peoples in the Middle East--politicians who will be thinking of how to benefit their peoples, not how to reestablish military empires and dictatorships--until that time comes, Israel must be made secure!

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"PARTNERS, SHARING RESPONSIBILITY. . ."

BY DR. NAHUM GOLDMANN, President, World Zionist Organization

The movement has by far not yet fulfilled its historical tasks. It is fortunately true that the overwhelming majority of the Jewish people is ready to support Israel. But a people has always to be organized and led by dynamic movements; this is one of the laws of democracy. Just as the Zionist movement has mobilized the people to support the fight for the creation of the State of Israel we will have to go on, for a long time, to rally the people around Israel and bring it into a position not only of friends, helpers, and benefactors, but of partners, sharing responsibility for Israel's future and destiny.

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To put through this concept both in the Diaspora and in Israel seems to me to be, for the next years, the most essential historical task of the Zionist movement. Because if we will not succeed and a gap should develop between Israel and the Diaspora this will be, as I said it in Israel, disastrous for Israel and catastrophic for the Diaspora. This leads me to emphasize the necessity to concentrate more and more, in addition to whatever we do in developing and maintaining Jewish life in the Diaspora, on educating Zionists and especially the youth to connect their life with Israel, starting with personal investments and finding its most ideal expression in personal aliyah.

(From a message to the 60th Jubilee Convention of the ZOA)

A ZIONIST CREDO

By DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN, President, Zionist Organization of America

Zionism is not only dynamic Jewish statesmanship, but in large measure also a philosophy of Jewish history and a way of life. My credo as a Zionist begins with Herzl's basic thesis: the Jews are a people -- one people -- not only a religious denomination, not merely an agglomeration of individuals, nor even a collection of communities scattered throughout the world -- but a people, an ethnic group, a historic entity with a rich heritage, a common destiny and a message to the world. This people should not merely survive, but live fully and creatively, developing its particular genius, its moral and intellectual values, and making its distinctive contribution to the sum of human culture and civilization.

In order to fulfill its destiny, the Jewish people must be organically united -- a coherent entity guided and directed not by any hierarchy, lay or clerical, but through the world-wide democratic organization of Jewish life. Zionism found the Jewish people disorganized and disunited, its life chaotic, drifting without chart or compass -- and Zionism supplied the remedy. It gave the Jewish people a parliamentary forum, an address, a voice, a common policy, a democratic leadership and a dynamic world-wide organization.

The declared objective of the Jewish State was a means to an end -- the rebirth and regeneration of the Jewish people, the release of its creative energies, so that it may shape and build its own future and realize its highest potentialities. The Zionist founding fathers were not merely lovers of Zion. That love was there, real and ardent, but they were concerned primarily with the House of Israel, rather than the Land of Israel. If by some cataclysm of nature Palestine had vanished from the map, like the fabled Atlantis, they would have sought and found some other spot to found the new Zion as the basis for the territorial concentration which they envisaged. The Land is holy, but it is the God of Israel and the people of Israel which sanctified its soil. I believe in this territorial concentration -- <u>Kibbutz Galuyot</u> -- as a historic process. It will take time, perhaps several generations, but I pray for the day when at least the majority of the Jewish people will dwell securely in its own land; and it is our task as Zionists to encourage and accelerate the ingathering wherever possible.

The State of Israel is both the child of Zionism and its most powerful instrumentality. It has been created by world-wide Jewish effort, not only for those who are there or will be coming in the next decades, but for the Jewish people, for generations yet unborn in the remotest parts of the world. It is not merely a haven for refugees, but a citadel of strength and power -- the focal point of the universal Jewish will to live. Large numbers of Jews, probably millions, will continue in the foreseeable future to live in the Diaspora. My Zionism is an Integral Zionism which embraces in its concern the whole Jewish people, every individual Jew or Jewess wherever they may be, without distinction of class or shades of religious opinion and belief. All of them -- members of the House of Israel -- are the objects of our solicitude. Integral Zionism therefore includes in its program both the State of Israel and the Diaspora. Simultaneously and concurrently we must restore the land and restore the people, build the State and rebuild Jewish life everywhere.

For the present, the State cannot exist without the backing and support and protection of the Jewish people. Obversely, under the pressure of modern civilization Jewish life cannot flourish in the Diaspora without the radiating influence emanating from Israel. But the relationship is reciprocal. Israel cannot become that spiritual center reinvigorating Judaism unless we in the Diaspora help to make it the expression of our highest ideals, not merely by our material contributions, but by investing the best we have in moral and intellectual resources. We will get out of Israel what we put into it. If there can be a creative Jewish life in the Diaspora it is through our participation in the building of the National Home both materially and morally -- the most important and most significant creative Jewish effort of our life in this epoch of our history.

The building of Israel must be pursued as a joint enterprise both for the sake of Israel and for the sake of the Diaspora. The Jews of the Diaspora have too much at stake to be mere helpers and uninvolved benefactors. The less we are involved, the greater the psychological and spiritual distance. The more we are involved, the closer and more intimate our relationship, the stronger is our unity and the richer the harvest.

From that standpoint, Israel is to us not just a foreign state of which we are "friends." It holds the hope of salvation for our people, physically and spiritually. Nothing that goes on in Israel can be alien to us or beyond the scope of our interest. Its social, cultural and economic problems and the pattern of its development are for us objects of anxious concern. If it is not to be a little "Levantine state" or a tiny "banana republic," it must grow and develop in the prophetic tradition of our people.

Israel is a political entity, and as such is sovereign and independent. We owe it no political allegiance and cannot participate in its civic and political life. But in Israel, as in the Diaspora, there are Jews who are Zionists, integral Zionists, concerned with the totality of Jewish life -- and the Zionist Movement therefore provides a platform and a framework by which the sense of Jewish fraternity and solidarity can be built and developed. The currents of ideas flowing freely between them and ourselves in the course of our Zionist endeavors are a guarantor of that previous unity without which the creation of the State loses half its meaning. The interplay of reciprocal influence between the Zionists of Israel and the Diaspora does not infringe in the slightest upon the sovereignty of that State or on our position as loyal American citizens.

There are some who make a virtue of their non-involvement. The superior loyalty to the State of Israel they claim for themselves is at bottom the unacknowledged expression of a fear that their interest in the affairs of Israel may affect the security of their status here. There are even Zionists who avoid the name "Zionist," seeking a higher degree of acceptability through lower visibility, like those escapists we know who mix only with Jews who don't associate with Jews.

There is a creeping isolationism among Israeli youth, as there is here. The Canaanites want to skip 1900 years of Diaspora history, associated as it is with painful memories of persecution, martyrdom and degradation. But those 1900 years of dispersion also produced a glorious literature and Jewish values which are forever part of our common heritage. Maimonides and Yehuda Halevi, Rashi and Baal Shem are as precious a part of our tradition as are the Maccabees and Bar Kochba. Integral Zionism envisages, therefore, a <u>Yerushalayim shel Maalah</u>, a Jewish culture and civilization transcending frontiers, to which all Jews, both in Israel and the Diaspora, should owe and profess a common allegiance. Lest the two extremes -the assimilationists and isolationists in America and the Canaanites in Israel -should some day meet to threaten the sacred unity of our people, Zionism must fight on two fronts, combatting both trends alike.

Heretofore, we American Zionists have been overwhelmingly preoccupied with the urgent political and economic problems of the National Home and the Jewish State to the neglect of our problems on the American scene. The dictates of integral Zionism demand that we now turn our attention -- not only theoretically, but seriously and practically -- to the internal problems of American Jewish life. Foremost among these is the rearing of a new generation not only in the spirit of American democracy, but dedicated to the preservation of the historic continuity of our people, its literature, its traditions, and its spiritual heritage. All we have done hitherto in the fields of youth, all our Hebrew and Zionist educational activities, are little more than token efforts. A radical readjustment in our program is now called for, requiring both men and money. Only if we succeed in rearing such a new generation, can we hope to reap the harvest for which we pray. Israel is the heart of the Jewish people, but our American community today is the heart-land of the Diaspora. What happens here in the next quarter of a century may well determine the character and the direction of Jewish life and the destiny of our people.

The past decade has been one of great trials, but also of glorious achievement. That we have lived through this period and witnessed the rise, the growth and consolidation of the Third Jewish Commonwealth must be a source of deepest happiness to us all. Facing the future with hope and confidence, we should utter in our hearts a word of thanks to the Almighty, the Guardian of Israel.

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QUOTES

After two thousand years of untold...suffering, the Jewish people cannot possibly be content with attaining at last to the position of a small and insignificant nation, with a State tossed like a ball between its powerful neighbors. (AHAD HAAM, Zionist Congress, 1897)

In Basle I founded the Jewish State. If I said it today, it would be greeted with laughter; but in five years, perhaps, certainly in fifty years, everyone will see it. A State is founded essentially on the will of the people for the State. (HERZL, Diaries, September 30, 1897)

The Jewish Renaissance has come--the nation is reborn, and the Jewish State in its beginning is already here. (LOUIS D. BRANDEIS, Address, 1915)

The Jews demand no privileges...They solicit no favors. They ask no more than an assured opportunity of peacefully building up their national home by their own exertions and of succeeding on their merits.

(ZIONIST ORGANIZATION, Memorandum to League of Nations, 1923)

In this hour a message of hope and good cheer issues from this place, from this sacred city, to all oppressed peoples and to all who are struggling for freedom and equality. (CHAIM WEIZMANN, opening the Knesset, Feb. 14, 1949)

The Land of Israel will be small...but the people of Israel will make it great...Not in opulence but in eminence will their destiny be fulfilled, and the elixir of their pride will be distilled not out of dominion of far-flung borders, but out of the faithful and skillful building of the good society. (ABBA HILLEL SILVER, Vision and Victory, 1949)

POETRY

LIKE UNTO THEM THAT DREAM

When the Lord brought back those that returned to Zion, We were like unto them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, And our tongue was singing; Then said they among the nations: 'The Lord hath done great things with these.' The Lord hath done great things with us; We are rejoiced.

Turn our captivity, O Lord, As the streams in the dry land. They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. Though he goeth on his way weeping that beareth the measure of seed He shall come home with joy, bearing his sheaves.

(Psalms: 126)

THE SILVER SALVER

By Nathan Alterman

"No State is handed to a people on a silver salver." -- Chaim Weizmann

The earth grows still. The sky which was ablaze Dims over sloping frontiers. And a nation Stands there, grief-stricken but intact. It waits The peerless miracle and consummation

Under the moon it waits the ritual, clad In ceremonial awe, till morning breaks. Then two come forth, a maiden and a lad, And in the people's vision slowly pace.

Clumsily girt and clogged for work they walk The climbing path in silence. Their hard day Is heavy on them, and the fire-lined dark

Still stains them with the blood unwashed away.

Weary past telling, strangers to repose, The dew of Hebrew youth damp in their hair, These two approach, unspeaking. No one knows Whether they live or are a shell-torn pair.

The people call, the magic tears brim over The people cry: "Who are you?" and the two Quietly say: "We are the silver salver On which the Jewish State is handed you."

Speaking they fall, at Israel's feet find shade; On Israel's scroll the rest will be displayed. (Translated from the Hebrew by Herbert Howarth)

TO HERZL

By Max Nordau

On the hearts of the people, engraven and sealed, Thy work and thou in every age Live on; we guard thy heritage And faithfully rally to David's proud shield.

In the banner of Zion enfolded, thy bier Will rest in days to come, and we Will keep thy oath; and thou wilt see The fruit of thy planting in fulness appear. (At Seventh Zionist Congress)

FULFILLMENT

By Ludwig Lewisohn

At last on every hilltop burns A clear authentic fire;

At last the heart long broken learns That it can be entire.

We have not fainted for your tears Nor faltered for our ills, But guarded through disastrous years

The imperishable will!

THE BLESSED MATCH

By Hannah Senesh (Hungary-Israel, 1921-1944)

Blessed the match that was burned and ignited flames! Blessed the flame that blazed up in the secret places of the heart. Blessed the heart that throbbed its last beat in honor. Blessed the match that was burned and ignited flames.

(Translated from the Yiddish)

THE HAMMER OF THE LORD

By George Alexander Kohut

When Malice vies with Envy to proclaim That Israel had the courage to excel

In all the arts of Peace, -- but to rebel Against the tyrant and achieve proud Fame By dint of prowess worthy of its name

And, sword in hand, to glory as he fell Upon the battlefield, he did not dare, --

Then 0, then read the Record of the deed The Maccabees accomplished, how they freed Their kinsmen from the yoke; and in the flare

Of Trumpet sound and triumph scorned the greed

Of pillage; and but hastened to repair The hallowed Shrine polluted by the foe, Whose wanton boasts the Lord of Hosts laid low.

(Published in Vol. 1, No. 3 of <u>The Maccabaean</u>, journal of the Federation of American Zionists, December, 1901)

THE FLAME OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF ISRAEL

By David Shimoni (Nestor of Israel's poets and a leading figure in the intellectual cultural life of the land, David Shimoni died in 1956.) Blaze high, O brotherhood of Israel! Flare up into a mighty flame, Giving light and warmth, In this dreadful darkness, in this darkest of all nights Scattered sparks, far-flung sparks, sparks that wander From pole to pole --Gather together, assemble together, be joined together, Into one great living flame, The flame of the unity of our fate, the flame of the brotherhood of Israel! Wherever you are: In the mists of the Island Kingdom, in the prisons of Teutonic Sodom, In the land where the lemons grow, from which Titus came, In sun-scorched Yemen, in the frosts of Siberia, On the banks of the Vistula, Euphrates, Mississippi--by all our rivers of Babylon, In noise-filled Brooklyn and the dumb ghetto of Damascus, Within Jerusalem's walls and the fields of Jezreel --Wherever you are; with hearts burning, with hearts growing cold, With hearts indifferent, despairing, hoping, With hearts yearning, with hearts unfeeling, Blaze high, flare up--scattered, roaming, wandering sparks; Gather together, join together Into a great, living sun, the sun of the brotherhood of Israel. And in this dreadful darkness, in this darkest of all nights, Let our exultant song go up out of the night: "Hear, O Israel: Israel is our fate, Israel is One!"

THE NEW ISFAEL

By Harry Maxman (The writer, of Detroit, has had much verse published in American journals.)

Remember how dark when the foundations were laid, Amid the wisplike hopes when courage took breath? The assiduous hammering of many hearts and hands... And time here has wrought the miracle of birth.

O God is surely in His world that this could be, Each house and home a monument to unfaltering faith: That which is, discerned when it was not... Feel it, each brick yet throbbing from breathless effort.

God's light and His power but fashioned it all... The unstinting hearts who have given its sinew Responded more than to words of its human builders--The power Eternal stood behind them and moved them.

Praise joyously the love of the many who listened! Praise God whose Word will be taught in His old home! Without end, let this marvel be praised each tomorrow: How good is the house of the Lord to abide in and guide us!

A Dramatic Reading

The following sketch is especially appropriate for both the 60th Anniversary of the Zionist movement and the 10th Anniversary of the State of Israel in a single program.

It can easily be produced by three persons, one for the narration, one for the recitation, and a third to play the musical background-either the songs suggested or others that you may substitute. More elaborate presentation would call for several persons to chant the source selections in unison, and either a choral group or a small orchestra to render the musical background. Some of the readings might be given first in Hebrew, then in English. Then, different voices might be used for the recitations, only the narrator remaining the same. No scenery is needed.

NARRATION: Zionism and Israel--sixty years of the Zionist Movement and ten years of the Jewish State--and behind them, thousands of years. For the State of Israel did not come into being overnight and by a sudden miracle. Neither was it the culmination of merely a half-century of Zionist struggle. Zionism has represented many centuries of Jewish yearning and hope. Zionism was a new word for a very old idea insofar as it expressed the eternal longing of the Jew for the land of his fathers from which he was driven two thousand years ago. Zionism began with Judaism. For to Abraham, the first Jew, was the Divine promise given that the Jewish people would inherit the land of Canaan, Eretz Israel, forever.

RECITATION: (Genesis XVII) And I will establish My covenant between Me and thee and thy seed and thy seed after thee throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land of thy sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

NARRATION: That promise was repeated to Isaac. And to Jacob the third patriarch, who was given the name which the new Jewish State bears today--Israel.

RECITATION: (Genesis XVIII) I am the Lord the God of Abraham, thy father, and the God of Isaac. The land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed. And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south. And in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. And behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee whithersoever thou goest, and will bring thee back into this land; for I will not leave thee until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.

(PIANIST softly starts to play "Yerushalayim")

NARRATION: And indeed the Jewish people were forced to wander far from that land, but the promise of the Lord to Jacob, to Israel, remained in their hearts. The Psalmist recorded this hope in the memorable words of the 137th Psalm.

(PIANIST louder, then stops suddenly.)

RECITATION: By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept when we remembered Zion....If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I remember thee not; if I set not Jerusalem above my chiefest joy. NARRATION: And when the dark and menacing shadow of destruction and dispersion fell across the ancient Jewish State in Palestine, the Prophet Isaiah foresaw a time yet to come....

(PIANIST plays "Sisu V'simchu," while recitation goes on.)

RECITATION: And it shall come to pass in the end of days That the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the top of mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills. And all nations shall flow into it. And many peoples shall go and say: 'Come ye and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, To the house of the God of Jacob. And he will teach us of His ways, And we will walk in His paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

(PIANIST plays "V'ulai" through following narration and recitation.)

MARRATION: These prophecies were never forgotten by our people. The optimism born of hope and fulfillment gave Jews steadfast courage in times of adversity. A great Jewish poet in the twelfth century, Yehuda Halevi, lifted his voice in golden expression of the same idea and again our people took courage and kept their eyes fixed fast on the ideal of Zion. Yehuda Halevi expressed his longing...

RECITATION: My heart is in the East, and I in the uttermost West--How can I find savor in food? How shall it be sweet to me? Scattered and lost, we will remember till the end of time the cradle of our childhood; From a thousand seas turn back and seek again thy hills and vales.

(PIANIST plays "Sachaki.")

MARRATION: The honor roll of Zionist pioneers is a long one, and many are the distinguished names of those who, before their time, sought to bring about the restoration of Zion. History has kept its rendezvous with the Jewish people and Theodor Herzl was the first to put in practical terms the dreams of those who had preceded him.

(PIANIST music grows louder and ceases.)

FRIEND: Herzl, my good friend, it is a noble dream which you have.

HERZL: If you will it--it is no dream. I feel that the rebuilding of the Jewish National Homeland in Palestine is about to become a reality.

FRIEND: Well, it will take time--probably centuries.

HERZL: It can be done in fifty years. We are today driven almost to desperation. We must gain support and gather our manpower; while others may make war and destroy, we shall build.

FRIEND: We Jews have waited so long for this time.

HERZL: We have waited, but what else? We have prayed for Zion--written about it--talked about it--but what have we done? How much longer must we continue to be submissive, to remain constantly on the defensive, apologetic for our status in the world. Our self-assertion must be a national one, based on the justice of our claims to our historic Homeland.

FRIEND: And yet not all Jews are willing to listen to you.

HERZL: They must listen. I am neither a seer nor a prophet, but I am convinced that some day a mighty wave of enthusiasm for this project will sweep over the Jewish people. Today we count our supporters in the hundreds. The time will come when we shall be in the millions, when Palestine will be a reality, and every Jew will be proud to call himself a Zionist.

(PIANIST resumes music softly.)

MARRATION: Herzl did not live to see the attainment of his goal, yet he was more truly prophetic than he perhaps realized. It was in 1917 that Lord Balfour, speaking in behalf of the British Government, issued the letter which became known as the Balfour Declaration....

RECITATION: "His Majesty's Government view with favor the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish People and will use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country."

(PIANIST play whole of "Naale L'artzenu.")

MARRATION: And there was a Mandate, too, which incorporated the text of the Declaration--but it was a Mandate honored in the breach. There was a decision by the United Nations on November 29, 1947--and despite this decision, there was doubt whether the will of the nations of the world would be given effect in Palestine. In the spirit of Herzl, however, the Jews willed their own national existence and on May 14, 1948....Israel's Declaration of Independence was issued.

(PIANIST plays "Am Yisrael Hai" throughout reading.)

RECITATION: "We the members of the National Council, representing the Jewish people in Falestine and the Zionist movement of the world, met together in solemn assembly today, the day of termination of the British Mandate for Palestine, by virtue of the natural and historic right of the Jewish people and of the Resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations,

"Hereby proclaim the establishment of the Jewish State in Palestine, to be called Israel.

"The State of Israel will be open to immigration of Jews from all countries of their dispersion; will promote the development of the country for the benefit of all its inhabitants; will be based on the precepts of liberty, justice and peace taught by the Hebrew Prophets; will uphold the full social and political equality of all its citizens, without distinction of race, creed or sex; will guarantee full freedom of conscience, worship, education and culture; will safeguard the sanctity and inviolability of the shrines and Holy Places of all religions; and will dedicate itself to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

"We offer peace and amity to all the neighboring states and their peoples, and invite them to cooperate with the independent Jewish nation for the common good of all. "Our call goes out to the Jewish people all over the world to rally to our side in the task of immigration and development and to stand by us in the great struggle for the fulfillment of the dreams of generations--the redemption of Israel."

MARRATION: It was not easy sailing thereafter. There was war--but the Spirit of the Lord conquered over the sword as the Prophet had foretold.

It has been written that the people of Israel have been motivated by the Word. Isaiah uttered that Word. The Psalmist and Yehuda Halevi re-echoed it. The Word has been given the modern idiom by the defenders of the Land, and by the statesmen and leaders of the Israeli Government. Some people pronounce it "Liberty." Some call it "Freedom." Many nations term it "Independence." But whatever its accent, and whatever its tongue, it has never sounded so sweet as when uttered in modern Hebrew!

(MUSIC should conclude with "Hatikvah" is stirring fashion.)

(ZOA Herzl Anniversary Book, adapted)

THE VISION OF THE DRY BONES (Ezekiel, Chap. 37)

(The following selection may be presented as a combination of readings, dance and choral selections.)	1ST R .: And He said unto me: 2ND R .: Prophesy unto the wind,
<pre>(The following selection may be presented as a combination of readings, dance and choral selections.) IST READER: The Hand of the Lord came upon me, and carried me out with the Spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley, and it was full of bones. CHORUS: And it was full of bones. IST R.: And He caused me to pass by round about, and behold, they were very many upon the face of the valley, and be- hold, they were very dry. CHO.: And behold, they were very dry. IST R.: And He said unto me: 2ND R.: Son of Man, shall these bones live? IST R.: And I answered: Oh, Lord, Thou knowest! CHO.: Thou knowest! IST R.: And He said unto me: 2ND R.: Prophesy over these bones, and say unto them: O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones. Behold, I shall cause breath to enter into you, And you shall live. CHO.: And you shall live. IST R.: And I will lay sinews upon you, And I will bring flesh upon you, And I will cover you with skin, And I will put</pre>	 CHO.: But there was no breath in them. IST R.: And He said unto me: 2ND R.: Prophesy unto the wind, Prophesy, Son of Man, And say unto the wind: 3rd R.: Thus says the Lord God: Come, thou wind from the four corners of the earth, And breathe upon these slain, That they shall live. CHO.: That they shall live. IST R.: So I prophesied as I was commanded, And the breath came into them And they lived, And stood up upon their feet An exceeding great host. CHO.: An exceeding great host. IST R.: Son of Man, these bones Are the whole House of Israel. Behold they say: CHO.: Our bones are dried up, Our hope is destroyed, We are lost: 2ND R.: Therefore prophesy and say unto them: IST R.: Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves And I will bring you to the Land of Israel. 2ND R.: And I will bring you to the Land of Israel.
breath in you, And you shall live. CHO: And you shall live. 2ND R.: And you shall know that I am the Lord.	When I open your graves And raise you up from out of your graves, My people, And I will put my spirit in you, And you shall live.
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A YOUTH PRESENTATION FOR THE LOTH ANNIVERSARY

This presentation, recommended for performance by Young Zionists and Young Judaeans, calls for a speaking chorus, a choir, dancers, and two individual speaking parts -- Narrator and Youth.

The hall should be suitably decorated with small flags, pictures of Israel, posters, etc. The stage should be decorated with the Israel national emblem and flags, a map of Israel which preferably can be illuminated, two flares or torches, and a tall memorial candle.

(BEFORE CURTAIN is raised appropriate music is played, and continues as YCUTH comes to front of curtain) and recites:

YOUTH: The tenth paragraph of the Declaration of the State of Israel reads:

"Accordingly we, the members of National Council, representing the Jewish people in Palestine and the Zionist movement of the world, met together in solemn assembly by virtue of the natural and historic right of the Jewish people and of the resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations:

"Hereby proclaim the establishment of the Jewish state in Palestine to be called Israel."

(CURTAIN RISES. Center stage is illuminated map of Israel flanked on either side by flags of Israel. Above map is the symbol of the State of Israel. Full lights up throughout the singing of EATIKVAH.)

NARRATOR (to accompaniment of soft music) Yizkor, We Shall Remember Them. (ALL STAND)

YOUTH: (Approaching the memorial candle.) Let the people of Israel remember its sons and daughters, comrades in defense and work, soldiers in Israel's Defense Army who fought for the establishment of our State, and who fell as warriors in defense posts in town and village, warriors who with their blood, achieved freedom for the people of Israel.

Remember us, dear brothers. We marched with you at daybreak and fell as the sun set. We marched with you a long and dreary road. Laughter and joy and happy voices are behind us. We hear them no more; only flowers grow sadly on our graves. Remember us, brothers, We who fell that others might live.

CHOIR: "Song of The Palmach"

SPEAKING CHORUS: The earth grows still, The sky which was ablaze, Dims over smoking frontiers. And a nation Stands there, grief-stricken, but intact. It waits The peerless miracle and consummation. Under the moon it waits the ritual, clad In ceremonial awe till morning breaks...

(BOY and GIRL in working clothes come through hall onto stage, treading heavily.) ONE OF SPEAKING CHORUS: Then two come forth, a Maiden and a Lad, And in the people's vision slowly pace. SPEAKING CHORUS: Who are you?

BOY AND GIRL ON STAGE: We are the silver salver, on which the Jewish state is handed you. (Walk off stage)

SPEAKING CHORUS: Speaking they fall, at Israel's feet find shade; On Israel's scroll the rest will be displayed. (Speaking chorus walk off stage)

NARRATOR: Those were the days.

CHOIR: (Hums melody of "Hayu Zemanim" as Narrator recites:)

MARRATOR: Those were the days when our guns held the hilltops, Those were the days of battle and romance; Those days are gone, the hills are tamed, And now where once we fought and loved, A city stands-because of those days.

> You will tell of the battles, the victory, the courage, And the tiniest grandchild will whisper in awe: "So grandpa was really the bravest of heroes," And she'll look up with pride and eyes that adore. Baring your arm you'll show a scar that has faded And pointing to Grandma, with a sigh you will say, "She bandaged this for me such a long time ago; Since then many years have sped on their way."

Those were the days

CHOIR: Sings "Hayu Zemanim"

MARRATOR: War. Destruction. Bloodshed. From the North to the South, from the Western borders to the East, Israel fought for its life. The Capital of Israel was besieged on all sides, but her sons stood fast.

CHOIR: Sings "Yerushalayim"

FLUTE SOLO or VOICE SOLO: "Aley Givah"

NARRATOR: The shepherds of Galilee rose to defend the immortal hills where hundreds of years ago our ancestors fought for freedom. And from Galilee--to the desert--to the South.

DANCERS perform "Lamidbar," To the Desert

NARRATOR: To the desert! To the Negev! This was the battle cry of the defenders of the Negev who, outnumbered many-fold by the enemy, met the onslaught of the attackers from the South; contained the enemy, and finally hurled him back beyond Israel's borders and liberated Eilat on the Gulf of Aqaba.

CHOIR: Sings "Shir Ha-Emek"

MARRATOR: In 1921 the pioneers were called upon to settle the Valley of Jezreel and conquer the malaria-infested country. They accepted the challenge and conquered. In 1948 these same pioneers and their children were again called upon to fight. This time against a human enemy. The Emek was saved again.

(MUSIC)

NARRATOR: After two years of heroic defense, Israel could lay down her arms, and address the Jewish people in these words:

"Our call goes out to the Jewish people to rally to our side and assume responsibility for Kibbutz Galuyot, the ingathering of the exiles, and the development of Israel, and to stand with us in the great struggle for the fulfillment of the dream of generations--the complete redemption of Israel."

(MUSIC)

(Youth Department, Jewish National Fund)

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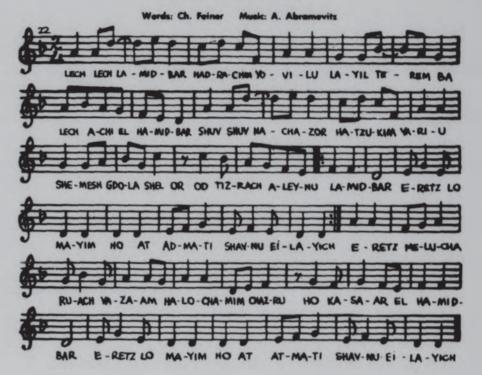
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- FACTS ABOUT ISRAEL. Historical and statistical records. Israel Office of Information, September, 1957. 144 pages, illustrated, 35¢.
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- THE MIDDLE EAST IN FACTS AND FIGURES Folder comparing Israel and surrounding countries. American Zionist Council, May, 1957.
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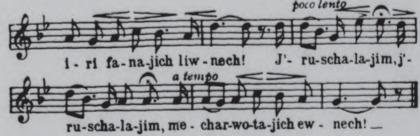


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CALL TO AMERICAN JEWRY

ISSUED BY MORE THAN 1,000 RABBIS OF THE UNITED STATES

ON THE OCCASION of the 60th Anniversary of the World Zionist Movement and the Zionist Organization of America we address this call to our fellow Jews throughout the United States:

THE STATE OF ISRAEL, which Zionist vision and Zionist effort brought into being, still faces grave trials. It has staunchly borne the massive burdens of nation building. It has gathered in the homeless and persecuted of our people, and has defended its hard-won independence against the enemies who seek to destroy it. But in the tenth year of its existence the young Israeli democracy must yet withstand military threats, political pressures, blockade and boycott.

IN ISRAEL'S STRUGGLE for peace and security, America and American Jewry are a main source of strength. Beyond the material aid which we must continue to provide, there are other tasks equally urgent and essential: alerting and informing our communities on Israel and Middle East developments generally; combatting insidious anti-Israel and anti-Zionist forces at work on the American scene; waging the never-ending battle for favorable public opinion throughout the land; guiding our youth towards a positive Jewish life, and strengthening the spiritual and cultural ties between Israel and American Jewry.

TODAY, as during the past sixty years, the Zionist Organization of America stands at the center of this vast effort; and today, as always, its program requires mass support — the strength of organized numbers backed by adequate resources.

ZIONIST MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT represents a vote, and an act, for Israel's security and progress, and for the Jewish future. We earnestly appeal for this vote, this act! We therefore call upon our fellow Jews throughout the United States to enroll as members of the Zionist Organization of America.

THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Informs public opinion and alerts community leadership in the continuing struggle to maintain Israel's sovereignty and to combat the enemies of Zionism

Spurs Israel's economic development by promoting private investments in Israel, Israel-manufactured goods in American markets, and tourism

Conducts vital activities in Israel, particularly the building of the Kfar Silver agricultural training school and youth village, and the widespread cultural and educational program of the ZOA Daniel Frisch House in Tel Aviv **Spearheads fund-raising for Israel** by enlisting leadership and workers for the United Jewish Appeal, the Jewish National Fund and the Israel Bond campaigns

Strengthens its relations on the World Zionist scene by maintaining contacts with Zionist organizations in other countries

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Recently it was our pleasure to extend an invitation to you to attend the Samuel Barnet Testimonial Dinner. We sincerely hope that you will find it convenient to attend this dinner. If, for some reason, your physical presence will be unavailable, we hope that you will grace a special testimonial book which is being presented to Judge Barnet on the evening of June 23, 1953, by means of a letter addressed to Judge Samuel Barnet, c/o Attorney Robert L. Genensky, Chairman, 222 Union Street, New Bedford, Mass.

All letters and testimonials received will be bound in this golden book and presented to Judge Barnet that evening.

No doubt you are thoroughly familiar with the history of Judge Barnet's forty years of service to communal, civic, and philanthropic institutions. He was the founder of many Jewish and non-Jewish organizations from which mankind has benefited in the last forty years. He has served the cause of Zionism as well as other Jewish and religious organizations.

We look forward to your presence that evening with great anxiety.

Very cordially yours,

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Dr. Abba H. Silver E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd. Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing herewith tickets for your trip to Pittsburgh on May 27th.

The dinner will take place at the Penn-Sheraton Hotel at 6:30 P.M. Approximately 500 guests are expected. Dress is informal. Reservations have been made for you at the Penn-Sheraton Hotel.

I am scheduled to attend a meeting in Cleveland on Monday night, May 26th, and have made arrangements to join you on the trip to Pittsburgh the following day.

With kindest regards, I remain

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Max Helvarg, National Director Community Leadership Division

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TECHNION NEWS OVERSEAS BULLETIN

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LIBERIAN PRESS HAILS AID FROM TECHNION EDUCATOR

A reorganization of the engineering courses at the University of Liberia has been proposed by Mr. David Armon, Technion staff member, who has been loaned to the African university and serves as head of the Pre-Engineering Program. He holds the rank of Professor.

Reports reaching Haifa describe the influence which the Israeli educator has had upon the student body. Monrovia's leading newspaper, "The Liberian Age", reports that Armon has proposed increasing the course of study from two to four years, and has set up the necessary curriculum.

The paper tells of Prof. Armon's contributions to the educational program. He impressed his students so greatly with the need for intensive study, that they volunteered to forego their vacation, and asked him to con-

tinue lecturing them during their holiday period. To this he readily consented, and classes were held periodically.

Another aspect of Prof. Armon's reorganization program, as told in the Liberian paper, is in encouraging the students to learn by doing. "Upon arrival at the school he told the students that in order to become good engineers they must start from the very beginning", the Liberian editor writes. "This includes the fact that they

must even work as labourers to gain practical training (CONT. ON PAGE 5)

WIND POWER MAY BE LARGE SCALE SOURCE OF ENERGY IN ISRAEL

Scientific exploitation of wind power in Israel may be approaching reality. Members of the press were recently taken on an inspection tour of observation towers where current stages of the research are being conducted. The program is carried on within the framework of the Aeronautical Engineering Department of the Technion, with the participation of other bodies.

Ing. J. Frenkiel, who guided the newspapermen on the tour, told of the progress of the research. For three years, he revealed, a wind-driven electric generator had been in operation at Eilat. Almost two years ago the research moved over to the Technion laboratories, where available equipment made possible further intensive studies.

The present observation towers are located at Givat (CONT. ON PAGE 4)

KARNI HEADS TECHNION RESEARCH FOUNDATION

The Technion Research and Development Foundation will be directed by Ing. Joseph Karni, according to an announcement by General Yaakov Dori, Technion President. Mr. Karni will be responsible for both administrative and scientific aspects of the Foundation's work. He will also develop relations with industry, and expand the Foundation's services to public and industry.

The Foundation was established eight years ago to administer the applied research financed by bodies outside the Technion, as well as to serve industry, by providing consultation in scientific and technological problems. Testing of various kinds is also conducted in a number of laboratories within the framework of the Foundation. Last year the turnover of the Foundation's operations amounted to over a million Israeli Pounds.

> Among the testing laboratories affiliated to the Foundation, where applied research is also conducted, are: Building Research Station, Electrical Testing Laboratory, Soil Mechanics and Foundation Testing Laboratory, Chemical Testing Laboratory, Mechanical Testing Laboratory, Metallurgical Testing Laboratory, Metallurgical Testing Laboratory, Hydraulic Testing Laboratory, Agricultural Equipment De velopment and Testing Station and Chemical Pilot Plant.

Mr. Karni, as member of the academic staff of the Technion with the rank of Senior Lec-

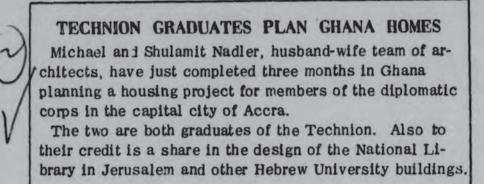
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FROM TANGANYIKA TO TECHNION TO STUDY ARCHITECTURE

Newest student at the Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, is 21-year-old Beda Jonathan Amuli of Tanganyika, who has been admitted to the second year to continue his studies in architecture. Amuli is a graduate of St. Andrews College in Tanganyika, and has already completed one year in architecture at the Royal Technical College in Nairobi, Kenya.

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SABRA STUDENT BREAKS ACADEMIC RECORDS AT THE TECHNION

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Takes Top Honours While Completing Two Years in One

Twenty-year-old Yair Tenenbaum, an Israeli Sabra, holds the distinction of being the only student in the history of the Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, who is successfully completing two years of his engineering studies in one year as top man in his class. At a time when other students complain about the rigid program and the burden of meeting Technion's high standards, young Tenenbaum has been breezing through his courses and examinations without apparent difficulty.

The boy, who is studying Civil Engineering, had been an honour student throughout high school. Upon entering the Technion he wanted to take both first and second year courses simultaneously, but the unusual request was firmly denied. Upon approaching completion of his second year, Yair asked for permission to sit for the promotion examinations not only for the subjects he had studied, but also for major subjects of the following year, which he had been reading up on the side. The petition was granted and to everyone's surprise he coasted through with all A's in his regular subjects, and scores of 87 and 95 in the third year majors.

He is now finishing up the third and fourth year simultaneously, and if his standards hold up, will receive his B.Sc. at the end of this, his third year at the Technion the first time this has been accomplished in the history of the Institute.

Yair's parents came to Israel from Poland in the mid-1930's, and his father, once an accountant, became a successful machine oil merchant. Yair's older brother, Mordecai, is studying bacteriology at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and does well, but has not broken any records.

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KARNI HEADS TECHNION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (Continued from Page 1)

turer, engages in teaching and research. He is head of the Department of Building Project Research, and also teaches Building Materials in the Faculty of Architecture. Before accepting the present appointment as head of the Foundation, he was assistant director of the Building Research Station, and former head of the Building Materials Testing Laboratory.

REINER NAMED RESEARCH PROFESSOR

The Technion announces the appointment of Prof. Markus Reiner to the position of Research Professor. The only other faculty member of the Technion holding this post is Prof. Franz Ollendorff, who was so designated five years ago.

Prof. Reiner occupies the Gerard Swope Chair in Mechanics. He is one of the founders of the science of Rheology, has written several textbooks on the subject, and heads the Rheological Laboratories at the Technion. A former civil and structural engineer with the Mandatory Government in Palestine, Prof. Reiner has also been a Research Professor at Lafayette College in the United States. In 1956 he was awarded the Weizmann Prize by the Municipality of Tel Aviv, and in 1958 received the Israel Prize of the Government, for his scientific achievements.

He has been a member of the teaching staff of the Technion since 1950.

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TECHNION STAFF MEMBERS PLAY ROLE IN NEW DELHI CONFERENCE

Four scientific papers by Israelis were presented at the Asian regional conference of the International Society of Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering held at New Delhi, India, in February. Participating in the proceedings personally, as the only representative from Israel, was Prof. Joseph G. Zeitlen, Dean of the Faculty of Civil Engineering at the Technion.

The conference dealt largely with the problems of reservoir and dam construction, and the Israeli contributions described research and practical work in those fields in Israel. Authors of the papers, in addition to Prof. Zeitlen, are all associated with the Technion. They are Boris Aisenstein of Tahal, Senior Lecturer at the Technion, Gabriel Kassif and Gedalya Wiseman, Lecturers, and Eli Zolkov, Research Assistant.

LECTURER URGES CLOSER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INDUSTRY AND TECHNION

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Specialization through service to industry, rather than classroom specialization, was suggested by Prof. Daniel Rosenthal, Fulbright visiting lecturer at the Technion, as the solution to meet the demands of modern technology in Israel.

Prof. Rosenthal addressed an overflow audience of industrial leaders, engineers, and Technion staff. He declared that engineering education must be broadened at the base, but this would leave little room for specialization during the four years of schooling at the Technion.

The solution is to train B.Sc. candidates in special industrial institutes attached to the Technion. There are already many such institutes at the Technion, he noted, and they perform valuable services to industry. They put young men directly on the problems submitted by industry for solution, and thus are equivalent to on-the-job training such as provided by industry in technologically more advanced countries.

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PROF. BONFIGLIOLI TO ITALY

Prof. Luisa Bonfiglioli, of the Department of Mathematics at the Technion, has been designated to participate in an advanced course in photogrammetry, for the training of experts to carry out surveying from air photographs, to be held at the Photogrammetric Centre in Milan, Italy. She is undertaking the course during her sabbatical leave from the Technion this spring.

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BOOK ON SHELL ROOFS ALSO AVAILABLE IN N.Y.

The new book by Prof. D. Yitzhaki of the Technion on "The Design of Prismatic and Cylindrical Shell Roofs", published in English in Haifa, is now available in New York. The 253 page volume presents new and simpler methods of roof design. By the method of particular loadings, which is for the first time applied to the design of shells, the complex shell calculation is split into simpler elementary stages. The book contains numerous examples of complete analysis of shell structure.

Copies at \$11. each may be ordered from Mr. Y. Elazar, P.O.Box 243, Old Chelsea Station, New York 11, N.Y.

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In his own communications to friends in Haifa, the Israel educator pays tribute to the aptitudes of the student body, and to their willingness to learn. "African youth can readily acquire the skills and training of modern science and technology, and hasten the modernisation of this vact continent" he wrote recently.

David Armon is a graduate of the Faculty of Civil Engineering at the Technion. He holds a Bachelor's and Master's Degree from the Technion, and Diploma in Civil Engineering. He was temporarily released from his duties as a faculty member of the Technion to take up the post offered to him in Liberia last summer.

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FROM TANGANYIKA TO TECHNION (Continued from Page 1)

His ambition: to be the first African architect to practice in his country. Tanganyika is due to receive responsible government in September of this year, and full independence will follow at a later date.

Technion's new student is now taking time out to study Hebrew. He has a fluent command of English, and is also at home in Swahili, a language spoken by 25 million persons in central Africa, as well as Makua, his tribal tongue. He expects to have no difficulty with Hebrew.

Amuli is the oldest of eight children. His father is headmaster of a primary school in Tanganyika. He elected to study at Technion because of its high standards, which are known in his country, and upon application he qualified for a scholarship offered by the Israel Government.

AGAIN WINS FIRST PRIZE IN WORLD CONTEST

J. Boas Popper, Guest Lecturer in the Department of Mechanics at the Technion, has once again won first prize in the international competition for Ingenious Mechanism, sponsored by "Ma chinery" magazine. Mr. Popper, who receives \$300 as his prize, submitted a paper describing a unique and practical application of the gyroscopic precision principle to the grinding of diamond photograph styluses. The Technion lecturer also won first prize in the contest last year.

Other contestants who received awards or honorable mention after Popper were from the United States, Great Britain, Japan, Switzerland, Italy and other countries. Mr. Popper works with Professor Markus Reiner in the Rheology Laboratories of the Technion.

STAFF MEETS WITH HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

To help promote closer relations between high school teachers of science and the Technion, more than 300 instructors from the secondary schools of the country were invited to a meeting with the academic staff of the Faculty of Science.

The teachers were familiarized with the subjects taught at the Technion, with teaching methods, and with the standards required of entering students. Explanations were also given of the degree to which studies in pure mathematics, chemistry and physics can be carried on at the Technion, in addition to the usual courses in engineering and architecture.

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U.S. GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, announces the award of scholarships totalling IL. 5,000 from the American Special Cultural Program for Israel. The awards are part of the program for University and Teacher Training sponsored by the United States government in this academic year.

TEACHER EXHIBITS IN PARIS

Paris art critics recently received with great enthusiasm and acclaim an exhibit of paintings shown at the Galerie Benezit in the French capital, the work of Mr. Paul K. Hoenich of the Technion teaching staff. Mr. Hoenich lectures in two-dimensional design in the Faculty of Architecture. Visitors to the new campus of Technion City will recall his sgrafitto rendition of the hora dance which appears as a mural in the Philadelphia Student Dormitory, and his attractive stained-glass window in the Fryer-Salenger Aeronautical Engineering Building.

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A brief report on "The Direct Measurement of Particle Shape", by Prof. M. Ehrenreich of the Mechanical Engineering Department, and Mr. A.R. Steinherz of the Nesher Portland Cement Works, was published in a recent issue of "Chemistry and Industry".

OUR VISITORS SAY

Excerpts from letters received from recent visitors to the Technion:

- 1. Geshen, Durban, S. Africa: "We have always been impressed with the work being carried out at Technion. It is of a very high standard and in our opinion compares favourably with many other similar institutions which we have visited in other parts of the world. The work of the Technion is certainly tied up with the economy of the State of Israel, and has played, and will continue to play, a very big part in the development of the economy of the State."
- William R. Roth, Detroit, Mich.: "It was gratifying to see the progress that has been made at the Technion as well as the State of Israel."
- Mrs. Charles Hymes, National President, National Council of Jewish Women, New York: "We enjoyed our visit to Technion and were very impressed with the Institute."
- Theodore W. Berenston, Boston: "How could I ever forget Technion — I put it as one of the top three miracles of Israel. I certainly would want to associate myself with Technion."
- Hon. Valesius B. Neale Caulker, Member of House of Representatives, Sierra Leone: "I still carry very vivid and fresh memories of the wonderful things we saw at the Institute of Technology... It is my sincere hope that your wonderful institution continues to flourish not only for the good of Israel but for the ultimate good of the entire human race."
- Rene Minguet, Interprofessional Industrial Group, Paris: "The life at your university interested us tremendously. It is a great and remarkable activity that you are carrying on, for training of engineers and for pursuit of research in the applied sciences."
- Isidore C. Pollack, Quebec: "One could not help but be impressed by the achievements of the past and present, and the aspirations of the future."
- Mr. & Mrs. David Riff, Chicago: "We had an interesting and exciting sight-seeing trip at the Technion, and we shall continue to spread the "gospel" even more enthusiastically than before."
- James A. Goldsmith, Jr., River Lane, Conn.: "My wife and I have been tremendously impressed with everything we have seen."

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

Would you like to help sponsor some of the research projects or students at the Technion? Write to the Technion in Haifa for details. You too can have a share in our work.

TECHNION TEACHER PLANS NIGERIAN CITY Now Requested to Plan Proposed New Government Centre

A master plan for the development of Port Harcourt, as a great new industrial centre of Eastem Nigeria, drawn up by a member of the academic staff of the Technion, has been officially adopted by the Eastern Nigerian Government.

The Israeli authority engaged in the project is Mr. Y. Elon, Senior Lecturer in Town Planning at the Technion, He has been in Nigeria for the past half year studying the area, and his proposal for the development of the central 2,000 acre area was accepted for implementation. "T hope that this will be the beginning of many more business associations and technical assistance between your country and Eastern Nigeria", writes Mr. M.I. Okpara, Premier of Eastern Nigeria, in a letter to the Technion teacher.

In the meantime, Mr. Elon has remained in Nigeria, where he has been requested to prepare plans for the general layout of the new seat of government. He has also been delivering a regular series of lectures for government officials on principles of planning, under the auspices of the Prime Minister's Office.

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TECHNION STUDENTS HELPED BY BAR MITZVAH IN CANADA

Because Martin Herschorn, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, was Bar Mitzvah recently, the students at the Technion in Haifa have benefitted by the establishment of a free loan fund to the amount of close to \$5,000.

A generous gift from the boy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Herschorn, set up the fund, and a special notice in the Bar Mitzvah invitations suggested that contributions be made to the fund in place of personal gifts.

Friends and relatives of the family throughout Canada followed the suggestion. First loans from the Martin Herschorn Fund will be available to Technion students beginning with the coming academic year. Loans may be held until after the students graduate, and may be repaid in small monthly installments thereafter, without interest.

In their announcement the family expressed the hope that this step would assist the youth of Israel in obtaining the engineering and scientific education necessary for the growth of a modern State.

A year ago a similar loan fund was set up at the Technion on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of Franklin Lewis Babb of St. John, New Brunswick, Canada, a cousin of the Herschorn boy.

Almost 200 friends and relatives of the Herschorn family throughout Canada participated in the establishment of the fund, and each received acknowledgement directly from the Technion in Haifa.

CITIES VISITED BY DR. A. H. SILVER ON BEHALF OF ISRAEL BONDS

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THE RESTORED IMPORTANCE AND PRESTIGE OF THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. THE JEWISH AGENCY MUST NOW, IN VIEW OF WHAT HAS HAPPENED HERE BECOME INCREASINGLY A BODY CHARGED, ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY, WITH FISCAL TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. IN A REAL SENSE, IT MUST BECOME A JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE FOR ISRAEL. ALL OTHER FUNCTIONS MUST NOW REVERT BACK TO WHERE THEY LEGITIMATELY BELONG, TO WHERE THEY HAVE BELONGED EVER SINCE ITS INCEPTION -- THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT. I AM REFERRING TO SUCH VITAL ACTIVITIES AS EDUCATION, THE DISSEMINATION OF HEBREW CULTURE, THE REVIVAL OF INTEREST IN THE HEBREW LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE, AN ACTIVE PROPOGANDA AMONG JEWS AND NON-JEWS TO MAINTAIN A FAVORABLE CLIMATE OF PUBLIC OPINION FOR THE YOUNG STATE, AND WHATEVER ACTION WILL BE FOUND "Accessive FROM TIME TO TIME AND WHATEVER MOBILIZATION OF FORCES TO DEFEND THE POLITIEAL SECURITY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL. I AM THINKING OF PROGRAMS FOR INCREASING THE CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE JEWS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. I AM ALSO THINKING OF THE HISTORIC FUNCTION OF THE MOVEMENT WHICH WAS TO INCLUDE THE POSITIVE DIRECTION AND LEADERSHIP TO ALL THE CONSTRUCTIVE FORCES WITHIN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY EVERYWHERE.

THE FREER THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT WILL BECOME, THE MORE SUCCESSFUL IT WILL BE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THESE VITAL TASKS WHICH WILL CONTINUE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME, MANY OF THEM INDEFINITELY.

THE MOVEMENT WILL NOW BE ABLE TO RALLY TO IT ALL THOSE FORCES WHICH ARE COMPLETELY COMMITTED TO ITS PROGRAM. IT WILL NOT HAVE TO MAKE CONCESSIONS TO OTHER GROUPS WHO ARE NOT PREPARED TO GO ALONG WITH IT ON ITS TOTAL PROGRAM IN THE FONDHOPE THAT THEY WILL THEN GO ALONG WITH IT ON A LIMITED ECONOMIC PROGRAM FOR THE BENEFIT OF ISRAEL. IT WILL NO LONGER BE FOUND NECESSARY, IT NEVER REALLY WAS- TO SACRIFICE THE ORGANIZATION AND THE MOVEMENT IN THE INTEREST OF FUNDHAISING STRATEGIES. IN SHOULD NOT TRY TO DRAW INTO IT OTHER ORGANIZED BODIES IN JEWISH LIFE WHICH NX HAVE SPECIFIC PROGRAMS AND PURPOSES OF THEIR OWN, ALL OF WHOSE MEMBERS MAY NOT BE PREPARED TO SUESCRIBE WHOLEHEARTEDLY TO THE TOTAL ZIONIST PROGRAM. THE MOVEMENT SHOULD NOT STRIVE FOR A DISPLAY OF SIZE, NOR TO IMPRESS THE WORLD WITH A FICTION OF NUMERICAL STRENGTH. OUR

ORGANIZED MOVEMENT IN THE DAYS OF ITS POLITICAL TRIUMES, REPRESENTED ONLY A FRACTION OF WORLD JEWRY, BUT IT WAS ABLE TO RALLY NEARLY ALL JEWS TO EAGER COOPERATION AND STRONG SUPPORT IN THE CRITICAL HOUR OF DECISION.

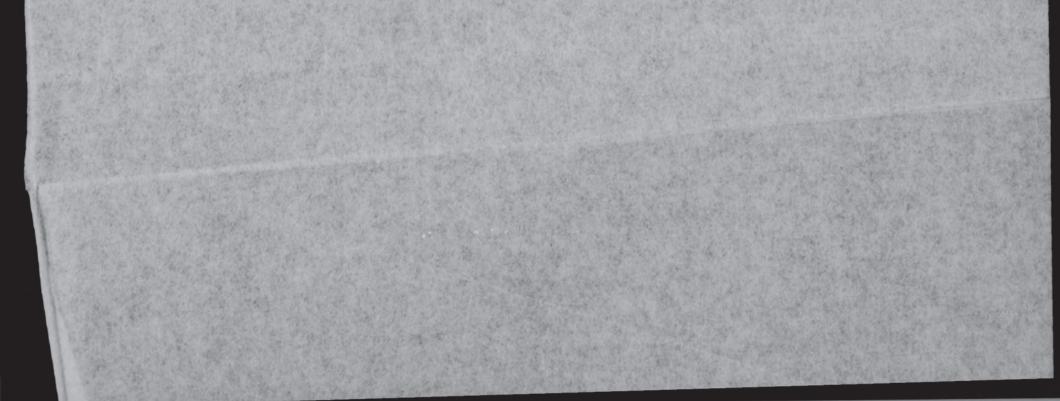
AS IN THE PAST, JEWS EVERYWHERE SHOULD BE URGED TO JOIN THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT AND TO HELP CARRY ON ITS HISTORIC PROGRAM OF POSITIVE KEWISH LIVING--MOT FOR THE SAKE OF ISRAEL ALONE, BUT FOR THE SAKE OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. THE JEWISH PEOPLE IS FAR GREATER THAN ISRAEL AND HISTORICALLY FAR MORE IMPORTANT. SO IS JUDAISM, OUR HISTORIC FAITH AND WAY OF LIFE FAR MORE IMPORTANT. ZIONISM HAS ALWAYS AIMED FOR A VITAL JEWISH EXISTENCE AND A CREATIVE JEWISH COMMUNITY EVERYWHERE. ISRAEL IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE, BUT ONLY A PART - AND WILL ALWAYS REMAIN ONLY A PART - AND WE HOPE NOT AN ISOLATED PART. THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT MUST SEE TO IT THAT AT NO TIME DOES IT BECOME AN ISOLATED PART. THE FUTURE GENERATIONS OF ISRAELI MUST NOT BE SEVERED FROM FULL SPIRITUAL ASSOCIATION WITH THE REST OF WORLD JEWRY, FROM SHARING IN THE MEMORIES OF ITS PAST AND IN THE HOPES OF ITS FUTURE, EVEN AS WORLD JEWRY MUST NEVER BE DISASSOCIATED FROM THE LIFE AND FORTUNES OF ISRAEL.

THE ZIGNIST MOVEMENT HAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY NOW TO COME INTO ITS OWN. BUT ALL THAT I HAVE SAID IS PREDICATED UPON THE WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT- NOT MERELY SILENT ACQUIESCENCE - OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL AND ITS PEOPLE. THERE MUST BE AN END TO THE DELIBERATE DEVALUATION OF THE ZIGNIST MOVEMENT ON THE PART OF THOSE WHO TODAY SPEAK FOR THE STATE OF ISRAEL. ALL DEFINITION- MONGERING AND THE FAVORITE PASE TIME OF SEFARATING THE SO-CALLED SHEEP FROM THE GOATS, THOSE WHO SETTLE IN ISRAEL, AND THOSE WHO DO NOT, MUST CEASE. THE WORLD ZIGNIST MOVEMENT MUST BE GIVEN THE PRESTIGE AND THE AUTHORITY WITHOUT WHICH IT CANNOT FUNCTION OR CAN FUNCTION ONLY PARTIALLY AND HALTINGLY. IT HAS BEEN A GROSS MISCALCULATION IN THE PAST TAXABLE WHICH LEAD TO THE RESTRICTION OF ITS COMPETENCE TO DIVESTING TO F FUNCTIONS AND AUTHORITY AND THE BRUSHING THE ZIGNIST MOVEMENT BUILT THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND NOT VICE-VERSA. THE FURPOSES OF THE ZIGNIST MOVEMENT HAVE NOT BEEN FINALLY

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ACHIEVED THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND ITS FUNCTIONS HAVE NEVER BEEN LIMITED AND ARE NOT NOW LIMITED TO ALIYAH, THOUGH ALIYAH MUST CONTINUE TO BE ONE OF ITS PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS. THE JEW WHO INTENDS TO REMAIN WHERE HE IS, IS BY THAT FACT NOT EXCLUDED FROM THE ZIONIST FELLOWSHIP, OR denied THE NAME OF ZIONIST. SUCH A ZIONIST IS AS IMPORTANT TO ISRAEL, AS ISRAEL IS IMPORTANT TO HIM. ISRAEL AND WORLD LEWRY WILL BE IN NEED OF A POWERFUL ZIONIST MOVEMENT, AS REPRESENTING POSITIVE JEWISH VALUES, AFFIRMATIVE JEWISH LIVING, SPIRITE AND HISTORIC CONTINUITY, AND A TWO-WAY BRIDGE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE EXAMP DIASPORA THE MAJORITY OF OUR PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE IN THE FORSEEABLE FUTURE. THE MAJORITY OF OUR PEOPLE - AND ONE NOT

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While he himself never thought of baptism for himself as a way out of the Jewish predicament which heredity forced upon him, he considered for a time that mass Baptism organized on a community-wide basis, might be a solution, he said,"for our young sons before they reach the age of self-determination when conversion takes on an appearance of cowardice or ambition". Of course, Herzl lived a half-century before the days of Adolph Hitler and the Nazis and his intellectual and spiritual immaturity at the time actually led him to believe that a change of faith would appease the anti-Semites and would solve the Jewish problem.

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borrow, ligh, uss & wan grave Fortunately, being a man of geniu ive born endowments of mind compron, and soul of the report type, Herel did not belong to the run-of-mine assimilationists of his day. His proud, sensitive soul could not reconcile itself permanently to 10 x mes but cowardly self-denial or escapism any more than he could pocket anti-Jewish slurs and vilifications without re-acting violently to them. Powerful forces were which, gathering within him, /probably unknown to himself, would soon break down this wall of indifference which he had built for himself against the urgencies, the miseries and tragedies of Jewish life and all the injustices and indignities which he saw visited upon his people. A redical conversion - such as only the rare spiritual beings of mankind are known to experience occasionally - a radical conversion would soon take place within him of sudden powerful illumination which would completely transform this easy-going, handsome, life-loving Viennese "litterateur"" as he himself put it, "with petty ambitions and small vanities", would transform him into the captive slave of a dominant all claiming, all-demanding, all-consuming ideal. Herzl was destined to discover that some time his life his true self, his people, his mission in life As well as the lonely road which every idealist must travel through the wilderness - the wilderness/which leads the seer unto frustration and sorrow and unfulfillment unto the very/top of Mt. Nebo, but which also leads his people to the Promised Land.

but what is <u>ours</u> - our common tasks, our common burdens, our common responsibilities in this grave hour.

What have the last 60 years given to our people? Of misfortune and tragedy, no end. From the pogroms of Odessa and Kisheneff to the death camps of Belsen and Treblinka, myriads of tortured and slain, endless files of refugees and exiles, and countless centers of Jewish life rich in culture and history laid waste. These compose the toll of the irretrievable losses of those calamitous years for which there can be neither balm, nor comfort, nor recompense.

But these years have also given our people a renewed confidence in their power of survival, in their capacity to surmount disaster and to build upon ruins and loss.

Sixty years ago, Dr. Theodore Herzl wrote: "Yos, we are strong enough to form a State, and indeed a model State. We possess all human and material resources for the purpose!" Since then the Jewish people vindicated this prophetic faith of the immortal Herzl, and in spite of the wast afflictions and calamities which beset them, proved themselves strong enough and possessed of sufficient human and material resources to build a State -- and we hope one which will become a model State. The kingly dream was made a reality by a rawaged people which know how to unlock reservoirs of strongth and confidence within itself. We belong to a generation that did not fail. With this thrush of confidence, made manifest by innumerable acts of self-liberation, came a reborn national self-respect which has been the elixir of our souls and the souls of our children, ever since the preation and the heroic defense of the State of Israel. Some indefinable grace has ome back into our lives -- a tone, a quickening like the sap of earth in Spring, a spiritual quality which has been lacking all these dark and prideless centuries of our national homelessness.

These sixty years have produced a remaissance of Hebrew culture, undreamed of, and in fact, despaired of, in the closing years of the last century. A superb creative era set in which gathered momentum as it moved triumphantly into the formative years of the new State. This reawakened interest in the Hebrew language and literature and in Jewish learning and study generally has not been confined to the borders of Israel, among the great benefactors of mankind -- or, is this belief the onset of menaglomania. I believe that for me life has ended and world history has begun. For three hours I have been trampelling about the "Bois" to dispel the pangs of lukewarm ideas. It only grows worse now I am sitting at C and writing them out and I feel better. The Jewish State is a world necessity." And concerning his state of mind during the writing of the first draft of the Jewish State, which he wrote in the Hotel Castille in Paris, he himself wrote: "I do not remember ever having written anything in such an exalted state of mind as this book. Heine says that he^{ACD} pinions of an eagle fluttering over his head when he wrote certain verses. I also felt that I heard a similar rustling over my head when I wrote this book. I worked at it daily until I was quite exausted". This is, of course, true of every great creative artist; when a man is seized by an idea he becomes its slave. Jeremiah said "I tried to suppress the word within me but it was like a burning fire within my soul. I could not contain it."

Now what did Herzl propose in this little book? You ought to read it. You can read it in an hour or two. He simply laid down a few simple axioms of Jewish existence in Western Europe. The Jew cannot be assimilated - a) he doesn't want to be assimilated - some do, but the Jewish people does not. Persecution will not solve the Jewish problem - discriminatory laws will not solve it. It will make their position only worse and the position of peoples around them - no better and even worse. Granting the Jew political equality does not touch the heart of the problem because political equality will not relieve anti-Semitism and the economic competition between the Jewish middle class and the non-Jewish middle class will always lead to friction and bitterness and conflict because the Jew everywhere is a minority. There is no solution simply in emigra= tion, in infiltring other countries as individuals because they will be recreating that same problem elsewhere. The solution lies in the establishment of a Jewish State, legally recognized - in an organized emigration of masses of Jewry and the proper supervision, with their own consent, to a territory given to them by charter so that they can have self-government and control their own destinies. He offered a political solution to the Jewish problem. He suggested a society of Jews be organized which would attend to the legal requirements of such an effort and a Jewish company which would look after the execution, the actual immigration and settlement end of the task, and he outlined quite a number of items in the plan of achieving this object.

The response of this little book "The Jewish State" in the Jewish world was electric. Many Jews, of course, denounced it - Herzl was called mad, a violent irresponsible missionary -- especially the rich and the confident denounced him. He was a man trying to disturb their equanimity and their position in the world. But among the Jewish masses Herzl's call to organize to achieve a Jewish State received a tremendous response. Of course, Herzl was not the first Zionist - the first one who wrote a book offering a solution to the Jewish State, the Jewish problem. Before him Moses Hess had spoken of it in his "Rome and Jerusalem" - Leo Pinsker in his "Auto-Emancipation", Herzl did not know even their names. He was not aware that they had written. For that matter most of the Jews of Europe were not aware that these men had written these books. And at the time Herzl published his book in 1896 there already existed in Palestine some thirty colonies which had been built in the eighties principally by the Bilu and the lovers of Zion -- one of them dating to 1869 which had been built by the Alliance Israelite of France (), but the

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not by anti-Zionists, but by Zionists within the movement -- especially by Eastern European Russian Zionists. His life became much embittered over this controversy. He had spent himself -- he was an exhausted man.

On July 3, 1904, at the age of forty-four, Dr. Herzl died. The whole Jewish world mourned the death of one on whom they had come to look as their leader, a man of almost Messianic stature. He had come from outside, as it were, to them and he had impressed them termendously by his personality, the magic of his personality, by his dedication and his selflessness. I remember the day the news reached my home my father, selig, said to me: "Today let us go to the synagogue to say Kaddish", (I was then a lad of eleven) "for a great and good man - a prince, has fallen in Israel and we are mourners all".

When the seventh Zionist Congress met, Max Nordaw opened the Congress with a commemorative address on its former president, Dr. Theodore Herzl. A Jour I would like to read you one or two lines from this address of Dr. Max Nordaw:

"Ladies and gentlemen, the Zionist Congress meets for the first time without him who had created it. The seventh Congress, the Sabbath Congress it's creator has not survived to be old. The rostrum no longer presents to you the familiar aspect. We miss the tall central figure, the black-bearded Assyrian head that drew all eyes. To me, his devoted colleague, from the first hour onward, melancholy has fallen the **dedicating** a few memorial words to our departed leader, Dr. Theodore Herzl, from that platform, the erection of which was one of eternal services".

Herzl set himself **de**liberately to the task of forging a people out of scattered, weak-willed aimless human units -- of winning a land for that people without an Army, without a Navy, without financial resources from governments

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who only reckoned with these factors for gaining possessions. That was an undertaking win from which the boldest would have shrunk. Opponents of Zionism said it was a completely hopeless undertaking. Herzl was, however, convinced of its feasibility and was not deterred when others called a Utopia what he conceived to be a necessary and possible work. "Herzel, "said Nordaw, "was a genius of will=power. His will-power was the greatest element of a great personality. The political conceptions and diplomatic projects that he nurtured in the nine years of his leadership would suffice to assure ten ministers of an ordinary state of immortality. Our people has had a Herzl - Herzl never had a people. That does not depreciate him. It casts a slur on us. Herzl was a model and an educator. He straightened the back of a broken people - he gave them hope and showed them means. The seed will sprout and his people will garner the harvest." In one thing Dr. Nordaw was not correct. Herzl had a people and the people stood by his vision even though he himself had A people does not mean every member of the people - a people means the most gone. dedicated, the most loyal, the most whole-hearted in that people -- and that group never forsook the vision of Dr. Theodore Herzl.

¹hat is why, scarcely fourteen years after his death/the Balfour Declaration was issued, which for the first time placed officially the authority of then the greatest Empire on earth, Great Britain, behind the demand of the Jewish people for a national home in Palestine. His Majesty's government looked with favor upon the establishment of Palestine as a legally secure home - a national home for the Jewish people. And it was because the people did not desert Herzl because they persisted - that not long thereafter, an emissary of the Jewish people, an emissary of the Zionist people was able to stand up before the assembly of the United Nations and in the name of that people and back to all that has happened in the intervening years - the slaughter of six million, the horrome of two world wars,

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