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## Dr. Ornstein Elected President of Council

### *Traditional Mothers' Day Program Presented by Women's Organizations*

Under the joint sponsorship of the Ladies' Aid, B'nai B'rith Women, the Center Sisterhood, and Hadassah, a very impressive and beautiful program was presented at the Center, on May 14, at 8 p. m., honoring the Mothers of Bangor.

This celebration is a yearly affair with the hostesses rotating among the four organizations. This year it was Hadassah's turn, and all who attended will agree that a wonderful job was done.

The program consisted of a delightful playlet, which Helen Hayes had performed on the Textron Theatre, entitled "My Little Boy". Miss Hayes would have been thrilled indeed, to have heard the capable performance given by Mrs. Peter Gotlieb and Judy Cantor.

Following the playlet, an impressive candlelighting ceremony took place with the following participating: Mrs. Max Kominsky, Mrs. Benjamin Shapero and Miss Janice Rosen.

The refreshment committee was composed of members from the four organizations. The Ladies' Aid was represented by Mrs. Minnie Allen, the B'nai B'rith Women by Mrs. David Israel, the Sisterhood by Mrs. Abe Kern, and for Hadassah Mrs. William Emple.

Many thanks go to all who contributed to make the Mother's Day program one of the outstanding affairs of the year.

Copy for the next issue of the Community News must be in by May 18.

### Center Sisterhood Installation May 28 to Induct New Officers

On Monday, May 28, at 2:15 p. m., the Center Sisterhood will hold its last meeting of the season, at which time the new officers will be installed. Mr. Irving Ribner will be the installing officer, and will install the following: Helen Schiro, President; Lila Segal, 1st Vice President; Charlotte Broder, 2nd Vice President; Florence Lieberman, Secretary; and Helen Stone, Treasurer.

The special program will consist of a talk and demonstration on interior decorating. The Sherwin-Williams Company will have a demonstrator who will lecture on color scheming which should prove very interesting and beneficial to all.

Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Harriet Kern and her capable committee.

### Survey Report Accepted by Annual Meeting

Dr. Joseph Ornstein was elected president of the Jewish Community Council at the annual meeting on April 30.

With Dr. Ornstein were elected Donald Day, vice president for the Center; William Viner, vice president for Fund Raising; Edward Allen, vice president for Hebrew School; Abraham Stern, treasurer; and Morris Rubin, secretary.

#### NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Elected to the Board of Directors for a three-year term were Edward Allen, Julius Gass, Dr.

Howard Kominsky, Dr. Joseph Ornstein, Morris Rubin, and Sidney Schiro.

#### MRS. CUTLER THANKED

A rising vote of thanks was given Mrs. Lawrence Cutler, who was chairman of the Survey Committee and whose report was accepted and referred to the Board of Directors for action.

#### AMENDMENTS ACCEPTED

The proposed amendments to the Constitution were accepted with minor changes. Most of the provisions of the amendments are to go into effect next year. At the close of the meeting retiring President Samuel Goodman was given a rising vote of thanks for his service to the community.

Refreshments were then served by the women of the Center Sisterhood, B'nai B'rith Chapter, and Hadassah.

#### JNF Collection May 20

City-wide collection for JNF boxes will take place Sunday, May 20, when you will be called upon by a representative of the JNF for your box contribution. Everybody please be reminded of this date and have your boxes well filled.

### *Attention:*

## "STAGE DOOR"

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### LAG B'OMER MAY 24

On the 18th day of the Hebrew month Iyar, (May 24, 1951) Lag B'Omer will be celebrated. The holiday, a folk festival, is not decreed by our religion, but has been gradually established as commemorating the last and greatest revolt of the Jews against the Romans.

There are several legends connected with the revolt which Lag B'Omer commemorates. One legend tells that during the revolt, which was led by Bar Kochba, a terrible epidemic broke out among the students of Rabbi Akiba, who was the spiritual leader of the revolt. Because the epidemic suddenly stopped on Lag B'Omer, this day is also known as Scholars' Day and is a day of happy events.

Another legend tells that the students of Bar Yochai, another central figure during the revolt, came to visit him in the caves in Galilee where he was hiding from the Romans. In order to deceive the Romans, the students disguised themselves as hunters and carried bows and arrows.

The revolt, which occurred dur-

ing the period of Jewish History after the destruction of the Second Temple, was at first successful, but finally it was suppressed. This was the last attempt of the Jews, until modern times, to rebuild their nation in Israel.

The name Lag B'Omer means the 33rd day of the "Omer". The Hebrew words "Lamed" and "Gimmel" (Lag) are the numerical equivalent of 33 and Omer is the Hebrew word for sheaf or measure of grain. The name comes from the fact that during the 49 days between the 2nd day of Passover and Shavuot it was customary to bring an "Omer" of barley to the Temple as an offering of Thanksgiving. Lag B'Omer falls on the 33rd of these "Sephira" (Hebrew word for counting) days, and is the only day during the 49 on which weddings or other celebrations are permitted.

Lag B'Omer is usually celebrated by picnics and other outdoor events with games, contests, songs and dramatizations of Lag B'Omer stories.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, May 15

Dress rehearsal for "Stage Door"

Wednesday, May 16

Boy Scouts, 7:30 p. m.

Thursday, May 17

"Stage Door" presentation, 8:00 p. m.

Friday, May 18

"Stage Door" presentation, 8:00 p. m.

Saturday, May 19

Brownies, 3:30 p. m.

Sunday, May 20

Mu Sigma dance

Monday, May 21

Junior Lyceum, 2:00 p. m.

Tuesday, May 22

Jewish War Veterans Installation

Thursday, May 24

Parents Association, 8:00 p. m.

Friday, May 25

Boy Scouts, 7:30 p. m.

Sunday, May 27

Lag B'Omer

Brownies, 3:30 p. m.

Monday, May 28

Junior Lyceum, 2:00 p. m.

Tuesday, May 29

Mu Sigma, 7:00 p. m.

Wednesday, May 30

Sisterhood Installation, 2:00 p. m.

Boy Scouts, 7:30 p. m.

Memorial Day, Center closed

Jerusalem, you can see on a clear day, nestling at your feet, the northern tip of the Dead Sea, which is 1,300 feet below sea level—the world's greatest depression.

This variety is even more strikingly illustrated in Galilee. Tiberias, on the Sea of Galilee, is over 600 feet below sea level and is a favorite winter resort for those seeking relief from the cold winds and rain of the hill country. Less than an hour away lies Safed, perched up in the Galilean hills, to which people come from all over the land in summertime to cool off from the hot easterly winds that plague the inhabitants of the plains.

### VARIETY OF PEOPLES

You find this variety among the people too. There are today over 1,400,000 people living in Israel, of whom some 50,000 are Christians, 125,000 Moslems, and all the rest Jews. But each of these three communities presents a kaleidoscope of many colors. Among the Christians there are fully nineteen different sects and communions, and even the Moslems do not all belong to one group. As for the Jews, they are, for the most part, newly arrived immigrants, who have come to seek a home and refuge from over sixty countries in various parts of the world. They speak many different languages, but gradually they are all adopting the Hebrew tongue, which has been revived in recent times and become once again the national language of the State of Israel.

And there is variety too in the types of civilization that one finds in Israel. Many of the immigrants have come from the West and have brought with them the drive and dynamic ideas of Western civilization. Gradually the whole country

is assuming this Western pattern, but one can still see the relics of the working methods and social ideas of the old slumbering Orient. The farmer chugging along on a brand-new American-built tractor can look over a cactus hedge and see his neighbor scratching a field with a wooden plough harnessed to a camel and an ox.

### REBIRTH OF ISRAEL

Israel was proclaimed a State on the 14th of May, 1948, just three years ago. At that time, there were just about three quarters of a million people in the country, and in this brief period 550,000 immigrants have been permitted to enter Israel and make it their home. That was done in implementation of the very purpose for which the State of Israel was created. Israel was born out of the need on the part of large numbers of Jewish people in various parts of the world for a homeland to which they could go to escape from insecurities and persecutions which menaced their very existence as individuals and their ability to live according to their beliefs. It was only natural, therefore, that once the State was set up, it should dedicate itself, as it has, to dealing with the problem of the Jewish refugees in Europe and elsewhere. A policy of free immigration was introduced, and people have been coming in at an average rate of 18,000 a month. Most of them have come from the

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### ISRAEL — AGE THREE — PICTURE OF A YOUNG DEMOCRACY

By Avraham Harman  
Director, Israel Office of Information

If I were to seek to sum up in one word all the many facets of the land and people of Israel, I think I would use the word "variety", because that is the characteristic which, I believe, leaps to the eyes of the observer who comes to study this nation.

### VARIETY OF CLIMATES

Israel is a small country, just about eight thousand square miles in area. But into that tiny com-

pass it packs an amazing variety of topographical and climatic conditions. As you leave the long coast line, with its citrus groves and vineyards, a car ride of less than an hour carries you up into the cool, rare atmosphere of the Judean hills around Jerusalem, where the typical fruits of temperate climates, such as the apple and the pear, feel and look quite at home. And once you get to

### Candle Lighting Time

(Daylight Saving Time)

May 18 7:39 p. m.  
May 25 7:47 p. m.



## "Book of Eternal Memories"

### (B'nai B'rith Women)

An inscription in our "Book of Eternal Memories" is a life long remembrance, and it is such a simple way to send "Expressions of Joy", or of "Sympathy" to your many friends.

Birthday greetings to Susan Barbara Fohrman, May 29, by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gass, grandparents.

In memory of Rabbi Gedahlia Kaprow, husband of Geraldine, by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lait.

In memory of Abraham Gotlib, husband of Sarah Gotlib, by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lait.

In memory of Ethel M. Rosenberg by Libby and Nathan Smith.

Please contact Helen Stone at 6906 for your insertion.

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Displaced Persons Camps in Central Europe, and many others from the Moslem countries. The stream of immigration has by no means ended. In fact, during the course of 1951 Israel expects to receive over 200,000 immigrants from Iraq, Rumania, North Africa and other countries.

These people have to be welded together into a united nation. It is not an easy process, but it is being accomplished. The introduction two years ago for the first time in the history of the country, of a system of universal primary education, which is provided free, ensures that the children of the immigrants are all given an equal opportunity of securing a basic training for a common citizenship. The adult immigrants too learn very quickly to associate with each other in common enterprises and blend their differences to produce a united, though not uniform, national character. The driving force for national unity in 1948 was the need to protect the

### THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to our many friends during our time of sorrow.

Mrs. Nathan Smith and family

## Hadassah Annual Convention in Mass.

The New England region of Hadassah will hold its annual convention at the Hotel Mayflower, Plymouth, Mass., on June 3, 4, 5, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Jacob Honenemser of Providence, Rhode Island. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Abraham Tulin, National Youth Aliyah Chairman. Mrs. George Silver, President of the local chapter, will be the Bangor delegate.

country against aggression. Fortunately, that period is over and hostilities came to an end nearly two years ago. Today the great impelling force is to rebuild the country and restore it to its ancient fertility, and so make it possible for the immigrants coming in to find homes and work. This task, at which Israel is driving with all its energy and resources, is not likely to be accomplished in a short time.

### HARD WORK

It is going to be a long, hard pull. For this country, like all its neighbors in the Middle East, has slipped backwards. That whole region is not today sustaining anything like the population it supported at a high level of civilization two or three thousand years ago. It is a very sensitive kind of territory. If you don't harbor your resources and tend to them very carefully, you find them dissipating themselves in a very real way. You can see that on all sides as you travel through the Middle East; ruins of ancient aqueducts and irrigation systems, the miserable remnants, still to be discerned on the bare hillsides, of terraces built by the careful husbandmen of olden days to protect their soil. Along the coast the sand has blown in with nothing to break its force and covered large areas of fertile soil. Up in the north the life-giving waters of the Jordan were permitted to spread out and convert large stretches of land into pesti-

lential swamp. Down south one can still see ruins of entire cities which in Byzantine times were linked by a caravan route leading from the Mediterranean to the Red Sea.

The problem facing the pioneer in Israel is thus quite different from that which faced the men and women who opened up the Western Hemisphere to civilization. Unlike them, the Israelis are not pioneering in virgin territory. They are digging up the ashes of buried civilizations. Theirs is a job not of new construction, but of restoration. As they see it, their mission is to push back the desert and uncover those latest resources which thousands of years ago made this the most populous and flourishing center of the civilized world.

### AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

It is going to take a long time until that mission is accomplished. But it can be said that the way has been found. Tremendous changes have been wrought in Israel in the last thirty years, and more particularly, in the three years since Israel emerged as an independent State. Large areas of land have been reclaimed; swamp land has been drained; bare hills have been covered again with sturdy growing forests, and the water pipelines are pushing down ever further into the south, bringing life to an arid region. The land and the people have again become wedded together. Immigrants who had never experienced agricultural labor have succeeded in many cases in transforming themselves into farmers. The country is growing an increasingly large percentage of its own food requirements, and is beginning to export surpluses of some agricultural produce, such as citrus fruits and wines. The help recently received from the Export-Import Bank of the United States in the form of a loan for agricultural development has greatly increased Israel's capacity to reach the goal of self-sufficiency in its food supply.

### RECOVERY OF MATERIALS

In industry, too, great strides are being made. Geological research is proving that Israel is not as poor in raw materials as was originally thought. The Bible talks of Israel as a country whose stones

## Recipe

### STRAWBERRY MOUSSE

- 1 cup heavy cream, whipped
- 1 cup crushed fresh strawberries
- ½ cup sugar
- 2 egg whites, well beaten
- 1/16 tsp. salt

Combine sugar and crushed fruit and stir until sugar is dissolved. Fold sweetened fruit into the whipped cream. Fold in the beaten egg whites to which the salt has been added. Pour into the tray of the refrigerator or suitable mold for freezing. Freeze until solid.

Note: Proportions can be used with other fruits such as fresh peach, cherry, prune, or apricot pulp.

are iron and from whose hills one can dig out copper. The ruins of Solomon's copper mines have in fact been discovered in the southern part of Israel, near the Red Sea, and not far away other materials have recently been unearthed, and some are already being put to use. Among these are phosphates, barium, kaoline, and many other useful commodities. By far the richest known source of raw materials is the Dead Sea, with its almost limitless wealth of potash and bromine, which assure Israel of the possibility of becoming self-sufficient in its needs of fertilizers.

### INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Building materials are also being produced locally, and the cement industry is steadily catching up with the increased demands. In view of Israel's geographical location, at the hub of three continents, it is an ideal place for assembly plants, and it is no accident, therefore, that recent years have seen a surprising growth of industries of all kinds based on imported raw materials and local know-how. Thus Israel will soon produce American cars from parts shipped from America and assembled in Israel for distribution to markets in the vicinity. This is already being done with refrigerators and radios. Other industries have a-

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## Congratulations

### ENGAGEMENTS

To Reva Adella Frankel of Montreal and Robert Bernstein.

## Condolences

To the family of the late Miriam Wardwell.



### Jewish News From Here and There

A number of American Jewish scholars, scientists, artists, composers, and writers were included in a list of 154 persons who were awarded 1951 fellowships by the John Simon Guggenheim foundation in New York.

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Child mortality among Jews in Tunis decreased considerably last year due to the expansion of activities of OSE, Jewish health organization.

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Radio Prague has joined the anti-Israel campaign conducted by other Communist radio stations. In a "manifesto to working people" the Czechoslovakian radio criticized the government headed by Premier David ben Gurion and blamed it for the "flourishing black market" in the Jewish state.

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The governor of Arizona signed a law regulating the sale of kosher meat in the state. The law provides penalties for sale of food falsely described as kosher and bans selling of kosher and non-kosher meats in the same store unless the store displays signs stating that both kosher and non-kosher meats are sold, and signs are placed over each kind of meat stating whether it is kosher or non-kosher.

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Jews in Moscow celebrated Passover in traditional services at the central synagogue there, according to a New York Times dispatch. The congregation appeared to be a representative cross section of the

Jewish populace—young, middle aged, and some elderly bearded Jews. There were a number of women in the gallery. The Charge d'Affaires of the Israeli legation and the second secretary of the legation also attended services.

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The New York Times reported that the Soviet Government has abandoned its efforts to create a "Jewish Home Land" in Biro-Bidjan, and that the Ambijan Committee, an American group raising money for Biro-Bidjan, received a cable from that area declaring that outside aid is not wanted any longer.

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Syria's representative to the United Nations told an American audience that Syria intends eventually to take over the area along the shore of Lake Tiberiasa.

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Robert Hirsch, French Jewish war hero, has been appointed director-general of the French Surete Nationale, the French security police.

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Within the next few months the last camp for displaced Jews in the British zone of Germany will be closed, thus ending the Jewish DP problem in that zone. Many of the Jews will emigrate while "the hard core cases" will be transferred to a hospital in the American zone.

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A report from Sofia indicates that conditions of Jewish life in Bulgaria are worsening as a result of the economic difficulties facing the country at large, and signs of anti-Semitism are again noticeable.

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risen depending on traditional skills brought into the country by immigrants. Examples of this are Israel's flourishing textile industry, the diamond polishig industry, and the production of art and craft objects. In industry, as in agriculture, opportunities for development are considerable, and much time will have to pass before they can all be fully exploited. Meanwhile progress is being made on all fronts. In the last three years agricultural production has gone up by 80% and industrial production by 40%. Similar progress has been made in modernizing the country's road communications, improving its harbors and expanding its mercantile marine and civil aviation.

Mixed marriages among Jews and non-Jews are becoming more and more dangerous to Jewish survival, according to a report published by the World Jewish Congress.

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Operators of hotels and tourist camps advertising "selected" or "restricted" clientele will be blackballed by the Ontario department of travel and publicity.

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The extreme left wing of the Mapam party of Israel has captured complete control of the party, according to the results of last week's intra-party elections for convention delegates.

### Camp Naomi Registration Soon To Close

With a fine staff and with a sizeable number of campers already registered, CAMP NAOMI, operated by the New England Section—Jewish Welfare Board for girls, 7-15 years of age, will open its 18th season on July 1. The camp is located in Billerica, Massachusetts (approximately 25 miles from Boston) by the historic Concord River.

Charging a non-profit fee based on actual cost of operation, NAOMI offers parents a wonderful opportunity to provide their daughters with a high-quality, camping opportunity at a most moderate cost. The fee is \$230 for the full season of eight weeks and \$115 for one period of 4 weeks.

Information is available at the Center or at the N. E. Section-JWB office, Room 301, 41 Tremont Street, Boston 8, Mass.—CAPITOL 7-0686.

A giant statue of the period of the Crusades was discovered at Ceasaria by members of the kibutz S'dot-Yam.

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