

From the Editor's Desk

by Rupert Shriar



PURIM: "... The days of Purim should not fall — nor the memory of them perish," the ancient injunction of Esther and Mordecai has as much import today as it did 2400 years ago, for the memory of this earth's worst anti-Semite is still so vividly with us. Purim then reflects our eternal ambitions to survive, and affords the Jew his best opportunity to celebrate his most important victories in this process . . . an opportunity for "every generation, every family, every province and every city." And so when enjoying the Purim Seudah, savouring the traditional delicacies (Hamantaschen and Kreplach), and enjoying family or organizational Purim shpielen, as well as participating in the custom of giving Shalach Monot, whether through a UJA contribution or other means, we will once again be expressing — our identity with our history and traditions, our association with our people, and our desire for survival and continuity in the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God.

NEW TONE: The renewal of civilization has nothing to do with movements which bear the character of experiences of the crowd; there are never anything but reactions to external happenings. But civilization can only survive when there shall come into being in a number of individuals a new tone of mind independent of the one prevalent among the crowd and in opposition to it, a tone of mind which will gradually win influence over the collective one, and in the end determine its character.

NO SUBSIDIES: Bus fares throughout Israel have been increased an average of 10 per cent after the Finance Ministry turned down proposals that the bus companies receive subsidies for losses they suffered due to the devaluation of Israel's pound last year. Increases of 12 per cent in fees for secondary school education have also been approved. How far can they devalue education?

BANNED: L'Arche, a Jewish magazine published in France by the Jewish Communal Fund of that country, has been banned in Algeria. This periodical is something North American Jewry has not attained either in communal or privately owned publication — a slick paper magazine of high level content with advertisements that would do justice to a New Yorker or Vogue. Its contents which have been critical of Algerian policy to Jews and Zionism, provoked its banishment.

MORE JAFFAS: Yechiel Narkiss, consul and trade commissioner of Israel to Canada, has announced that export of "Jaffas" to Canada will increase by one-third this year, despite the demand in view of the poor crops of other exporting countries. Jaffa oranges were first introduced in Canada in 1955, and long range plans call for further development of the possibilities of marketing here. More will also be delivered to western Canadian cities, Winnipeg, Calgary and Vancouver, than previously.

EXCITING TIMES: If you had the entire range of history to choose from, what period would you choose in which to live? . . . As for ourselves, we choose the present. The danger to human mind and flesh may never have been greater. . . . Despite it all, despite the hydrogen bombs and the intercontinental ballistic missiles and the fumbling of the statesmen while the fuses of nuclear war are sputtering, just think of what we win if we win. No other age in history has had the same potential. About no earlier period in history could it be said that the earth could be made sufficient for the needs of all its people. . . . Man has the potential sources of energy that can give him time to fulfill himself and develop his creative resources on a scale and with an intensity that have never before been possible.

We need not be prisoners of drift. There is

no law in history that says that men cannot reverse their direction and drive boldly forward for the things that are good. . . . Nothing is more characteristic of history than the suddenness of the shifts when enough men become aware of a large purpose. The development of an awareness of that purpose is the golden opportunity for all those who attach importance to human life.

A NEW "ANGLO-SAXON" HOSTEL has been erected in the Jerusalem suburb of Kiryat Hayovel (Beit Mazmil) to accommodate 250 new immigrants from the west during their first few months in the country. It is intended for immigrants from English-speaking countries and from Latin America as well as professional people from other countries. It is already half full, although the building has not yet been officially opened. Three different types of accommodation are available to suit the needs of families with children, married couples and bachelors, respectively. There are 13 small family units each consisting of a hall-dining-room with a corner kitchen; a large room; small room; shower-room and lavatory. These units are fitted with divans that serve as beds by night and couches by day; built-in wardrobes; bookshelves, a desk; tables and chairs; and a chest for bedclothes. The rents vary according to the accommodation. For a family unit occupants pay £100 per month; a married couple pay £80; two persons sharing a double-room pay £45 each; and a single room costs £270 per month. Evening meals are served in the hostel's dining-room at a cost of £4 each. These rentals are rather high, especially for those who have not yet found a job. This is particularly true since the time spent in the hostel is intended to give new immigrants a chance to look around before settling down in Israel. Another difficulty is that the suburb of Kiryat Hayovel is some way from the schools where Hebrew courses are held for newcomers. Families are allowed to spend a year in the hostel — bachelors six months, and these limits are extended in some special cases. Much more will have to be done if this type of immigration is to be encouraged. This isn't even a real beginning.

LEST WE FORGET: The nationwide observances of the centenary of the appointment of the first U.S.A. Jewish Chaplain has stimulated interest in the military record of American Jews and in their present share in that country's defense. About one hundred and fifty thousand Jews are now in military uniforms. Their religious and spiritual welfare is the concern of 75 full-time

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Can the Prince Slay the Dragon? A cartoon illustration showing a knight on a white horse slaying a dragon. The knight is labeled "ANTI-BIAS UNIT" and the dragon is labeled "RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS HOSTILITY".

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military chaplains and 260 part-time civilian chaplains recruited from amongst rabbis serving congregations near military installations where the appointment of a full-time Jewish chaplain is not warranted. Seven full-time Jewish chaplains are attached to veterans' hospitals and approximately three hundred chaplains-in-reserve are ready for service in an emergency.

Whilst the Chaplains receive the regular pay of commissioned officers, the ritual "extras" of Jewish life and religion are not provided. It is here where the Jewish Welfare Board fills the need by providing, through its \$500,000 armed forces budget for prayerbooks and numerous other ritual requirements, as well as the Jewish foods which help create the Sabbath and holidays atmosphere. Jewish chaplains conduct about fifteen thousand religious services and eleven thousand other group activities involving about nine hundred thousand direct contacts with Jewish men and women in uniform and in Veterans' hospitals each year.

Many Jewish soldiers get their first post-Bar Mitzvah contact with the synagogue at a military post service. And there are thousands who have never become Bar Mitzvah and make up for what they missed in the army. In the recently published anthology, former Chaplain Albert A. Baum tells how at a Rosh Hashanah service on a small island about 50 miles south of Manila he called 211 soldiers to the Torah in celebration of their much postponed and ardently desired Bar Mitzvah.

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'Campaign Forum' Opens Drive Feature 'Jewel Box Fashion Show' In Support of Hadassim Project



Mrs. Beatrice Finkelstein of New York, lawyer and social worker, will deliver the keynote address Thursday, March 14, at the day-long "Campaign Forum" of the Jewish Welfare Fund Women's Division at the YMHA.

Formerly assistant to the Commissioner of Welfare, New York City, and author of "Minority Groups — Segregation and Integration," Mrs. Finkelstein will speak on "Women In Communal Services."

The forum, held in conjunction with the launching of the 1963 United Jewish Appeal, will run from 10:30 through the afternoon with a luncheon break.

Orientation talks on "The Challenge for 1963" will be given by the three United Jewish Appeal executive directors, Heinz Frank, Aaron B. Feld and Ralph Hamovitch. A film, "Wonders Are Many," produced by the Council of Jewish Welfare Funds and Federations, will

be screened. Mrs. Finkelstein is currently administrative assistant to the director of the CJFWF.

A skit on the campaign theme, written by Mrs. M. Wiseman and directed by Mrs. Sam Salita, will

feature Mrs. Leon Breen, Mrs. Syd Brenner and Mrs. Salita. In charge of arrangements are Mesdames Lou Plotkin, Yude Henteleff, Earl Caplan, Max Natch, Z. Feldman and Ben Shell.

Weizmann Club Mixed Meeting Set



RABBI I. WITTY

M. J. Rosenberg, president of Chaim Weizmann Club, has announced that Rabbi I. E. Witty, principal of the Talmud Torah and Maimonides College, will be guest speaker at the next meeting Wednesday, March 13, at 8:30 p.m. at the Rosh Pina Synagogue. Rabbi Witty's topic will be "Zionism and Jewish Education." Rabbi Witty took over direction of the Talmud Torah complex last September, and is an accomplished Hebraist. Last summer he led the Zionist Orga-

nization of America summer youth tour to Israel.

With members and wives of both Brandeis Lodge and the Sharon Zionist Club invited, this mixed meeting will also view a new Israeli film, "Search for History." This colour movie is a dramatic presentation of the search for and finding of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Students Choose Queen Esther

The selection of a Queen Esther will highlight the second annual Purim Prom of the Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate Saturday evening, March 9, at the Rabbi Kravetz Auditorium of the Talmud Torah. The Prom and festivities accompanying it will begin following Megillah reading services.

Each of the classes in the collegiate has selected its candidate for the Queen Esther contest. Candidates chosen are: Anna Lynn Cohen, Zeena Simces, Reesa Garfinkel, Lynn Hoffman, Sandra Himmelstein and Ruth Migie. Candidates will be escorted. The winner will be presented with a special gift, and be crowned with a tiara.

Judges will be Dr. R. Bellan, Mrs. E. Gordon and Mrs. B. Meyers.

SHAAREY ZEDEK TORAH FUND LUNCHEON SET



An original cantata written and directed by Mrs. Jack Linhart will be a highlight of the 4th annual Torah Fund Luncheon Wednesday, March 13, at 1 p.m. at the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue. Participants will be: narrator, Mrs. Alven Druxer-man; Bal Shem Tov, Harold Genser; vocalists, Rabbi Louis Berkal, Mrs. Jack Linhart and Mrs. Miriam Breitman; pianist, Ben Zvi Barul-font; violinist, Leon Bell; dancers, Mrs. Rubin Levene, Mrs. A. J. Winestock, Mrs. Morris Swartz, Mrs.

I. J. Dreman; lighting, Mrs. Lyle Pearlman; make-up, Joe Frieden, and props, Mrs. L. E. Tapper.

An insight into the life of a rabbinical student at the Jewish theological Seminary will be given by Rabbi Philip Shairson of Rosh Pina Synagogue when he is interviewed by Rabbi Dr. Milton Aron of Shaaray Zedek.

Mrs. H. A. Genser is Torah Fund chairman for Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood, together with Mrs. B. B. Cantor and Mrs. Archie Hedat as co-chairmen. Other members of the

committee include: (mesdames) Percy Genser, Barney Stillwater and Sam Stern, Torah Fund committee;

A. R. Druxerman, I. J. Dreman, program; Reginald Ripstein, publicity and invitations; M. A. Angelle, Allan Diner, decorations; Sophie Cohen, M. J. Averbach, hospitality; Wm. Malchay, Sam Berg, mailing; D. Freedman, Hy Shapiro, telephone; Ralph Luke, arrangements.

Mrs. Saul Shaffer and Mrs. Mandy Robinovitch are planning a gourmet's luncheon.



MRS. MORRIS NEAMAN

A display of authentic antique Yeminite jewellery from Israel will be a highlight of the \$3-\$5 Israel Jewel Box Fashion Tea slated for Thursday, March 21, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Leo Rosenberg, 804 Oak Street.

In addition to the Israeli jewellery, Henry Birks and Sons, jewelers, are bringing a special collection of jewels to Winnipeg for the show, which they have arranged. They will also donate a valuable door prize.

Mrs. P. Sheps is national Hadassim chairman for the Hadassah organization of Canada; Mrs. Morris Neaman is Winnipeg Hadassah Council Hadassim chairman, and co-chairmen of the project are Mrs.



MRS. A. GROSH

A. Grosh and Mrs. Leo Rosenberg. Proceeds will go towards upkeep of Nahalal, an agricultural school in Israel; and Hadassim, a progressive school incorporating grade school and high school division, and a teacher training seminar. Both institutions, supported wholly by Canadian Hadassah, accommodated total of 420 students last year.

Models who will be displaying the jewellery are Mesdames: Celia Steinman (president of Winnipeg Hadassah Council), W. Karlinsky, D. Pearlman, N. Spigelman, N. Portigal, A. Adelman, B. Schwartz, H. Nairn. Committee in charge includes Mesdames: A. A. Keenber, I. C. Schacter, S. Shenkarow and Art Smith.

'Rescue' Dinner Plans Complete



MIRIAM BREITMAN

With the annual Men's Child Rescue Dinner less than two weeks away, the Winnipeg Jewish community is responding to the program of assistance to thousands of uprooted children who are finding new life and hope in Israel.

The dinner will be held Wednesday, March 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Royal Alexandra Hotel, and will feature as guest speaker David Rivlin, Consul-General of Israel in Montreal, who has had a distinguished career as army officer, journalist, radio commentator and Israeli diplomat.

Richard Miles is dinner chairman and Pioneer Women Chapters are recruiting sponsors to lend their



DAVID BORODITSKY

patronage by underwriting costs of the dinner, thus releasing the proceeds for child rescue and rehabilitation projects in Israel.

Mr. Miles also announced that the entertainment portion of the evening will feature Miriam Breitman, radio, TV and recording star, and David Boroditsky, popular local cantor. Mrs. Breitman will be accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Clara Pearlman-Litvack. Mr. Boroditsky will be accompanied by an ensemble of the Jewish Community Orchestra, under the baton of Jascha Resnitsky, which will also provide dinner music.

Mr. Rivlin, the guest speaker, is due in the city Monday, March 18, when he will begin to fill a schedule of engagements including press, radio and TV interviews, meetings with civic authorities and an address to the Winnipeg Rotary Club.