

THIRD TOWN HALL SUNDAY



DR. R. L. RUBENSTEIN

Dr. Rubenstein has lectured to student and faculty groups at Harvard, Yale, Dartmouth, Princeton, Brown, Brandeis, Wellesley, Boston, Connecticut, Penn State, Middlebury (Vermont), McGill, Vermont, Kent State, Toronto, Ohio State, Rutgers, Bucknell, Hobart and William Smith College, Bryn Maws, Chicago, Albright, Cornell, Alfred and Wisconsin.

A year ago, he was invited to present a series of lectures at the Catholic University of Lublin, Poland, and also spoke at Catholic institutions in Warsaw and Krakow. He thus became the first American Jewish Theologian to lecture at an institution of higher learning behind the Iron Curtain.

In February, 1964, Dr. Rubenstein lectured at the department of psychological medicine of the University of Edinburgh. While in Scotland, he addressed the Scottish Congregational College, Davidson Clinic for Medical Psychotherapy and the Edinburgh Humanist Society.

His writings have appeared in The Psychoanalytic Review, Reconstructionist, Judaism, Jewish Frontier, Cross Currents, Jewish Social Studies, Christian Century, Jewish

Rabbinical Council Reorganized



RABBI I. E. WITTY

The Council of Rabbis of Winnipeg was recently reorganized through the initiative of the religious affairs committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, western region.

In attendance at the last meeting of the council were Rabbis Louis Berkal, Shalom F. Epstein, Irving P. Glickman, Meyer C. Horowitz, Lawrence S. Nesis, Zalman Schachter, Meyer E. Schwartzman, Irwin E. Witt, Avie Waxman and Peretz Weisman.

Rabbi Samuel Polonsky and Gerald Steinberg, as well as the newly appointed Rabbi of Rosh Pina, have also been invited to join the council.

Matters of religious concern being dealt with by the council in cooperation with the religious affairs committee of Congress include: the need for a chaplaincy service for members of the Jewish community who are hospitalized or in institutions; representation and participation on the Interfaith Centennial Committee, on the religious advisory committee of the CBC, and other community bodies where Jewish religious representation is required.

The Rabbinical Council is also taking up the matter of cooperation with the Vaad Ha'ir in Kashruth supervision and will consider a number of other questions of more direct religious significance.

Nathan Lockshin, chairman of the religious affairs committee of Con-

Heritage, The Jewish Chronicle (London), The Christian Scholar and Religion Education. He has just published a book, "After Auschwitz - Radical Theology and Contemporary Judaism." He serves as an associate editor of the Reconstructionist.

Club Notes

JEWISH PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL hold its annual membership tea Sunday, Nov. 27, from 2 to 6 p.m. at the I. L. Perez School, Alkins Street.

RIVER HEIGHTS CHAPTER OF B'nai B'rith Women will meet Wednesday, Nov. 23, at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Jack Medved, 824 Elm Street. A film will be shown.

GARDEN CITY CHAPTER, B'NAI B'rith Women, will hold an executive meeting Monday, Nov. 21, at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Irwin (Belle) Schom, 15 Aster St.

REBECCA SIEFF CHAPTER OF Hadassah will meet Monday, Nov. 21, at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Saul Trepel, 685 Oak Street. Mrs. Dorothy Faulcomer will conduct a cooking demonstration sponsored by the Travelling Kitchen. Gifts and recipes will be distributed.

Circle 6 will hold a social Sunday, Nov. 20, at Hadassah headquarters. There will be a door prize.

WEIZMANN CHAPT., HADASSAH, will hold its Youth Aliyah luncheon Tuesday, Nov. 22, at the home of Mrs. Sharon Ruskin, 722 Airlies Street.

B'NAI BRITH WINNIPEG LODGE No. 650 will hold its annual dinner Sunday, Nov. 20, at 6:15 p.m. at Rosh Pina Synagogue. Guest speaker will be Mendel M. Meltzer, immediate past president, District Grand Lodge No. 6. A musical program will feature Aubrey and Irvin Jacob. Joseph Segal is dinner chairman.

LEHAVA CHAPTER OF PIONEER Women will meet Monday, Nov. 21, at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Saul Chochinov, 476 Perth Avenue.

HANITA CHAPTER OF PIONEER Women will meet Monday, Nov. 21, at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. M. M. Sucharov, 365 Burrin Avenue. A report of the first Canadian Pioneer Women's convention held recently in Montreal will be given by Mrs. Sucharov, who attended as a delegate.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH Women "book review group" will meet Thursday, Nov. 24, at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Don Golden, 1358 Mathers. Mrs. R. Miles will review "Invitation to an Inquest" by Walter Schnier.

JEWISH WOMEN'S MUSICAL Club Studio Group will hold a music appreciation evening Thursday, Nov. 24, at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Godfrey Sandell, 444 Queenston Street. Mrs. Nathan Mitchell will discuss and illustrate in song the Development of Folk Music.

MINNIE CHURCHILL CHAPTER of Hadassah will hold its blood bank dessert luncheon meeting Monday, Nov. 21, at 1 p.m. at the home of Mrs. A. Ratson, 238 Academy Road. Hostesses are Mrs. Molly Raber and Mrs. Bea Klein.

MIRIAM CHAPTER, HADASSAH, will hold its blood bank meeting and cards Monday, Nov. 21, at 1:30 p.m. at Hadassah headquarters. Hostesses are Mrs. R. Zilberman and Mrs. Anna Rosenberg.

Welfare Fund Annual Meeting December 15th



DR. JUDAH SHAPIRO

The annual meeting of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Winnipeg will be held Thursday, Dec. 15, at the Rosh Pina Synagogue, it has been announced by A. L. Simkin, JWF president.

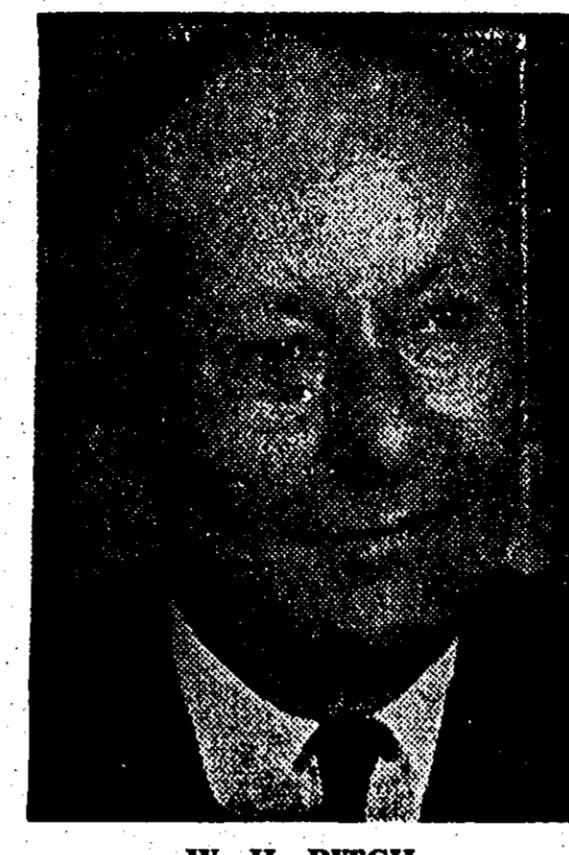
Guest speaker will be Dr. Judah Shapiro of New York, national executive director of the Foundation for Jewish Culture, and currently commissioner of the Jewish Agency for Israel to analyze the Agency structure.

Jewish Child and Family Service Elect Officers For Coming Year



I. PELTZ

I. Peltz, C.A., was elected president of the Jewish Child and Family Service at a meeting of the board of directors of the Jewish Child and Family Service on October 19. Mr. Peltz has been a member of the board for several years and served as vice-president for the past two years. Mr. Peltz is associated with the firm of Tapper, Sandell, Levenstein, Peltz, Antel, Fingold, Chisvin & Partners.



W. H. PITCH

Other executive officers include: William Pitch, immediate past president; J. Chapman, 1st vice-president; M. Globerman, 2nd vice-president; G. Kroft, honorary treasurer; Mrs. E. Robinson, honorary secretary; S. Cohan, I. Nisenholt, and Mrs. S. Simkin, executive members.

At the 15th annual meeting of the agency held June 9, William Pitch, Mrs. M. Blankstein, Ernest Gold, and Edwin Kimelman each received awards for service and dedication to the agency and to the community.

Hebrew U. Friends Name Officers

At the recent annual dinner meeting of the Winnipeg Chapter, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, the following slate of officers was named: chairman, Mr. Justice Samuel Freedman; vice-chairman, Mrs. Maxwell S. Rady; treasurer, Frank Buchwald; honorary secretary, H. Sokolov, Q.C.; membership chairman, Mrs. F. Buchwald, and membership co-chairman, Mrs. Alex Billinkoff; Winnipeg officers of national executive: Mrs. Frank Buchwald, Frank Buchwald, Mr. Justice Samuel Freedman, national vice-president; Mrs. D. P. Gottlieb and Mrs. Maxwell S. Rady.

Endowments and scholarship committee: Harold Buchwald, chairman, I. J. Dreman, Joseph Erlichman, Nathan Lockshin, A. R. Micay, Q.C., Sol Simkin, Myles Robinson, H. Sokolov, Q.C., Tom Olenick, and Samuel N. Cohen.

Executive committee: The officers named and the following: Dr. H. Allen, E. J. Aronovitch, J. Berkowitz, H. N. Bernstein, Mrs. J. M. Bernstein, F. Billinkoff, J. B. Billinkoff, Mrs. Morley Blankstein, L. Bokofsky, Sam Bookbinder, A. Bricker, Saul M. Cherniack, Q.C., S. N. Cohen, D. M. Copp, Dr. N. I. Corne, Alderman M. H. Danzker, I. Dorfman, Q.C., S. J. Drache, Q.C., I. J. Dreman, Mrs. A. Druxerman, J. Erlichman, S. Feldman, Mrs. D. Freed, Mrs. J. Freedman, J. Freedman, Percy Genser, Dr. Sheldon Gorenstein, D. P. Gottlieb, Mrs. Ernest Green, Hart Green, Jr., Q.C., S. Hart Green, Q.C., G. Grubert, Oscar Grubert, A. M. Israels, Q.C., N. B. Jacob, Sol Kanev, David Kaufman, Sam Kay, Mrs. J. J. Lander, Dr. M. Lehman, H. W. Levin, Mrs. J. Linhart, N. Lockshin, Frank Margolis, Prof. O. Marantz, Max Margolis, J. Markson, A. R. Micay, Q.C., A. W. Mitchell, S. L. Morantz, M. Neaman, Mr. Justice I. Nitkman, S. B. Nitkman, M. M. Nusgart, T. Z. Olenick,

Mrs. I. Parr, Dr. S. S. Peikoff, William S. Pitch, Arnold Portugal, Nate Portugal, S. A. Portugal, A. Posen, I. S. Portnoy, Myles Robinson, M. J. Rosenberg, S. Sair, H. Schulman, Q.C., Miss Brina Schwartz, Mrs. Bernard Schwartz, Joe Sectar, P. Sheps, M. Shore, A. L. Simkin, Sol Simkin, D. Slater, R. B. Slater, Mrs. A. Snukal, Hon. S. J. Spivak, Q.C., Mrs. M. D. Spivak, A. Steinberg, M. B. Steinkopf, Q.C., Morris Stone, H. Walsh, Q.C., O. Weinstein, Dr. I. Wolch, J. Wolinsky, S. Zitzerman.

Independent Bray Abraham Celebrates Golden Anniversary



Lawrence Nezon, President of Bray Abraham Synagogue, invites all members and their wives to the Golden Anniversary banquet and dance which will be held this Sunday, Nov. 20, in the Synagogue auditorium. Commencing with cocktails at 5:45 p.m., dinner at 6:15 p.m. Reservations can be made at the office, JU 9-7312.

The Germans and the National Democratic Party

By TERENCE PRITTE

The author was German correspondent of the "Guardian" for 16 years, and is now its Diplomatic Correspondent.

The success of the National Democratic Party of Germany in last Sunday's Hesse Land elections has caused greater surprise and greater concern outside Germany than in the Federal Republic itself.

When talking to German politicians only three days before the Hesse elections I found that they were prepared for a limited National Democratic success.

They would doubtless consider now that this is all that the new party has achieved; just under 8 per cent of the poll is, after all, not sensational. In 1951 the neo-Nazi party of General Remer, the Socialist Reichs Party, secured 11 per cent of the votes in the Lower Saxony Land election. And it could be argued that there was a far greater danger in 1951 of a General Remer leading a violently nationalistic revolution than there is of the obscure men of N.D.P. doing the same thing today.

This is not to say, however, that the N.D.P.'s further progress should not be watched with the greatest vigilance. General Remer's S.R.P. never became a factor in federal politics in West Germany, but the N.D.P. can. My reason for saying this is that the S.R.P. represented a predominantly Nazi backlash against a democratic form of government which had not yet had time to prove itself — whereas the N.D.P. today is the symptom of national impatience with political parties which have been unable to reunify Germany or give the Federal Republic a bigger voice in Europe, or avert the inflation which is now threatening the "German economic miracle."

The S.R.P.'s temporary success owed most to a hankering for the past; the N.D.P.'s challenge is primarily indicative of fear of the future.

For this fear, which affects much of Western Europe at the moment and has brought a marked decline of confidence in democratic forms of government, is strongest in Germany both for particular as well as general reasons. The trouble between Government and Bundeswehr, the "Starfighter Scandal" of the 64 crashed aircraft and 36 dead pilots,

the threat of a withdrawal of British and American troops from Germany, the end of the honeymoon of Franco-German friendship, the growing problems of both Nato and the Common Market, the check to hitherto consistent economic expansion — here are half-a-dozen factors which have combined to undermine the prestige and popularity of the Erhard Government.

From the particular to the more general — Germans have been asking themselves, increasingly, why their good behaviour as allies and partners in the Western alliance has brought no rewards. Why, they ask, have they not been allowed to live down the past? Why have they been given no hope for the future — especially no hope of a solution of the German question? In the rest of Western Europe there is an increasing tendency to blame shortcomings, chiefly economic, on the "orthodox" political parties. It is doubly easy to do this in West Germany.

From the general once more back to the particular — given the fact of a creeping political malaise in West Germany, why has the N.D.P. been able to make its first breakthrough in Hesse? I would suggest three reasons.

The Hesse elections have coincided with the first serious Cabinet crisis in Bonn during the 17 years of the Federal Republic's existence. The growing north-south split in the C.D.U. makes this problem extremely difficult. Nor is there today a "crown prince," which Erhard was during the Adenauer era.

Given a crumbling of confidence in the C.D.U. leadership, voters in Hesse could have turned to the Free Democratic Party, which has traditionally been strong in this land. But the F.D.P. blotted its copybook in the Cabinet crisis, too. The resignation of its four Ministers was clearly a piece of political tactics, with the aim of dissociation from the senior coalition partner during the period of economic difficulty and with four Land elections ahead.

Finally, it has been argued that disgruntled C.D.U. (and F.D.P.) supporters could have turned to the Social Democrats since Hesse was an S.D.P. "stronghold." This

is a confused concept; the S.D.P. is very strong in Frankfurt and other large towns, but not in the small market towns and the country areas. This is almost certainly where the N.D.P. has picked up most of its support, largely among the middle-aged of the middle income group. And in places like these, and among people like these, radicalism means Right-wing radicalism. Left-wing radicalism has never had much chance in post-war Germany; it is too easily identified with the threat, real or supposed, of Communism and the Communist block.

In the short-term the N.D.P. is going to be a source of concern and a political nuisance. It is a great deal more difficult to predict what it will become in the middle or long-term. Perhaps one's disquiet should be leavened by the following considerations:

West German youth has grown up under democracy and under governments which have given their country real friends abroad for the first time for nearly a hundred years. West German youth is instinctively pragmatic and careful politically. It is unlikely that reasonably hard-headed young Germans will be impressed by such nonsensical N.D.P. proposals as the repatriation of all foreign workers and all foreign troops. Although German Right-wing opinion has found a focus in the

going to grow to an alarming extent. There has been a body of Right-wing opinion ever since 1945 which has refused to attach itself to any of the "orthodox" parties. The N.D.P. like its predecessors, may quickly lose its appeal — after being put in a position where it has to frame policies rather than rabble-rousing slogans.

Finally, the cure for the present political despondency in West Germany lies ready to hand. It will have to consist in devising measures to compete with economic recession, and policies to exploit detente in Central Europe and seek a new road towards German reunification — by way of developing understanding for her eastern neighbours and convincing them that a "new" Germany really does exist. West Germans have in the past been held back from doing this, not by Right-wing radicals but by Adenauer's static "cold war" concepts.

In short, there is so much that the Germans can do for themselves and about themselves that they should not condemn themselves to impotence and obloquy by relapsing into anti-democratic, xenophobic, racialist nationalism. Most Germans are genuinely interested in "Europeanism" and are unlikely to revert to a narrow, semi-isolationist nationalism.

OMBUDSMAN OF JUDAISM

There is a widespread view, held in extremist quarters, that Judaism is averse to questioning. They insist on reasonless faith. This view has no foundation in Jewish teaching.

Greatly daring, the Bible has incorporated in its treasury of wisdom pungent criticism of its own essential doctrines. Job, for example, challenges the justice of Providence. Ecclesiastes all but drains life of its meaning. The Talmud is built on argument; the thrust and parry of debate is its very lifeblood. It even presents us with an Elisha ben Abuya — a pagan Rabbi, a Tannaite Hellenist.

In truth from the days of Abraham, who queried, "How shall I know?", till the latest religious controversy, which is making newspaper headlines, Judaism has thrived on religious enquiry. It has never feared or banned the questioner. It has only stipulated one condition: that the questioner — unlike Pontius Pilate, when he asked, "What is truth?" — stay to hear the answer.

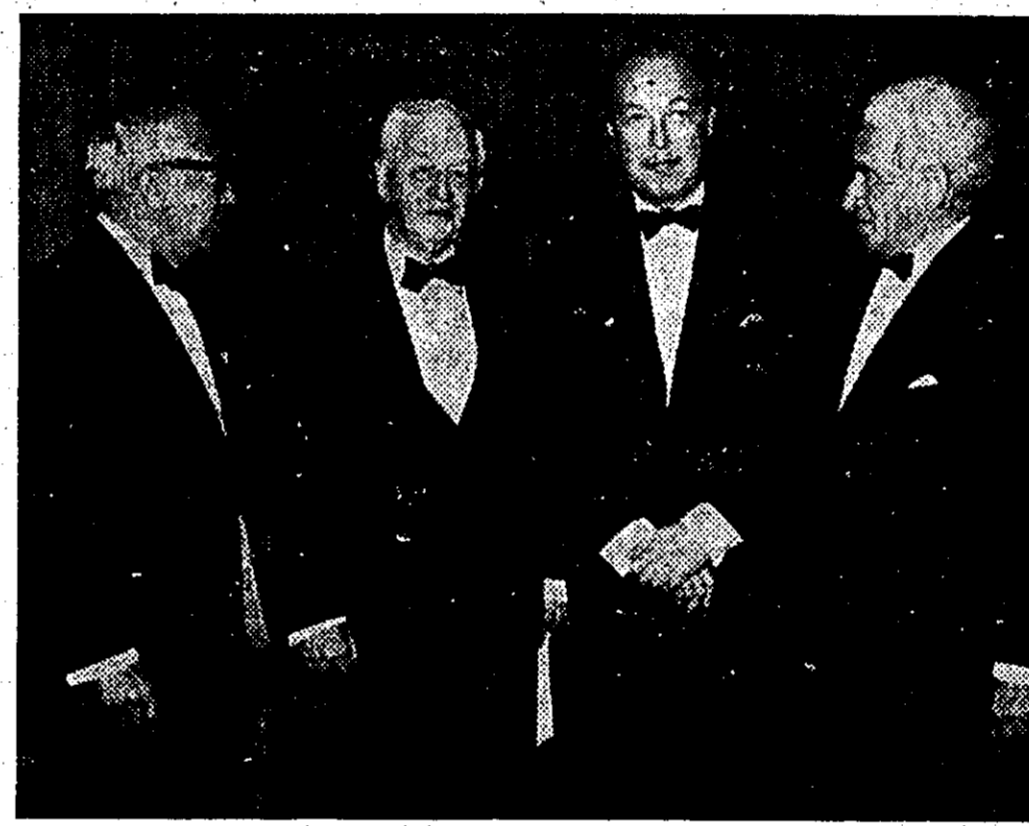
Judaism has a built-in "Ombudsman," and in Ecclesiastes he appears most active and most contemporaneous. Sweden's suicides, America's "Negos," Britain's Mods

and Rockers all suffer from an old malaise: "Vanities of vanities, all is vanity." Life has lost its savour for them, because they have no goal. All the amenities of a welfare state are no surrogate for true purpose in life. They are anchorless; hence they can reach no haven. Void of faith, of religious ideals and discipline, they founder aimlessly in spiritual darkness, crying from the depths of their despair: "Vanities of vanities."

It is no coincidence that we read Ecclesiastes on Succot. The Booth, anodent to the corrosive scepticism of Kohelet. Faith enflamed Sinai with the fire of Heaven; it fertilized the wilderness with Torah law and ethic. It gave a wandering people an everlasting goal — the Promised Land. Zion is more than a geographical location; it is a spiritual horizon, drawing man ever onward, ever higher.

In its faith doubt is transmuted into ever new affirmations. The question becomes its own answer. Speak fearlessly then to the Ombudsman of Judaism. He has balm for your wounds, conviction for your agnosticism, and for your aimless groping a Divine Purpose woven on the loom of all the ages — even "the whole man."

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Meyer W. Weisgal welcomes Nobel Laureates Professors I. I. Rabi and Feyton Rous, and Robert Saroff, President Radio Corporation of America. The occasion was the 21st Annual Weizmann Institute Dinner which paid tribute to the founders of the Institute.

DAYENU BY HENRY LEONARD
When the Messiah Comes...
"Why, yes, Morris, it was a rather difficult day here at home... but I'm sure you had it much more difficult at the office."