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Overnight Fumigation

The most popular story making the rounds of Israel-interested circles tells of Sharet's suggestion at a Cabinet meeting that Israel solve her problems by declaring war on the United States. "We will be defeated, as was Germany and Japan," he said. "Then the U.S.A. will have to bail us out, rebuild up our industry, and we will be saved." The suggestion found ready favor until Ben Gurion asked, "What happens if we win?"

This week's moral is not to be drawn from the assertiveness of Ben Gurion's reply, but rather from the very recognition of facts in the record of U.S. spoonfeeding of her erstwhile enemies. It was inevitable that Germany should be readmitted into the comity of nations. No one knew more certainly and more sorrowfully than France that ultimately 400,000 Germans would have to be invited (rather, entreated) to join the fellowship of freedom-loving nations. Today, the governments of allied countries must consider the terms of the West German Pact, but their decision on the treaty is a foregone conclusion.

As East-West relationship deteriorates, the codding of the Germans accelerates in tempo. Long forgotten are such memories as only Jews will honor . . . of the six million Jewish dead. The threat of a re-armed Germany dims beside the bright prospect, for Western statesmen, of another half-million armed men in "our camp."

All this was inevitable. But until a comparatively short time ago, the United States High Commissioner for Germany did not find it inconsistent with U.S. policy to vigorously castigate the Bonn Government for elevating dozens of high Nazis to posts of responsibility. Adenauer might be the white yarmulke, with the required history of anti-Nazi activity and concentration camp imprisonment. But the mass of his defuncts, according to High Commissioner McCloy, could lead Germany down the path to neo-Nazism if they were not vigorously purged.

With the advent of the treaty-signing, all this is changed. The quarantine notices are off; the infection has mysteriously been defeated. Almost overnight, the fighters for western democracy, our new brothers in arms, are hailed for the purity of their political faith.

We have seen no overt token to convince us of the efficacy of this overnight fumigation. As the minimal token, the world Jewish community must stand firm in demanding from Germany directly . . . and not through intermediaries . . . that the pledge of reparations due Israel and Jewish claimants be honored in the full. Barring this, not a modicum of evidence may be found anywhere on the entire German national fabric of a change of heart.

Maimonides College

A modest beginning that has already given more than a token realization of its high promise is the story behind Maimonides College, now approaching the close of its second academic year. In a community whose unusually high standard of Jewish education has not yet seen a substantial increase in the length of years spent at school by youngsters, it is still encouraging to note the

initial success recorded at this institution, attended by several high school seniors and a handful of university students.

Ultimately, Maimonides College should draw senior age students from the two communally supported schools and the two congregational school in the community. Already, its students are serving the community as teachers on the staff of one synagogue school, and are expected to fill posts in other schools. Winnipeg's increasing needs for trained and qualified teachers and communal personnel thus may ultimately be met in large measure by locally trained graduates of the college.

The school is the work of many minds and

Beigen, Lewisohn and Israeli Schools

JULIUS HAYMAN ON MENACHEM BEIGEN

We hold no brief for Menachem Beigen. We reject his para-fascist philosophy and we condemn his irregular methods of attempting to influence public opinion. At the same time we view with extreme misgivings a statement recently issued in Montreal (condemning Beigen) by Samuel Bronfman, President of the Canadian Jewish Congress and Edward E. Gelber, President of the United Zionist Council of Canada.

Neither the Canadian Jewish congress nor the United Zionist Council of Canada help the cause of Canadian Unity by their use of their moral power to impose a "gleichschaltung" or conformity upon the Jewish community and their gratuitous and impudent suggestion that those who do not conform to the general view (as Canadian Jewish officialdom interprets it), are disloyal and unpatriotic.

There are those among us, as good Canadians as any, who believe that Canadian Jews have not alone a right to hear Menachem Beigen but an obligation to do so. We have been privileged to hear speakers extol the virtues of Mapai. We have heard General Zionists make the rafters ring with their praises of General Zionism. We have heard Mizrahi speakers sound the tocsin for an "am Yisroel, b'Eretz Yisroel, al pi Toras Yisroel". And now we have an opportunity to hear a representative of the Herut party. Out of the conflicting and contradictory opinions which we have heard and have yet to hear we may hope to arrive at some approximation of the truth.

We do not believe that the Jews of Canada will be stupid enough to be taken in by Beigen's oratory, nor do we fear that they will fail to discern the weakness of the Herut case. And if there is any truth in the fantastic allegation that Beigen is soliciting support for the establishment of a "private army" we may be sure that Canadian Jewry will treat his solicitations with the contempt which they would so richly deserve.

— Toronto Jewish Standard.

A. M. KLEIN ON LUDWIG LEWISOHN

We are happy to join with the many thousands who are today extending greetings and good wishes to Dr. Ludwig Lewisohn on the occasion of his seventieth birthday. From our recent conversation with Dr. Lewisohn we certainly had not suspected that the undone years had been so many, for everything about him — his career, his attitudes, his philosophy, bespeaks youth, vigour, recurrent juvenescence.

What does, indeed, indicate that the decades have stomped by is the great record of achievement which is Lewisohn's. For Lewisohn stands today, as he has stood for many years, as an unchallenged pre-eminence in the domain of Anglo-Jewish letters. Poet, novelist, translator, critic, philosopher — he has touched nothing that he has not enhanced.

But drawn by ancestral nostalgias, caught in the ineluctable net of racial memory and national tradition, Lewisohn kept forsaking his wide estates for that corner that is forever Israel's. This wilful dedication is all the more startling when one recalls the fact that this great Jewish mentor of our times spent his early years in an environment entirely assimilatory. Yet, as the late Shmaryahu Levin pointed out when he made comparisons between Herzl and Moses, there is something eminently right and just in such incongruity. "For had it been otherwise, had Moses been brought up in Amram's right Jewish home,"

the product of many hands. Supported by an endowment generously provided by a farsighted Winnipeg citizen, its successful example here should prove an object lesson to other communities on the value and feasibility of advancing the length of stay in school for all Jewish youth. Before this lesson can be drawn, Winnipeg educators will have to go one step further in demonstrating that this type of advanced program can be planned for senior students and graduates of all local schools, rather than just one. We know for a certainty that such a broadening of the student coverage is a sincere wish of the Maimonides College board. We hope the third-year's experience sees steps taken towards realizing this plan.

— the peroration is Levin's — "men would have said that his ideal of national integrity was but the result of the lullabies, the folk-lore, the hearth-pride, of his family, — no, amidst the very alienation of Pharaoh's palace, Moses came to his conclusions!"

Who wishes to learn the path by which Lewisohn came to the intellectual leadership of his generation has but to read the record of that odyssey, in three volumes recounted: *The Island Within*; *Up Stream*; *Mid-channel*. The very titles proclaim them a trilogy which might well have been called: *By the Waters of Babylon*.

— Canadian Jewish Chronicle.

JUDD L. TELLER ON EDUCATION IN ISRAEL

Plans mapped by the Ministry of Education and Culture call for overhauling Israel's entire educational structure, from the elementary school level through the Hebrew University.

Everything must be altered — the curriculum, the administrative setup, and teaching methods — according to a commission of experts working under the direction of the Minister of Education Prof. Zvi Dinaburg of the Hebrew University.

Unless these recommendations are quickly applied, Israel may well regress drastically within a single generation, the commission warns. This is shocking news to Zionists who so often have forecast that Israel would become a cultural centre influencing even the most advanced of the world's Jewish communities.

At present, the Hebrew University has a distinguished faculty, while the Weizmann Scientific Institute at Rehovot numbers Nobel Prize winners among its researchers. These men, however, are "imported," and it is now realized that Israel cannot draw indefinitely on the talents of Jews in other lands.

Conditions now prevailing in Israeli education do not seem likely to produce a native-born generation capable of matching its predecessors who built the state.

The Ministry of Education and Culture admits to alarm at the following symptoms of retrogression:

1. Recent applicants for admission to the Hebrew University have been so far inferior to earlier applicants in the 1920's and 1930's that the university now has introduced preliminary courses leading up to a Bachelor of Arts degree before permitting students to take advanced specialized studies.

2. The native-born Israelis are sadly deficient in Hebrew.

3. Even more alarming is the fact that only 15 per cent of all youngsters of high-school age are enrolled in the country's high schools, and the percentage of failures among high-school students taking matriculation examinations is extremely high.

The native-born youngster is considered by many as spoiled, conceited, and brought up by his parents to regard himself as a finer specimen than his parents, and consequently, quite unmanageable. Many teachers resign for this reason.

Most serious, perhaps, is the fact that the curriculum now used in the schools has not been revised in the past 30 years. Equally serious is the fact that the state supports several school systems: labor schools, general schools, and two separate religious school systems. Each system seeks to indoctrinate the student in a special ideology at the expense of basic studies.

— Christian Science Monitor.

Glories And Pains Of Life In Israel Today Reflected In Dr. Lerner's Child Rescue Talk

A spellbound audience of 350 women accompanied Dr. Max Lerner on a fascinating tour of Israel Tuesday afternoon, experiencing through his glowing word pictures the full impact of the glory and pain of the new state's upbuilding tempo.

It was at the Pioneer Women's annual Child Rescue Luncheon that he unrolled his map of Israeli impressions, and transported his audience with him from the Maribor-approach hotel to the S.S. Kedmah approaching Haifa, and after that through streets, restaurants, and even hospital wards of Israel's three main cities.

Pioneer Effort Praised
Pioneer Women's Child Rescue efforts were lauded generously as the "work of those who by their toil and effort have converted desert into fertile land." The sight of happy children in Child Rescue homes "would inspire greater sacrifices," he assured his audience.

In a series of amusing character sketches, Dr. Lerner shared with his listeners some of the delight every tourist registers in the variety of types peopling the land. A fellow passenger on the Kedmah from France to Haifa was a British Army man, General Orde Wingate's second-in-command, whose mission was "to introduce English manners to Israel."

Protectia . . . Nothing Terrible
Noting the rash of critical comments heard on these shores concerning 'protectia' in Israel, Dr. Lerner held that "it's nothing very terrible. It happens everywhere . . . knowing the right people, getting small favors . . ."

Conditions Could Be Worse
"I see the same complaints again," he said, enumerating the charges of monopoly, favoritism, and high taxes, levelled by private business interests.

On the medical scene, he noted that Israel's prime need was young

"If they were in control," he warned, "they would pay higher key money. There might be more trucks freely imported . . . but no truck driver would make a living."

The speaker was disturbed over the image of Canadian and American Jews that Israelis had created. "We have become the synonym to them of money. What is money to those who have spilled rivers of blood? They want us to share the upbuilding personally with them. They rather pity us for not being there with them," he said.

It's Shabbosdig In Israel
His account of the daily burden of minor agonies inflicted on every Israeli by the rationing system was touched with dry humor.

"You don't need a menu in Israel. It's Shabbosdig every day . . . fish, fish and fish."

"Buses are terribly crowded . . . there's no room for you even with an empty stomach."

"The wonder is that tempers don't flare more often, and more violently."

In Israel's Shabbat, Dr. Lerner found "real religion . . . real holiness." His description of the panoramic view from the top of Haifa's Mt. Carmel was touched with almost a religious fervor. The city was "a crown, studded with millions of jewels, meeting a sea whose shape is bestirred by lighted ships. The stars seem almost within reach . . ."

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Slate Bronfman Awards June 19

Distribution of annual Bronfman Family awards will be made at the closing exercises of Maimonides College, on Thursday, June 19, at 8:30 p.m., at the Hebrew Fraternal Lodge, it was announced by Dr. A. Kravetz, college president, this week.

Rabbi Milton Aron and Rabbi Arthur Chiel will participate in the program, which will hear an address by M. J. Finkelstein, guest speaker.

The rich cultural program, including brief student presentations in English, Hebrew and Yiddish, will mark the close of the second year

Several hundred Winnipeg "oldsters" next Wednesday afternoon, June 11, will join in celebrating the third anniversary of their now-famous Golden Age Club at a grand banquet and social event in Hebrew Sick Benefit hall.

Principal speaker at the occasion, which opens at 2 p.m., will be Rabbi Arthur A. Chiel, spiritual leader of Rosh Pina synagogue.

Greetings will be delivered by J. A. Cherniack, representing Jewish Welfare Fund; M. A. Gray, M.L.A., a founder of the organization; Mrs. Leonard Berman, representing National Council of Jewish Women which sponsors the Club, and Henry Rosenthal, its executive director.

The event will be co-chaired by Club president Solomon Cossov, and Mrs. M. D. Spivak, Golden Age project chairman for the National Council.

The third anniversary celebration is open to all members of the Club.

Belva Boroditsky Takes Top Award
Belva Boroditsky, well-known soprano, captured the first prize of \$300 last Thursday night in Young United church when six finalists competed in the fourth annual scholarship competition, sponsored by the Manitoba Registered Music Teachers' Association, Winnipeg branch.

Miss Boroditsky was runner-up in the competition last year and in the 1950 Rose Bowl competition at the musical festival.

Her parents are Mr and Mrs. J. Boroditsky, of 216 Glenwood crescent.

He has practised law in Moose Jaw for 26 years and has served as president and secretary-treasurer of the Moose Jaw Bar association. He has been acting Police Magistrate, president of the Phoenix Club, Moose Jaw Hebrew Community, and a member of the B'nai B'rith Lodge. In April, 1951, he was appointed King's Council.

In 1929 he married Beatrice Pechet of Edmonton, Alta. They have one son, Murray.

Wide Appeal For Youth Seen In Histadrut's Pattern For Israel

"Histadrut is not only a campaign in Canada. It is a people's movement. And our forthcoming Labor Day national convention will prove that."

This is the message brought by A. Shurem, affable national director of Canadian Histadrut, currently visiting 1952 Campaign windups in Winnipeg and the West.

Noting the sharp recessions in large campaign results down East, the Montreal official registered satisfaction with Histadrut's financial successes. "We will definitely equal . . . possibly even surpass . . . our '51 records," he asserted.

"I've actually come West to stir up interest in our third national convention, to be held this year in groups, is the high priority goal of our 1952 program."

Chaver Shurem saw these trends "Sound reasoning will show that not dollars alone, but the cooperative and constructive approach to Zionism espoused by Labor Zionists is even more necessary to Israel's

Ottawa. Down East we're busy with election of delegates . . . and we want a large and representative group from the West," he said.

One technique of spreading the Histadrut gospel which has worked wonders in the East, is the formation of Histadrut Leagues.

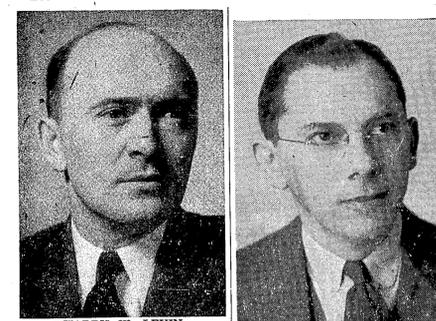
"Young people are receptive to the program and appeal of Histadrut. A national network of Histadrut Leagues is definitely on the agenda this year.

Whether it is leagues, public speaking groups, or Histadrut Maecenebe sports circles . . . all of which operate successfully in the East under Labor Zionist auspices . . . the strengthening of our cause through the attraction of enthused, younger age

up intelligent perspectives towards national drives and Histadrut drives, and their relationships," he said.

Chaver Shurem addressed the Syrkin branch, JNWA on Wednesday, and will speak at the Winnipeg Histadrut drive close this Saturday night.

Rosh Pina Synagogue Dedication Plans Fill Gala June 13-15 Weekend



HARRY W. LEVIN
Building Committee chairman.

Canadian Jewry's most gifted Jewish personality and orator will be on hand Sunday, June 15, when Winnipeg celebrates an historic milestone at the dedication of the Rosh Pina synagogue. Welcoming the new congregation into the fellowship of Conservative Judaism will be Edward E. Gelber, president of the ZOC, ordained rabbi of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and member of the Seminary's Board of Overseas.

Links with 1892
Members of the original Rosh Pina synagogue founded sixty years ago will participate in the Procession of the Scrolls of the Law, and extend greetings to the new congregation whose handsome edifice perpetuates a name rich in local and world wide Jewish tradition. Official dedication services at 8 p.m. Sunday evening, held in the impressive, modern structure, will feature the augmented synagogue choir, and Cantor Koussévitsky in addition to the guest speaker, Dr. A. H. S. Gillson, president of the University of Mani-

to, Rabbi Milton Aron and W. I. Krisman of the Shaarey Zedek synagogue, Rosh Pina Sisterhood president Mrs. M. J. Choslowsky and synagogue president, Louis C. Cohen will also extend greetings.

Highlight of the program will be the congregational recitation of the Shecheheyonu prayer, lead by Rabbi Chiel, and the turning over of the synagogue by Harry W. Levin, building committee to Mr. Cohen, synagogue president.

Cornerstone Laying Event
Mass participation of Winnipeg Jewry in the historical event will take place at the 2 p.m. open air ceremony when Mr. and Mrs. Harry Silverberg lay the cornerstone.

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BORIS DUBINSKY, Q.C.

Moose Jaw, Sask.—Actively campaigning as Liberal candidate for the Moose Jaw riding, and first Jewish nominee chosen by the province's liberals, is Boris Dubinsky, Q.C., former Winnipegger, who received his LL.B. from the University of Manitoba in 1921. He studied law in Regina in 1923 with his brother-in-law, the late David B. Kilman, K.C., and won his LL.B. from the University of Saskatchewan in 1924. Upon being admitted to the Bar in 1928, he was awarded the Gold Medal of the Law Society of Saskatchewan.

He has practised law in Moose Jaw for 26 years and has served as president and secretary-treasurer of the Moose Jaw Bar association. He has been acting Police Magistrate, president of the Phoenix Club, Moose Jaw Hebrew Community, and a member of the B'nai B'rith Lodge. In April, 1951, he was appointed King's Council.

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