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SENATOR MORSE TO SPEAK AT CENTER

Center Camps Prepared For Record Enrollment

"Registration for boys and girls from Jewish Community Centers throughout New England for Camp Naomi for Girls and Camp Joseph for Boys, is now under way," announced Herman Leventhal and Joseph B. Grossman, presidents respectively of the New England Section-Jewish Welfare Board and the Jewish Community Center Camps, Inc. These two camps, located twenty miles apart in Maine, offer a full and varied program of activities for children 7-15 years of age in superb facilities.

As of November 21st all available spaces will be open to members of Jewish Community Centers throughout New England affiliated with New England Section-Jewish Welfare

Board. Children 7-15 years of age are eligible and applications will be accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis. All those interested in securing further information are asked to contact their local Jewish Community Centers or YMHAs, as well as the office of the New England Section-Jewish Welfare Board in Boston.

IMPORTANT

On pages 2 and 3 of this issue is listed the names of the men and women who have pledged to the local campaign. The December issue will list additional names received after we went to press.

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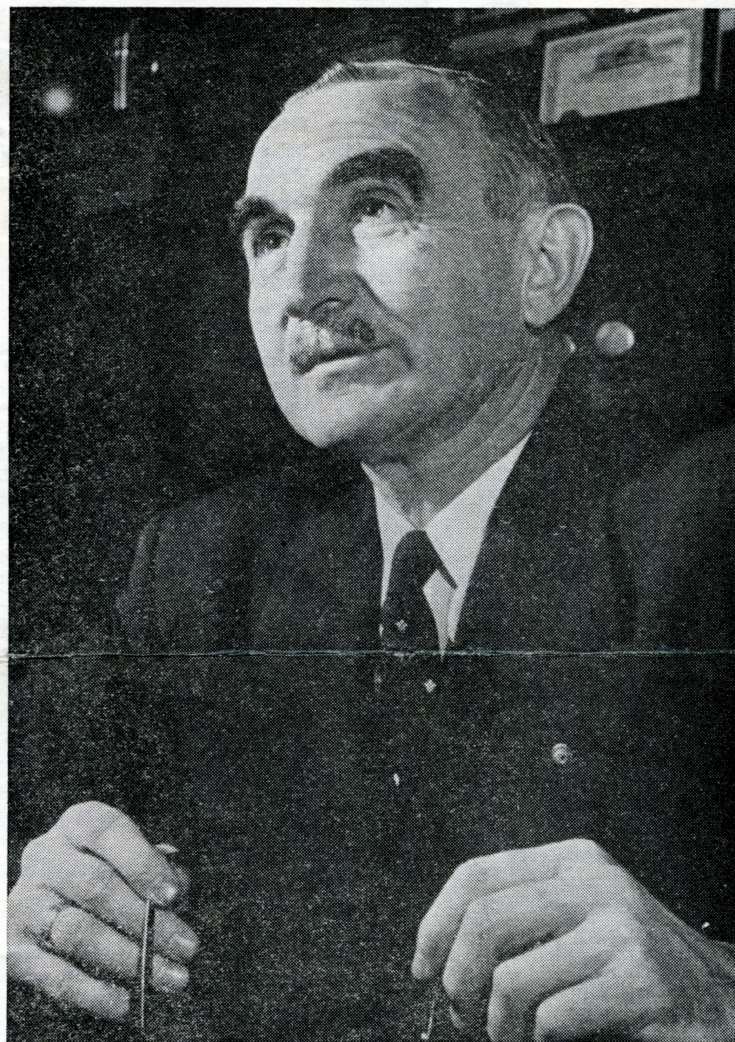
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NOVEMBER 20 and 21

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Curtain — 8:20 p. m.



Senator Wayne Morse, dynamic and liberal Senator from Oregon, will speak at the Center, Sunday, December 1, at 8:30 P. M.

Senator Morse has led a varied and brilliant career as educator, administrator and public official. He received his Ph. B. degree from the University of Wisconsin, M.A. degree and L.L.B. degree from the University of Minnesota and his J.D. degree from Columbia University, and has been honored with L.L.D. degrees from Cornell College, Drake University, College of South Jersey and Center College.

His academic teaching led him into the field of teaching and he taught argumentation at the University of Wisconsin and University of Minnesota. In 1929 he was appointed assistant professor of law at University of Oregon and was invited to serve as its Dean of Law School in 1931, a position he held until 1944.

He was called upon to serve as chairman of the President's Railway Emergency Board in 1941, and as a public member of the National War Labor Board. Casting his hat into the arena of political office he was elected to the United States Senate in 1944 and re-elected in 1950.

Tickets for Senator Morse's appearance may be purchased in advance at the Center office.

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SEEING IT FOR YOURSELF

Next spring the people of Israel will begin a year-long celebration of the tenth anniversary of their independence.

To Jews all over the world the emergence of a strong independent democratic State of Israel is a cause for thanksgiving. It is surely also one of the significant events in the general history of the common era.

The extraordinary 10th birthday celebration will, of course, have special significance to those millions of American Jews—and this includes almost everybody—who have supported the work of the United Jewish Appeal in two decades of saving lives and aiding the needy. Just as we cannot visualize Israel absorbing the thousands of homeless, helpless Jews of Europe and North Africa without American Jewish aid, so too, without Israel the UJA could not today point to a record of 1,300,000 refugee lives saved.

For surely the proudest accomplishment of the people of Israel is not the establishment of their independence, the defense of their frontiers, the building of new settlements, farms, industry, highways and pipelines, but the reception and absorption into the country of every Jew who has wanted or needed to go there. This coming year total immigration since the birth of the State will number one million persons, and 90 per cent of them arrived as penniless refugees from anti-semitism, totalitarianism and degradation.

With this in mind the announcement of plans by the United Jewish Appeal to hold its annual mid-year Conference in Jerusalem during the 10th Anniversary celebration is particularly welcome. It is especially appropriate to bring together in Israel those American Jews who have worked so hard and given so much that such an anniversary could come to pass. They will find that all the reports and reading, the films, speeches and discussions could not compare to a personal on-the-spot view of this amazing land and its people.

The Conference will be held June 24th to 26th and for it, the UJA is arranging special trips of five, ten and fifteen day duration at rock bottom costs of less than \$800, \$900 and \$1,000. It is anticipated that 1,000 American Jewish leaders, the largest such group ever to gather in Israel, will attend.

We wish every success to this Anniversary Conference. It will give the largest possible numbers of American Jews who have devoted themselves to the rescue of Jewish lives and aid to Israel in creating a haven for the oppressed, the inspiring opportunity to see the fruits of twenty years of work and generosity since the UJA was established in 1939. At the same time it will permit them to see for themselves how much their help is still needed as the 10-year old democracy struggles to absorb the vast numbers who are reaching its shores.

J. W. B. — The Service Arm of American Jewry

Visibility—Here is a word that has been thrown around quite frequently at JWB meetings, often as criticism that the general Jewish community cannot see the JWB "forest for the trees." It has been said that although the JWB performs one of the biggest and most essential services on the American and world Jewish scene, the JWB colorful canvas fails to get the attention it deserves. Literally, thousands of men and women who have given leadership to centers, camps, service to armed forces personnel, and other facets of JWB do not adequately interpret the program in their respective communities.

In order to present the JWB facts we list a few points for your information:

JWB serves 353 Jewish Community Centers and YM-YWHAs throughout America . . . More than 581,000 men, women and children belong to Centers . . . Centers employ 15,000 professional workers . . . 15,000,000 people attend Center activities yearly . . . Communities have \$75,000,000 invested in Center buildings . . . \$13,850,000 worth of new Center construction is in progress.

There are 150,000 Jews in uniform and in VA hospitals . . . 101 full-time Jewish chaplains minister to their religious needs . . . 270 part-time Jewish chaplains are on duty

. . . JWB serves personnel at 1,300 military bases here and overseas . . . 1,000,000 morale gifts are shipped annually . . . JWB provides 700,000 religious items each year to GIs . . . Jewish chaplains conduct 17,000 religious services yearly, attended by 500,000 worshippers . . . Chaplains make 80,000 bedside visits to hospitalized veterans each year.

All this is part of what this community helps to accomplish by its aid to the Jewish Welfare Board.

The phenomenal growth of the Jewish Community Center movement in recent years is reflected in the number of communities that have erected modern facilities or are now in the process of doing so. In a statement recently released by Sanford Solender, Director of the Jewish Community Center Division, he presented the following data:

The estimated value of Center buildings existing or under actual construction during the past year was about \$75,000,000 as against the valuation of Center buildings of approximately \$40,000,000 at the end of the war in 1946. 47 Center buildings have been planned, are in construction, or have been completed since that date. In addition, 19 communities are now in the process of planning or constructing new Center facilities, the estimate cost of which is \$13,850,000.

47 New Community Centers Built in Past Ten Years

Forty-four new Jewish Community Center buildings costing \$28,100,000 for land, construction and equipment have been opened since the end of World War II and three others to cost in the aggregate \$4,000,000 will be completed late in 1957 or early in 1958, it is reported in the 1955-56 (Vol. VI) edition of the JWB Year Book just published by the National Jewish Welfare Board. Fifteen other new Center buildings are in various stages of planning or construction.

The 44 new Center buildings already in use and the three to be dedicated within the year are all affiliated with and served by JWB, the national association of Jewish Community Centers. JWB's Building Bureau was actively involved in planning virtually all of these structures which are

located in 19 states and 44 different communities (four of the new Center buildings are in New York City).

Total membership in the 353 Jewish Community Centers affiliated with JWB reached 565,000 at the end of 1955, an all-time high and a 2 per cent increase over 1954, the JWB Year Book reports. More than two-thirds of all JWB-affiliated Centers showed membership gains, continuing the upward trend that has been uninterrupted since the end of World War II, Center membership rose by 25 per cent since 1945.

Aggregate Center budgets also continued to move upward, the Year Book shows. An average rise of 6% in 1955 brought the total for that year to \$16,454,000 compared with \$15,522,000 in 1954.

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