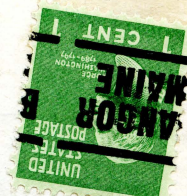


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Jewish War Vets Sweetheart's Ball at Center on February 5

The Jewish War Vets are making their final plans for the Second Annual Sweetheart's Ball, to be held on Sunday evening, February 5. Louis Rolnick is chairman of the dance. Those of you who have danced to the tunes of Bob Jones' orchestra will agree that his "Bob Cats" give out with soft, sweet, danceable music. Those of you who have recuperated from the last punch that Ed Allen made must agree that you are ready to see pink elephants again. This dance will be bigger and better than last year's. We promise everyone a good time.

Histadrut Program to Feature Movie and Speaker

On Thursday, February 2 at 8:00 P. M. a special Histadrut program will be presented at the Center.

The program will consist of a movie, "Freedom Bound," and the speaker will be Arnold Sternberg from Boston.

Mr. Sternberg was a navy officer in the Pacific during World War II and founded a Zionist club on the island of Guam. In the spring of 1948 he left for Israel where he was actively engaged in the army and navy in the Haganah.

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Jewish Institute Classes Start on February 7

The Adult Institute for Jewish Studies will have its first session on Tuesday, February 7, at 8:00 P. M.

The courses to be offered are as follows:

8:00-9:00. Development of Jewish Law—Rabbi Avraham Freedman (title changed to Religious Development of the Jewish People).

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Adult Forum to Present Ruth Kobart on February 12

Meet Mr. and Mrs. Taub

We present the second in the series of biographies of the Displaced Persons who have arrived in Bangor.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm Taub, or as they are better known to Bangor, Ilga and Willy, were the first of the couples to come to Bangor under Center guarantee. This is their story.

Ilga was born in Sattel, Czechoslovakia in 1925. After the death of her parents she went to Vienna to live with an aunt. She went to grammar school in Czechoslovakia and then in Austria she took secretarial training. After her graduation from secretarial school, she attended a physiotherapy training school. During the German occupation she was forced into government work, but only remained on her job for one month, as her aunt was able to make arrangements to get her back into school.

In 1946 she met Willy. He had been born in Struj, Poland in 1920 and attended local grammar schools. He then took mechanic's training and apprenticeship for five years. After he had been graduated from the mechanic's school, he worked for the Russians until the Germans invaded Poland.

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Mr. Dietrich Presents Second in Series of "Your Child"

The second in the series of Child Care courses will be held on Thursday, February 9, at 8:00 P. M. Mr. Albert Dietrich will discuss "The Adjustment of Your Child to His Family."

Mr. Dietrich, who is executive secretary of the Family Service Society of Bangor is also instructor in case work services at the University of Maine. He is president of the Maine chapter of the American Association of Social Workers.

Mr. Dietrich will discuss the influence the family has upon the mental health of the child, treatment of the first-born, problems in handling the youngest child, and other factors which determine the growth of a child into a healthy adult.

Everyone is urged to attend. Admission is free.

"PAY YOUR PLEDGE DAY" TO CLEAR OUTSTANDING PLEDGES

On Wednesday, February 1 a group of men will attempt to collect the money still outstanding from the UJA Campaign in 1949. Letters have been sent to those individuals who have not as yet completed their payments, to be prepared to welcome the volunteer collectors with their payments. The money still outstanding is necessary to continue the activities of

the Jewish Community Council, namely the Center and the Talmud Torah.

"Pay Your Pledge Day", it is hoped, will close the books for the 1949 campaign, and enable the Jewish Community Council to continue its work for the community.

Be prepared with your payments when you are approached.

J. W. B. Auditions Winner Featured in Jewish Music Month Program at Center

On Sunday, February 12, at 8:00 P. M., Ruth Kobart will be the featured performer at the Jewish Forum sponsored by the Adult Activities Committee of the Jewish Community Council.



Miss Kobart was a winner in the 1949 annual auditions held by the Jewish Center Lecture Bureau of the National Jewish Welfare Board. She has performed successfully in many communities throughout the country where her performances were widely acclaimed. She has appeared in "Lemonade Operas" which have brought the highest praise from such publications as the New York Times and Time Magazine.

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EDITORIAL

JEWISH ARBOR DAY

On February 2nd we celebrate Jewish Arbor Day, another of those holidays which have been taken over, by others and now has its counterpart in our American life.

Though Arbor Day originated in this country in 1885, Jewish Arbor Day goes back to olden times. In ancient Israel it was known as Rosh Hashanah Le'ilonos—the New Year for Trees. It is also named after its date: Chamisha Asar B'Shevat—the 15th of Shevat, and comes six weeks after Chanukah.

In Palestine, the day marks the beginning of the season of budding trees and starts the planting of fruit trees. The Jews in the Diaspora designated the day for enjoying fruits native to Palestine, particularly the carob (Buxa or St. John's bread), a long dry pod containing hard seeds in a sweet pulp. This, as the cheapest, was accessible even to the poor.

It is customary to eat plenty of fruits of all kinds, and the benediction pronounced serves as blessings and prayers to the Lord to bless the trees with loads of fruits beneficial to human health.

For the last few years this day has been set aside to pay special attention to the planting of trees in Palestine. This reclamation of waste land has been proceeding rapidly. The value of trees in holding the soil, moderating the climate and enriching the earth has been made more and more evident.

William Vogt in "Road to Survival" says that, "Palestine is one of the most hopeful areas in the world. On raddled hillsides and silt-drifted plains a miracle is being performed. The very harshness of the semi-arid climate has preserved the richness of the land until irrigation waters can be brought to it. The potentialities of this area are enormous. But arable land is as much the function of the farmer as of the farm. The high intelligence and firm character of the Modern Jew is restoring productivity to land that has been largely sterile desert for hundreds of years in other hands."

The land that is used is bought, not taken. The claims of all previous owners, however tenuous, are satisfied. The Jewish National Fund is used solely for this purpose of buying and reclaiming land—not only for forestry, but for irrigation and farming. There is much still to be purchased. Maurice Samuels, at a meeting here, said that though many of the recent immigrants to Israel settle in the cities through custom and training, there is a lack of available land to settle those who are willing and anxious to till the soil. This lack can be remedied through funds. The appeal of the Jewish National Fund for monies to buy land may not sound as urgent as those of other agencies more concerned with the life and death of individuals.

For the building of a balanced national economy, for the preservation of future self-supporting generations this land must be redeemed. On this Rosh Hashanah Le'ilonos let us give to the Jewish National Fund with thanks to the Almighty that this land will once again flow with milk and honey.

Congratulations

MARRIAGES

To Mr. and Mrs. Philip Kaufstein. Mrs. Kaufstein is the former Rose Sklar Greenspan.

Histadrut

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Mr. Sternberg is a very able speaker who will bring first-hand information from Israel as well as an explanation of the work of the Histadrut in that country.

The Bible—An Approach and an Appreciation

BY RABBI AVRAHAM FREEDMAN

Perhaps there are people even today who never heard of Shakespeare or Dante or Milton. There are, however, very few people living in civilized society who never heard of the Bible. Everyone knows that the Bible is a sacred book: that it is the source book of at least three great religions: and that it is a book highly esteemed but actually very little known.

In your youth you, perhaps, even studied parts of the Bible and when you left school you may even have been encouraged to browse through it from time to time. But in all probability you came to the conclusion that the Bible, like most other classics, is a book to be praised but not really to be read.

PURPOSE OF SERIES

The purpose of these brief articles is, therefore, to condition you to the Bible, to acquaint you with its contents, to prepare you mentally so that one day when you will again open your Bible you will approach it with a fuller understanding and with a finer appreciation.

We speak of the Bible as a book and yet it is much more than that. It is really a collection of many books written over a period of many centuries. Our Jewish sages, after a great deal of deliberation, after examining and considering the best there was in Jewish life, decided to limit the Bible to twenty-four volumes.

WHAT IS THE BIBLE

Just as the Bible is made up of many books so is it true to say that these books are not of one kind. In the Bible, we have history, poetry, proverbs, stories, poetic prose, hymns, addresses and a host of many other aspects of human experience. What we recognize now as the Bible is something which we Jewish people, cherished for over twenty centuries. It took nearly a thousand years for the Jewish people to produce the Bible. Try to think of it this way. It took the Jewish people as much time to produce this great book as England is England. Imagine a book begun in the days of William the Conqueror that is, in 1066, and completed in this year of grace 1950.

Is it then surprising to find a multiplicity of style and thought in these amazing volumes? How many people today can understand the English spoken in the eleventh century? How differently are the thoughts of men today from the thoughts of men in the days of William the Conqueror!

PURPOSE OF BIBLE

Now, while the Bible is made up of many books there are, nevertheless, good reasons why we may speak of it as one book. In the first place, it was written in a common language by men of the same nation. Then, too, a major part of the Bible deals with the history of one people. Thirdly, for all its many parts and facets, it forms a certain unity. Fourthly, all the books have a common purpose—for the Bible is primarily concerned not with literature, as literature, not with story telling as story telling, not with poetry as poetry, but with teaching. Its primary purpose is to teach men the glory of God and the way to the good life. This is what gives the Bible its unique quality. We have other books that tell of great poetry. Other books that record true history. But there are no other books to inspire man and bring him nearer to God as the Bible can and does. It is this that has made the Bible the most precious and the most beloved of books.

LOVE OF BIBLE

The poetry of the Bible is often very beautiful, and rivals the majesty of the finest that is to be found in the whole range of poetic literature. But men have not loved the Bible for its poetry. Its stories are often amongst the most interesting to be found but men have studied the Bible not for its interesting and beautiful stories. Men have loved the Bible and men have died for the Bible, over and above everything else, because it taught them how to

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Candle Lighting Time

February 3	4:26 P. M.
February 10	4:36 P. M.
February 17	4:46 P. M.
February 24	4:55 P. M.

J. W. V. to Celebrate Dorchester Anniversary

The Jewish War Veterans will mark the seventh anniversary of the sinking of the USS Dorchester with special services to be held at the Beth Israel Synagogue on Friday, February 3 at 8:00 P. M.

The National Jewish War Veterans will broadcast a special program on February 4 at 1:30 P. M. in honor of the four chaplains who sank with the Dorchester.

CENTER TEAM WINS AGAIN

The Center Basketball team won its second game by defeating the St John's Episcopal church team 23-11. After starting badly against the taller team, the Center boys tied the game at the half and then went on to win. Arthur Zalkan lead the boys with 15 points followed by Howard Silver, who scored 7 points. Clough was high scorer for St. John's Episcopal team.

CENTER	FG	F	T
Norman Hamilton	0	0	0
Stanford Gass	0	0	0
Steve Podolsky	0	1	1
Sheldon Hartstone	0	0	0
Howard Silver	3	1	7
Paul Emple	0	0	0
Arthur Zalkan	6	3	15
Melvin Hamilton	0	0	0
Murray Leavitt	0	0	0
Merril Allen	0	0	0

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL	FG	F	T
J. Ruhlin	0	0	0
Adams	0	0	0
Fleming	1	0	2
Clough	3	1	7
Inforati	1	0	2
R. Ruhlin	0	0	0

Ruth Kobart

Last year Miss Kobart sang for a Hadassah meeting in Maine where she was royally received. The Adult Activities Committee has been trying for two years to bring Miss Kobart to Bangor and has finally succeeded with this performance.

Admission to the forum program will be by ticket only. Those not receiving such in the mail please contact the Center.



This year the National Jewish Music Festival will be observed from February 4 to March 3 throughout the United States and in many countries throughout the world.

It is important that every man, woman, and child in America should enjoy and participate in the celebrations planned by the National Jewish Music Council, which is affiliated with the Jewish Welfare Board.

In our community a special program related to Jewish Music will be held on Sunday evening, February 12, and will feature Ruth Kobart, an outstanding woman vocalist.

Apart from this program it is

essential that we become acquainted with the works of Bloch, Binder, Achron, Weinberg, and Saminsky, to name but a few of the most famous composers. Let us not just be conscious of these great names for one month out of the year—but make it a year-round project to bring Jewish music into our homes.

At the Center there are many recordings of Jewish music, some by the composers mentioned above, others from Israel depicting various phases of Jewish life in that country.

Make Jewish Music Festival month an occasion to acquaint yourself with the great store of Jewish music available.

Condolences

To the family of the late Robert Cooper.

The Bible
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bring God into their lives: because it gave them faith and strength and taught them how to design their lives for better and more

Recipe

MON COOKIES

Submitted by Mrs. Ben Shapero

- 1 C. butter
- 1 C. sugar
- 2 Egg yolks
- 3 C. flour
- 1 Tsp. baking powder
- 1 Tsp. vanilla
- ¼ Tsp. salt
- 6 Tbls. milk or cream
- ¼ to ½ c. mon, depending on taste

Cream shortening. Add sugar and cream well. Add unbeaten yolks and vanilla and mix well. Sift dry ingredients into mixture alternately with milk or cream. Add mon. Force through cookie press or form in rolls as for refrigerator cookies. Bake in quick oven until edges begin to brown (10-12 min).

gracious living; and because it showed the way to human fulfillment and human realization.

There is another aspect to the Bible that I think is important and that is that the Bible was written by Jews. The Bible was written by Jews, about Jews, for Jews and yet, the Bible is a world book with a universal message, open to all who want to know about God and the good life. We may therefore conclude that since it was the Bible that taught humanity, the men and women of Europe, of Africa, of America, most of what they know about God and most of what they know about truth, justice and liberty, it was the Jews who, directly and indirectly, became the world teachers, the people who transformed this world of ours from a pagan to a civilized society.

At this stage, you may perhaps ask how did the Jews get to know so much about the reality of God and the virtue of goodness. It is not an easy question to answer. May I say just this: it would seem that it was God who had told them what they had been telling the world these past three thousand years. This is, perhaps the best explanation of what is meant by the term that the Jews are the chosen people. And to the credit of the Jewish people let it be said that they accepted their responsibility with a grace and devotion unmatched and unparalleled in human history.

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Jewish News From Here and There

The Washington District Court dismissed a libel suit brought against the B'nai B'rith Anti Defamation League by Robert H. Williams, an anti-semitic pamphleteer.

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The Ministries of Justice, Commerce and Labor have completed the transfers of their offices from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

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The Communist newspaper in Israel is on trial for libeling Premier David Ben Gurion.

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Israel's Minister of Religion issued an appeal to all Chief Rabbis in Israel to summon a national conference of practicing rabbis to discuss the possibility of re-establishing a Sanhedrin.

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The Joint Distribution Committee must help approximately 48,000 Jewish survivors to emigrate from Europe and other areas before mid-summer.

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Latin American States, Canada and Australia were charged with practicing discrimination against Jewish immigration at the Con-

ference on Migration of the United Nations.

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The Jewish Agency has announced that it prohibited the continuation of a fund raising drive in the United States for Yemenite Refugees in Israel.

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Loans totaling \$140,000 have been advanced to 1200 Arab farmers for buying seed and hiring tractors.

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Israel will build four new cities in different parts of the country with an average population capacity of 30,000 persons.

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Ten organizations have been granted authority to conduct campaigns in behalf of Israel during 1950. The following have been authorized:

Hadassah, Histadrut, J. N. F., Pioneer Women, Mizrachi, American Fund for Israel Institutions, American Red Mogen Dovid for Israel, Federated Council of Palestine Institutions, Material for Israel, and Women's League for Israel.

Taub's

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at which time he was in forced labor for the Germans for 18 months. When the Germans killed the rest of his family, Wilhelm sought refuge with a Catholic family, who hid him, along with thirty-seven other people in a single underground room.

After having lived underground in safety for six months, Willy was awakened one day by a police raid on their hiding place. He managed somehow to jump out the cellar window and was the only one out of thirty-eight to escape death.

As he had no papers, and no money with which to obtain forged ones, he could not remain on the streets of the city. His only hope of keeping out of harms way was to surrender himself into a labor camp. That was the last time that Willy was in his home town.

From the labor camp he was sent to a concentration camp in Plaschow, Poland, and from there, via cattle car, to Mauthausen, Austria, and eventually from there to Ebensee, another camp, where he remained until he was liberated by the Americans in 1945.

After Wilhelm was released, he went through a series of D. P. Camps for a short time and then went to Badgastein for rehabilitation. While Ilga was in Badgastein on a vacation, she met Willy and two years later they were married.

They lived in Vienna after they were married, but Wilhelm could

Jr. Lyceum Programs

The Junior Lyceum for the month of February will offer the following programs: on Sunday, February 5, games will be played; on Sunday, February 12, a big surprise program which will not be told to anyone until they get to the Center; on Sunday, February 19, Camp Lown Reunion, and on Sunday, February 26, there will be movies.

These programs start at 3:00 P. M. From 2:00 P. M. to 3:00 P. M., Arts and Crafts and games are offered to all the children. Everyone is invited to attend.

Jewish Classes

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8:00-9:00. Beginners Hebrew—Mr. Sol Brown.

8:00-9:00. Advanced Hebrew—Mr. Rafael Arbisser.

9:00-10:00. Customs and ceremonies—Mr. Irving Ribner.

Registrations for these courses will be accepted the night of classes.

not find work through the government bureau. As an official Displaced Person, he had no working rights at all in Austria. They could see no future for themselves in Austria under those conditions, so spent their last few dollars obtained from selling all their household possessions to buy plane tickets out of the Russian zone in order to place themselves in the care of the United Service for New Americans and to build a new life in a new country.

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