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## Honoring Dr. Weizmann

At three score years and ten Dr. Chaim Weizmann, the beloved and respected president of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency, stands unchallenged as the leader of world Jewry. As a scientist who had made tremendous contributions to the welfare of mankind, Dr. Weizmann has deservedly earned the title of genius; as the leader of the movement which is striving for the rebirth of a people and the right for that people to be counted as a nation among nations, Dr. Weizmann, although the last person to admit it, has become a statesman of great stature among the world leaders. Although famed the world over as a scientist and as a great political leader, it is our belief that Dr. Weizmann will be best remembered as a man who dedicated his life to the cause of his people. What more fitting measure could be taken by the Jewish people than to enshrine his name for time everlasting by dedicating a Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund in his name. While this is a Canadian Jewish project it would be worth while for the Jewish citizens in other lands to emulate this happy example. We are confident that Dr. Weizmann, had he been approached to name an appropriate manner of doing him honor, would heartily have endorsed this project.

Canadian Jewry does more than honor Dr. Weizmann through the establishment of a Golden Book in his name—the Jewish people of Canada are making certain that additional land will be purchased in Eretz Israel to provide a home and haven for the thousands who will seek admission to the Jewish Homeland after the war. Land will be needed too to settle the brave soldiers who have fought so gallantly in every battlefield on the side of the United Nations. The least that could be done for them is to provide them with sufficient land upon which to build a roof over their heads and a few acres to provide them with sustenance from the soil.

The Jewish citizens of Winnipeg have recognized the worthiness of this cause and have responded in large numbers. Individuals and organizations have come forward to inscribe the names of their loved ones, others to commemorate occasions, happy and sad; some have inscribed their own names and others sons now fighting for victory and freedom, and still others have inscribed Dr. Weizmann himself.

As a fitting climax to this enterprise, a Chaim Weizmann Tribute Dinner commemorating the 70th birthday of our beloved leader will be held in Winnipeg this coming Wednesday. We will be fortunate in having with us Mr. Samuel E. Schwisberg, a member of the presidium of the Zionist Organization of Canada, as guest speaker. We are confident that those individuals, organizations and synagogues who are planning to obtain Golden Book certificates will respond before that date and be present or represented at the Chaim Weizmann Tribute Dinner. It will be an occasion that should be long remembered.

To Dr. Weizmann, who has received all the honors and plaudits for his indefatigable efforts that a people can bestow, this undertaking will take on added significance because it pays tribute to the cause to which he has devoted the best years of his life. The tangible results will please him far beyond any praise that we can add to that already showered upon him.

# The Anglo-Jewish Press As The Editor Sees It

By DR. JOSEPH G. BRIN

Dr. Joseph G. Brin, managing editor of The Jewish Advocate of Boston, analyzes the functions of the Anglo-Jewish press on this continent, its past achievements, and future responsibilities. His charge that Jewish leadership has neglected one of the most vital institutions of American and Canadian Jewry deserves the most serious consideration.—The Editor.

WITH the press in general wielding a tremendous influence—sometimes terrifying in its power for good or evil—the Anglo-Jewish press has its own responsible tasks to perform by providing reliable and accurate news, by speaking on behalf of Jewry to the non-Jewish world and by moulding opinion and guiding policy in Jewish affairs. Newspapers are more philanthropic than any other private institution. Newspapers have only one thing to sell, and that is their space. They give it freely to all kinds of causes for the general benefit of the public.

**Functions of Anglo-Jewish Newspapers**  
The Anglo-Jewish press has taken its place with useful and needed functions.

Jewish papers printed in English are unique in their field. Though catering exclusively to Jews and carrying news of interest to Jews, they are not fundamentally religious organs in the sense of being synagogue publications. Other functions are theirs.

The Anglo-Jewish press when well edited, has three definite spheres of interest and three functions to perform, and in all three it differs entirely from the religious press of the Catholics or Protestants, or from a secular press.

1.—Though not necessarily most important, I must mention the function of an Anglo-Jewish paper in unifying the Jewish community, and in solidifying Jewish interests. The differences of opinion, the divergent viewpoints of Jewish groups are fairly well-known, and if we are to get along with the outside world we must first establish harmonious family relationship from within. It is up to the Anglo-Jewish paper in any given community to attempt to do this. Co-ordination of Jewish activities is possible by providing a common medium through which Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Jews may publicize their activities; by offering columns which will announce the social affairs, the philanthropic work, the many other diversified activities of a healthy community.

Without a Jewish paper serving this purpose, elements in the Jewish community grow apart from each other, becoming unaware of what their brothers are doing and losing the intimate contact and consciousness of religious and social understanding of their own people.

**Interfaith Goodwill**  
2.—Then there is a second function. If it is important that there be harmony and understanding within the Jewish community, how much more important it is that this same harmony and understanding exist between the Jewish community and the non-Jewish community. Through the medium of the liberal Anglo-Jewish press Jews are given an opportunity to read at first-hand of Christian activity as it concerns them, and to understand that if there are anti-Semites and Jew-haters in the world there are also understanding friends.

The skeptical non-Jew has but to skim through the pages of one of these papers and see the interest taken by Jews in democracy, in the Constitution.

Finally, no well-edited Anglo-Jewish paper can neglect the literary talents and appreciation of the Jews. Feature stories of merit, original fiction, historical sketches, biographical material of noteworthy personalities, translations of tales from every language, all should find a place in the complete Anglo-Jewish paper. And to round out the family appeal, for this paper really is a family paper, there is the sports column, the cooking page, the theatre section, and the other special departments which make their appeal to every member of the family unit.

Thus the Jews do not have a strictly religious press—but they do have a family paper which, as years go on, is gradually developing a broad critical outlook on worldly affairs. Meanwhile, in their own way, without church control or theological attitude, they have a code which is directed towards making Jews better Jews and better Americans and better human beings.

### Charge Against Our Leadership

The Anglo-Jewish press, though indispensable in all communities to local Jewish institutions and activities, and to the national organizations which are, after all, the totality of sentiment and enthusiasm of local groups, is most sadly neglected by the leaders of Jewish movements. Unfortunately, the Anglo-Jewish press—though far from perfect, yet doing its very best under the handicaps of non co-operation—is all too frequently merely "used": in the crude connotation of the word. Its readers, or those of them who are merchants, fail to use their community organs as advertising media, advertising revenue being the life-blood, economically speaking, of all unsubsidized journals. Of course, there are rare exceptions. Just enough to prove the rule.

Secondly, the various Jewish communities, who need the publicity mediums which the local Jewish newspaper affords them, are the great offenders in another way: They do not do anything to increase and maintain the circulation of their community organs. How short-sighted this is can only be indicated by the fact that many local newspapers fail to develop editorially to their fullest because of serious financial undernourishment.

Guiltily on both counts stated are the community leaders, rabbis and executives of Jewish local and national societies—the very men and women who are constantly calling upon and often straining the resources of the Anglo-Jewish publishers and their publications.

Perhaps reminding our leaders that the starved cow can give no milk will awaken them to action; and, through them, their constituencies and supporters.

### Let Us Learn From Others

Other religious groups in America, notably our Catholic fellow-Americans, are far ahead of us in properly evaluating and in advancing the interests of their specialized press and publications. Let me cite, for one, "The Pilot", organ of the Boston Archdiocese. Here, each year, the Cardinal issues a special proclamation calling up the church members under his jurisdiction—in Massachusetts the number is one million—to support the Catholic newspaper which they consider

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## The Jewish Calendar

\$ Fast of Tammuz	Sat., July 8
\$ Rosh Hodesh Ab	Fri., July 21
\$ Rosh Hodesh Elul	Sat., July 29
\$ Rosh Hashonah	Mon., Sept. 18
\$ Yom Kippur	Wed., Sept. 27

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\$ Holiday begins at sundown day before.  
† Second day of new moon.

# It's Hard To Be A Jew

By DAVID SCHWARTZ  
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I SAID to the young lady sitting at the typewriter—I said and I signed—"It's hard to be a Jew." I thought I would be unchallenged in this statement. It is like challenging the fact that the earth is round or that all straight angles are equal. So I thought, but the young lady shot back at me. "I like it."

She likes it! Why even popular adage has coined the expression "It's hard to be a Jew" (Es is "schwer zu sein a Yid.")

And even if there were not this adage, look at the world today. Consider the almost inconceivable vitality of anti-Semitism. It used to be that some thought Communism would spread and become international. It used to be feared by some that Fascism would become international. But the plain fact of the matter is that only anti-Semitism has become truly and forcefully international.

Yet the young lady at the typewriter likes to be a Jew!

I don't understand her. My mind went back to Reb Levi Itzhak of Berdichev. Here was a great teacher of Israel, a foremost

Chassid.

My mind went back to the day when that great stalwart figure of traditional Judaism stood up in his synagogue and spoke to God. Levi Itzhak of Berdichev was a good man and a very bold man. He was not afraid even of speaking directly to God, not simply praying to him. If there ever was a man who stood up and spoke to God bravely, it was Levi Itzhak of Berdichev. What did Levi Itzhak say to God in that synagogue? He said:

"God, you have given Taryag Mitzvos (613 Commandments). Who asked you to give us those Mitzvos? You have chosen us for your special service among the peoples of the world. God, who asked you to make us a chosen people?"

Here was a great Jewish saint of Russia not at all pleased with the idea of God having chosen Israel. Levi Itzhak saw the Jewish suffering about him. It was hard to be a Jew and he wasn't afraid to say so and complain of it to God.

There is no question about it—despite the young lady at the typewriter machine—it is hard to be a Jew. But there is one thing harder—and that is trying to make out you

are not a Jew when you are one.

As Ben Hecht remarks in his recently published book, "A Guide for the Bedevilled", a number of his Jewish friends who tried to deny their Jewishness are today visiting psychoanalysts.

There is no use denying the fact, if you are a Jew. You may as well accept it.

And perhaps even if it is hard, you may get to like it. Maybe there is something in what the lady at the typewriter says, after all. The things we really like are the hard things. Who ever heard of going down a mountain being a sport. It is climbing up a mountain—doing hard things—that is sport—that is fun.

There is something invigorating too in standing up for yourself when you know a thousand are out to down you. There is something invigorating to the soul in combatting the demagogue and the mob—when you do really stand up and do not run away. I cannot believe that anti-Semitism will do us only harm. Christianity has idealized the people who bear a cross, but not Christendom but Jewry bears this cross. (I am speaking here of course of the cross in the sense in which it is used as a symbol of martyrdom.)

I recall the story of Rabbi Akiba who when he was placed on the stake to be burned alive, for being a Jew, said, "I have before executed all of the Commandments of God save one, that 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy might. Now at last it has been granted me the opportunity to fulfill this commandment also.'"

Yes, it's hard to be a Jew, but maybe also glorious.

maninoff Concerto No. 2 several nights later, and the week will conclude with Betty Becham, Sir Thomas's wife, as soloist in the Saint Saens Concerto No. 2 in C minor.

Efrem Kurtz, conductor of the Kansas City Philharmonic, who has appeared at the Stadium for the past several seasons, has been engaged to conduct the Marian Anderson concert in addition to an all-orchestral program.

It is gratifying to note that Heifetz will be at the Stadium again this year, after the lapse of one summer, and that Huberman, who made his first appearance at the Stadium last year, will be there again.

The roster of artists who will perform at the Stadium during the summer emphasizes once again the democracy inherent in great art. On the concert stage, an artist is judged by his performance, not his religion or the color of his skin. No one has ever succeeded in selling the music public the idea that there is something wrong with the world of music because so many of the leading artists are Jewish or because some of its most gifted members are Negroes. And as Hitler's star wanes, let us trust that music will remain free from prejudice and bigotry.

Writing in New York, one tends to stress the Stadium concerts when

discussing out-door Summer music, but equally interesting are the ever popular Robin Hood Dell concerts in Philadelphia, the Water Gate concerts in Washington, the Ravina Music Festival in Chicago, the series of concerts given in the stadium of the University of Detroit and the annual "Symphonies Under the Stars" in the Hollywood Bowl. (We note, enviously, that Memuhin is among the soloists scheduled for the Bowl concert.)

The summer concerts are, to some extent, a sort of glorified Keith circuit. Many of the same soloists who will be heard in New York will appear in Philadelphia, Washington and Hollywood, while, of course, a good many famed virtuosos and conductors, who will not be heard in New York this summer, are scheduled for performances in other summer concert series.

At any rate, summer time is good listening time.

### Arabs Release Full Text Of Cabled Appeal To President Roosevelt

Jerusalem (JTA)—The full text of the threatening cable sent this week to President Roosevelt by a leader of the Palestine Arab party was made public this week in the newspaper Falastin. The cable implies that the United States can secure the friendship of the Arab world only by supporting Arab claims in Palestine.

## NEWSY NOTES

By BORIS SMOLAR  
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**INVASION SIDELIGHTS**—The British Cabinet has finally reached a decision with regard to Palestine. . . . And Zionist leaders in the United States who have gotten wind of it, claim that they have good reason to be satisfied. . . . Nothing will be disclosed about it while the invasion of Europe develops, but as the military situation becomes more settled, hints of what Britain has in mind with regard to Palestine will gradually be thrown out. . . . Judging from the Nazi broadcasts one must come to the conclusion that while Hitler is worried over the progress of the Allied invasion, he cannot forgive the Allies for the fact that a Brooklyn Jewish boy commanded the first wave of small assault boats that set the American troops ashore in France. . . . This boy, Lieut. Abe Condiotti, is the son of a Sephardic clothes presser, and is only 22 years old. . . . And you should hear his mother in Brooklyn tell how proud she is of the fact that her son started the beginning of Hitler's end in Europe. . . . With Rome liberated and with the Allied armies on their way into France, the World Jewish Congress, we hear, is contemplating the launching of a relief campaign in the United States. . . . Jewish organizations in America are also competing, quietly, to be the first to have their representatives enter occupied territories liberated by the invasion armies. . . . The Jewish boys in the British Eighth Army, who are being kept informed by special bulletins concerning what is going on in Jewish life, cannot understand why Jewish unity cannot be achieved even in the present trying times. . . . They still find time in the midst of the battle to write to us, expressing their concern on this subject. . . . "Up here all that counts is the fact of being a Jew, not to which 'Chevra' one belongs," one writes. . . . "It is deplorable that some of our seniors and supposed mentors cannot learn from our experiences that unity counts above all!" writes another. . . .

**THE ANTI-SEMITIC FRONT**—I wonder whether any of the Jewish organizations which are watching the American press for open and hidden anti-Jewish propaganda read John L. Lewis' organ "The United Mine Workers' Journal"? . . . This paper is engaging in a systematic campaign against the Lehman and other Jewish public figures, trying to convince the miners of America that the Lehman brothers constitute "the Invisible Government of America". . . . An article on this subject in the latest issue will certainly be gratefully used by Dr. Goebbels for his propaganda purposes both against American Jews and the U.S. Government. . . . Anti-Semitic elements in America who hoped that the sedition trial which is now taking place in Washington would be useful to them as a public platform for spreading anti-Jewish propaganda, are now bitterly disappointed. . . . the news of the invasion of the Allied armies has shifted the sedition trial to the background. . . . Who is interested now in reading what this or that anti-Semite involved in the sedition trial has to say in justification of his anti-Jewish views? . . .

## Words And Music

By MELVIN SALZMAN

### SUMMER CONCERTS OUT OF DOORS

NEW York City has been having its usual variable Spring, which at its lowest ebb makes one despair that Summer is ever coming, but a certain harbinger of Summer has arrived in an announcement of the Stadium concerts, the most famous series of out-door concerts in the country.

Entering its 27th year at the same stand—the Lewisohn stadium of the City College of New York—the concerts this year will feature some interesting new faces and many old-time favorites, including fiddlers Jascha Heifetz, Bronislaw Huberman, Nathan Milstein and Fritz Kreisler, and pianists Artur Schnabel, Oscar Levant, Ania Dorfman and the incomparable contralto, Marion Anderson. Missing from the roster this year are Yehudi Menuhin and Paul Robeson, both of whom usually accounted for capacity audiences.

The opening evening of the series will introduce Sir Thomas Becham to the Stadium audience. The noted British conductor will continue to lead the Philharmonic during the first star-studded week. Fritz Kreisler playing the Tschickowsky violin concerto will be heard opening night. Mr. Rubenstein will play the Rach-

## World Zionist Leaders Mourn Passing Of A. J. Freiman

The Zionist Organization of Canada has received cables of condolence on the untimely passing of A. J. Freiman.

Dr. and Mrs. Chaim Weizmann cabled:

"Deeply distressed at news passing old friend and colleague, A. J. Freiman. Jewry and movement have lost wise courageous leader at time when can ill spare his counsel and help which were always at service his people. Please convey our heartfelt sympathy to family."

Eliezer Kaplan, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, sent the following cable from Jerusalem:

"Deeply grieved sad news passing away Archibald Freiman who since early beginnings Canadian Zionism was pillar its strength."

From the Zionist executive and Jewish agency in Jerusalem:

"Profoundly distressed mournful news death beloved friend distinguished collaborator Archibald Freiman who for generation guided Canadian Zionism representing it in councils world movement. His exemplary services as great leader of men and loyal servant of national cause imperishably recorded annals Zionism and hearts of Jewish Palestine. Please convey Palestine WIZO executive's expression profound sympathy to all members family sad bereavement and to Zionist Organization for loss devoted great leader."

From the Zionist Executive and Jewish agency in London:

"Deeply grieved at sudden passing Archibald Freiman which will be

mourned throughout Zionist world. His wise and kindly leadership will be sorely missed by the movement and by the host of his friends and colleagues. Please convey our warm sympathy to his family."

From Dr. Arthur Hantke and Leo Hertrmann, directors of the Keren Hayesod in Jerusalem: "Deeply grieved Archibald Freiman's passing. His leadership Canadian Zionist and devoted services to our cause will be indelibly inscribed in annals of Zionist history."

From the Jewish National Fund in Jerusalem:

"Passing of Archibald Freiman leaves tremendous void not only Canadian but World Zionist movement. He was outstanding figure selfless leader whose services our land and people and particularly National Fund unforgettable. Convey deepest condolences family who confident will emulate shining example set by their parents."

From Hadassah Samuel on behalf of the Palestine executive of WIZO: "Deeply afflicted news sudden death Archibald Freiman deploring loss great life long friend and unflinching supporter our unforgettable Lillian Freiman. Please convey Palestine WIZO executive's expression profound sympathy to all members family sad bereavement and to Zionist Organization for loss devoted great leader."

Many other cables from abroad and wires and letters from the United States and many centres throughout Canada were received.