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## Israel's Right Arm

As in the case of all things highly publicized, the reality is frequently less impressive by contrast, than the mental picture carefully constructed.

In no derogatory sense, this may be applied to the Hebrew University of three years ago, as it existed on the eve of statehood.

Talents were there; students were there; tasks were there. But the University was organized around recognized geni in particular faculties who had happened to settle in Israel.

No, or very little budget existed to build new facilities, expand vital ones, increase the number of scholarships available.

The University grew like Topsy, superb in some faculties, and not yet launched in other, vital areas such as economics, medicine, etc.

With the coming of statehood, the situation Israel found herself in revolutionized the Yishub's approach to the University. Professors might go without salaries three months longer than they usually did, but a medical faculty, a law faculty, an administration-planted social science faculty . . . all these could no longer be deferred by mere absence of funds, microscopes, or proper text books!

Today, the University is truly Israel's right arm. The day will come when Aubry Ebans, Walter Eytans, Dr. Zondeks, even Ben Gurions will no longer be imported from abroad. They will have to develop from the native, Israeli people.

And only an expanded, constantly growing Hebrew University can help Israel do this.

In sociology, nutrition, medicine, language instruction . . . in all-fields related to the assimilation and absorption of new Galut Jewries flocking to Israel today, the Hebrew University stands at the forefront of the battle.

A recognition of this should go a long way towards helping Winnipeg increase her assistance to the University . . . through expanding the roles of the University's chapter of "friends" here.

We wish the membership committee every success in their current membership drive.

## "Y-Centre" Home Stretch

No one who toured the new YMHA-Community Centre last Sunday could leave without feeling a tinge of pride at the magnificent structure Winnipeg Jewry will someday call their 'home.'

A Jewish community of Winnipeg's intensity and multi-colored interest, has long deserved so suitable a cultural and activity centre.

It may in truth be said that until such a structure opens to serve the entire community, (with no divisions on ideological or religious grouping grounds) . . . until such time, Winnipeg Jewry will not have reached maturity.

And in the course of attaining maturity, growing pains are a very normal factor . . . pains that in this regard, happily enough, are purely financial in character.

Speaking frankly, we know exactly what flashes through the average mind at the news that a final appeal for \$250,000 was launched last night, to complete the centre.

"What — another, and yet another "Y" drive? Will this never end?"

Could the "Y" devotees who launched the first building campaign back in the mid-forties have known what the completed structure would cost in the early fifties, they might better have served their country as ministers of the Federal Treasury!

Winnipeg Jewry must be reminded of a truism, that has been gleaned time and time again from Jewish community experience. Capital building campaigns are the easiest of all communal projects to successfully execute. Heavy current operating expenses, beyond the community's normal capacity, are to be shunned. And certainly, enough careful estimating went into the new "Y-Centre" programming, to avoid sinning on this score.

We think there are many untapped groups in the city who have yet to make their first contribution to the new community centre . . . and this final drive offers them a magnificent opportunity to make good their past oversight.

## Western Histadrut Campaigners

Winnipeg Histadrut circles welcomed home this week Major Maxwell Cohen and Chaver N. Witman, who completed a most successful and strenuous campaign tour of the West.

For the sheer courage of touring the west, through to Vancouver, in this weather, they deserve the community's and Israel's thanks.

But we think there is another lesson to be learned. For several years Histadrut, as a separate campaign, has been subjected to the same cajoling and reproach as that heaped upon Hadasah in the States . . . all aimed at urging the separate drives to unite into one larger one.

In a recent review of the history of separate Histadrut Fund results in dollars are not striking, when placed next to the four-point billion dollar "bond-plus-UJA-plus-investment-plus loan-program."

But more important than the dollars, is the fact that Histadrut circles and the Labor Zionist Movement is not queuing, not in ferment, not seeking programs, and not yielding up the ghost.

They have an annual campaign responsibility that unites them in productive work. They have broad fields within-Histadrut inviting vital auxiliary efforts, such as the current T-B Hospital wing drive.

They have abdicated none of their responsibilities, and preserved intact their Zionist fervor in days when some others see their ideals flagging.

It is a warming sight on the Zionist scene today.

Would it could be successfully communicated to other groups, and the younger generation.

## Personality Problems

Dr. Aliza Klausner Eshkol put her finger on the heart of Israel's contemporary problems, in a talk here last week, when she indicated the problem of 'personality' rather than 'desert reclamation' as priority factor today.

How true this is may be read in the disturbing headlines reaching us from Israel. One hundred and fifty Jews from India have registered for re-emigration, hoping to return to India and avoid the discrimination they are conscious of in their own homeland.

Iraqi Jews, and others among them, have deserted special work villages and labor camps, and flooded Tel Aviv and district, preferring (quite naturally) the more attractive urban area to the undeveloped rural regions to which they felt themselves unfairly consigned.

Again Iraqi Jews, with a sprinkling of other immigrants, bedded down in a school in Tel Aviv in protest against the living quarters to which they were assigned . . . and had to be evicted by police force.

Thus, Israel's grand hour of Kibbutz Galuyot,

## Churchill's Dualism Towards The Jewish State

By HARRY SIMONHOFF

Harry Simonhoff is a former Florida State Senator whose weekly column "Til See" in the Jewish Floridaian is one of the brightest features of U.S. Anglo-Jewish journalism. — The Editor.

Winston Churchill is probably the greatest political figure of England since Oliver Cromwell. When he was born, the British Empire had reached the meridian of its power and prestige; willy-nilly he has been witnessing its rapid decline. The foremost living personality, he continues to exercise an influence for good or evil on present and future world polity.

Born the same year as Chaim Weizmann, fate seems to have linked Churchill with the rebirth of Israel. A member of Lloyd George's war cabinet, he voted for the Balfour Declaration. After the Versailles Treaty, momentum gathered in England to sabotage the Jewish homeland. The House of Lords, true to its reactionary instincts, voted in 1921 to repeal Balfour's famous proclamation. But in the House of Commons, Winston's magnificent oratory defeated the resolution of the upper chamber and cleared the way for the British Mandate over Palestine.

Whittling Down Balfour's Objectives

But in 1922, Churchill landed Zionism an uppercut which permanently knocked out Herzl's dream of an ample Judenstadt that would contain world Jewry. He lopped off Transjordan and forced Weizmann's consent to whittle down the Jewish homeland to the lesser area West of the Jordan. He further watered down the Zionist aim of making Palestine as Jewish as England is English. To silence the Jewish outcry, he laid down the dictum that Jews were in Palestine as of right and not on sufferance.

The White Paper

In or out of power, Churchill professed his friendship for Zionism. The opportunity presented itself after Chamberlain, umbrella in hand, knuckled under to Hitler at Munich and turned British policy into appeasement. If Czechoslovakia and Austria could be thrown to the wolves then why not appease the Arabs? His White Paper reduced Jewish immigration to 15,000 per year until 1944; then the doors of Palestine would be shut airtight. Land purchase was restricted, subject only to Arab consent.

Opposition To Appeasement

Opposing this infamous document, Winston Churchill delivered one of his greatest speeches. In the House of Commons he declared: "As one intimately and responsibly concerned in the earlier stages of our Palestine policy, I could not stand by and see solemn engagements into which Britain has entered before the world, set aside for reasons of administrative convenience or—and it will be a vain hope—for the sake of a quiet life. I should feel personally embarrassed in the most acute manner if I lent myself, by silence or inaction, to what I must regard as an act of repudiation. . . .

"There is much in this White Paper which is alien to the spirit of the Balfour Declaration, but I will not trouble about that. I select the one point upon which there is plainly a breach and repudiation of the Balfour Declaration—the provision

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whose more exotic aspects we enjoy at 7,000 miles distance in the form of colorful photos, plagues the young country already strained to the breaking point in terms of physical endurance and economy.

Man, she be granted the strength to absorb all elements, even these apparently indigestible ones, into her system . . . train them to responsible citizenship, and help them span the gap in time and distance yawning between what they were and what they must be.

Certainly what we are learning today is that Israelis are humans, with their full quota of human frailties. Yet it has been said, in another context, that the easiest way to be a human being is to be a Jew. Here, at least, is ground for optimism.

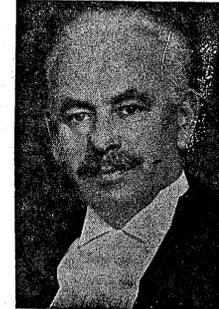
## Insurance For Judaism In Talmud Torah

RECESS TIME IS OVER and it's back to class for these pupils of the parochial (day) school at the Talmud Torah main branch, Charles and Flora. About 100 youngsters get a combined Hebrew and general education in this way — and from the looks on their faces, enjoy the whole thing.



## Major Friedgut Seen Drawing Record Youth Aliyah Crowd

Youth Aliyah's upward fight to bring life and hope to increasingly larger numbers of child immigrants, in the face of limited budgets, will be told in Winnipeg Monday, Dec. 10, when Major A. H. Friedgut makes his first public appearance here since returning from his two-year stay in Israel.



MAJOR A. H. FRIEDGUT . . . unofficial ambassador.

The ZOC Agent General, who has returned for a short-term stay to report to Canadian Jewry, will be speaking before the annual \$10-and-Over Youth Aliyah Rally, slated to be held at the Royal Alexandra hotel. Presiding will be rally chairman Mrs. H. Schulman. Some of the things Major Friedgut will report on will be something of a bitter pill without the sugar coating. For example, he is expected to

describe some of the emergency, auxiliary feeding, child care, and clinical services developed in the reception camps for immigrants by Youth Aliyah working in conjunction with WIZO. These services are now in jeopardy of cancellation because budgetary income from Youth Aliyah gives throughout the world continues at a 'normal' pace while wholesale liquidation of oppressed Galut communities has its own accelerated tempo.

The guest speaker served as Canada's unofficial ambassador to Israel in the absence of any official representation, and was constantly in touch with all developments there affecting Canadians . . . whether business investments, kibbutz settlers, or interested tourists.

"Our good fortune in being able to hear Major Friedgut should definitely result in a record turnout at this affair," stated Mrs. Schulman.

Serving on the Youth Aliyah executive are Mrs. P. Sheps, chairman; Mrs. N. Stall, canvassers chairman; Mrs. S. J. Oreck, publicity; Mrs. J. Smorin, treasurer; Mrs. Marcus Tessler, arrangements; Mrs. H. J. Granovsky, Winnipeg Hadasah Council; Mrs. D. P. Gotlieb, national Hadasah president; Mrs. F. Buchwald, chairman of the \$100 dinner party; Mrs. M. M. Pierce, chairman

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This is the second in a series of articles being published in this newspaper, describing the various institutions which receive the Winnipeg Jewish community's financial and moral support through the Jewish Welfare Fund.

If our Jewish Welfare Fund could be described as offering "community security," then the Talmud Torah which it supports can be said to offer "Judaic security."

And, like some kinds of social security systems in the public mind today, the Talmud Torah brand of security for Judaism is a "cradle to the grave" affair.

At least, that's the way Talmud Torah leaders put it. And after they are through outlining what they intend to do — in their new building — and are already putting into practise in the present one — it would take a fairly hardy skeptic to challenge them.

What, the reader may well ask, is all this "blurb" about? The Talmud Torah is teaching Jewish children the "aleph-beth," Jewish history, religion and so forth? Good, we're happy; let the Welfare Fund give them enough money to do this well; but give us no advertising puffery about "security systems."

The Talmud Torah might answer that this way:

In the last 40 years since the institution was founded, somewhere between 18,000 and 20,000 Jewish children in Winnipeg absorbed at least some of the "religious-national spirit" that is the essence of the Judaism taught there.

Suppose that during that period

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## NCJW Set For Members Rally Day Tea Tuesday



MRS. S. KRINDLE . . . convener, home baking sale.



MRS. P. DEVINS . . . Brides Group chairman.

Winnipeg Section, National Council of Jewish Women, will hold its Annual Membership Rally and Tea on Tuesday, Dec. 4, from 2-5 p.m., at the Eaton Assembly hall.

Members of Evening Group under the chairmanship of Mrs. S. Cherniak will sponsor a home baking sale, and Brides Group, of which Mrs. P. Devins is chairman, will exhibit a display of toys which the group is sending to the Beth Hayered Nursery Institute through Council

Ship-a-Box. Three door prizes will be featured.

Mrs. A. Zentner, membership chairman, urged Council members to turn out for this annual event. Mrs. Victor Rosenfield, president, extended a special invitation to new members to attend. Mrs. D. Stall is in charge of arrangements for the tea. Members of all groups will serve as hostesses. Those attending were requested to bring pencils and scribblers for the Beth Hayered nursery.

BENEDICTINE, TOO!

ISRAEL TONGUE RECIPE "GOES TO YOUR HEAD"

New York (Special) — Americans got their first taste of Israel's new cookery recently when the B. Manischewitz Co., introduced several delightful new dishes from Israel at a luncheon for food writers. Here is one of the recipes, for Sweet-and-Sour Tongue (Lashon Sharon), a splendid main dish or, if tongue is cut into small cubes, an unusual hot hors d'oeuvre.

Wash a 2½-lb. pickled beef tongue (or half a 5-lb tongue), cover with water, bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer until tongue is tender—2 to 2½ hours. Remove skin and root, slice ¼-inch thick and keep warm in cooking liquid.

Meanwhile cook ½ lb. prunes, drain, remove pits and wash prunes. Mix 4-cups of the water in which the tongue was cooked, ¼ lb. seedless raisins, ¾ cup brown sugar, 2 tablespoons vinegar and 2 tablespoons cornstarch mixed with a little cold water. Cook 10 minutes, stirring to thicken, then mix in the prune puree.

Drain tongue slices, add them to the sauce, together with ¼ lb. marjoram glazes, and heat slowly to just below boiling point. When ready to serve, slowly stir in ¾ cup Benedictine or other aromatic liqueur. Transfer to a heated serving dish and sprinkle with ½ cup toasted and silvered almonds. Serves six.

LADIES' AUXILIARY, BRANDEIS Lodge, will meet at the home of Mrs. Bessie Greenberg, 457 Inkster boulevard, Thursday, Dec. 6.

MIRIAM CHAPTER, HADASSAH, will meet at the home of Mrs.

J. Knazan, 307 Boyd avenue, Monday, Dec. 3, at 2 p.m.

CHANA SENESH' CHAPTER OF Pioneer Women will meet Monday, Dec. 3, at 8.30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. L. Coodin, 265 Cathedral avenue.

## Literary Honor



Y. SHTERN of the staff of the J. L. Perez schools and of the Canadian Jewish Teachers Seminary in Montreal has been awarded the International Lamed Prize for Jewish Literature. Mr. Shtern has won this prize for his volume of Reminiscences of School Life in Tishvitz, Poland, several decades ago. Mr. Shtern's work was published by the Yiddish Scientific Institute in New York. Other Canadians who have won the Lamed Prize for Literature have been J. I. Segal and the late Dr. Simche Petruska of Montreal, and I. Rabinovitch of Toronto.



Winnipeg's Modern Jewish women will find much material of interest in the Modern Housewife Edition, beginning on page 9 of this issue. The recipes, home decorating hints, and guides to reliable products, appliances, services and suppliers, read this edition carefully.