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## JEWS APPEAL TO ROUMANIAN REGENCY ON THE ORDER TO TRADE ON THE SABBATH

**Heavy Fines Imposed for Failure to Keep Open**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, Aug. 7.—The Roumanian Regency Council will in a few days receive an appeal from the Jewish communities in Ismail against the action of the Roumanian authorities compelling observant Jews to violate the Sabbath.

The local authorities promulgated an ordinance which compels the Jewish storekeepers to keep their stores open on Saturday. Those who declined to do so were heavily fined. An appeal to the courts was prepared against the fines.

The Jewish deputies in parliament will introduce an interpellation to the government at the next session.

## TEL AVIV WILL NOT BECOME RAILWAY JUNCTION

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Aug. 7.—Tel Aviv, the first modern Jewish city in Palestine, with a population of over 30,000, frequently mentioned as the point slated to become the railway junction will not be chosen for this purpose.

The Palestine government in an official communication to the Jaffa chamber of commerce declared that the transfer of the central station from Ludd to Tel Aviv had been indefinitely postponed. The commercial and industrial population of Tel Aviv laid great hopes in the proposed transfer.

## GERMAN-JEWISH VETERANS WANT TO SETTLE ON LAND

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Aug. 7.—The union of Jewish Ex-Soldiers established a limited liability company with a capital of 20,000 marks. This sum has already been secured to further Jewish land settlement in Germany.

Rudolph Mosse and Herr Sydk, both estate owners, were appointed managing directors and a control commission is to be elected. A practical plan to obtain an estate and start settlement work is now in preparation, the directors stated.

A special propaganda organization is to be formed, in which all German Jews will be asked to join in order to popularize land settlement for Jews and to raise funds for this purpose.

## SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL STUDIES PREPARES ARAB POETRY CONCORDANCE

**Is Written in Arabic; References in Latin Characters**

A concordance of classical Arabic poetry is now being prepared and will be issued by the School of Oriental Studies of the Hebrew University, an announcement of the American Advisory Committee of the Hebrew University, of which Felix M. Warburg is chairman states.

The work of preparing the Concordance was begun when the School was opened in 1926, so that the revival of Arabic letters in the East might have the aid of Jewish scholars trained in Europe. The Concordance, which is classified on index cards, already reaches a total of two hundred thousand cards. Both Moslem and European scholars will have resort to this Concordance. The Concordance is written in Arabic and references are given in Latin characters, which are familiar to Moslem scholars.

In addition to the Concordance, the Oriental School has undertaken the edition of a large corpus of important historical material bearing on the spread of Islam, which, except for a small fraction, has never before been published. This work is the Ansab Alashraf of Baladhuri, one of the earliest of the great Arab systematizing historians, and an authority of considerable importance.

Through the kindness of the Staatsbibliothek in Berlin, and of Prof. C. H. Becker, now Minister of Education in the Prussian Government, the University has received the photographs and copies of the complete manuscript, and work on this has been started. The volumes will appear at intervals of one or two years. It is estimated that the final volume, the tenth, will be published in about fifteen years.

The Oriental School is also cooperating with the Committee on Intellectual Cooperation of the League of Nations in the publication of a small crestomathy of medieval Jewish-Arabic literature.

## 'UNITED PRESBYTERIAN' MAKES UNFRIENDLY COMMENT ON THE JEWISH POPULATION FIGURES

**Says Jew is 'Life's Supreme Egoist,' Cannot be Assimilated**

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Pittsburg, Pa. Aug. 7.—The "United Presbyterian," religious weekly published here under the editorship of William J. Reid, D.D., makes the following comment on the Department of Commerce figures with regard to the Jewish population of the United States, based on the census of religious bodies.

"The Department of Commerce, which is conducting a nation-wide census of religious bodies, has issued data regarding nine denominations. According to the returns for 1926 there were 2,948 congregations and 4,087,357 persons of the Jewish faith living in the cities and the villages in which the congregations were located. Of the Jews living in the places with congregations, 4,071,889 were in urban territory and 15,468 in rural areas. In 1926 there were in New York State 1,126 Jewish congregations with a total membership of 1,896,593.

The Jewish race is one of the religious minorities in this land which has made a deep dent in the public consciousness. The Jew is intensely race conscious. He cannot be assimilated. He is life's supreme egoist. His mentality is high. His prejudices are almost ineradicable. Religiously he is a formalist. His trend is toward rationalism. His tendency in the mass is socialistic and revolutionary. He is invincible in achieving his ends. Where he predominates in a community he is said to be as a rule intolerable as a neighbor. He is offensive in his al-

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## FIFTY JEWISH DELEGATES AT ESPERANTO CONGRESS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Antwerp, Aug. 7.—More than fifty of the delegates attending the International Esperanto Congress here are Jewish. A special service was held in their honor at the Great Synagogue. Rabbi Sappra of Germany, a delegate to the Congress, preached the sermon in Esperanto.

Mr. Leizerowitz of Lodz, Poland, delivered greetings to the Congress in behalf of the Jewish delegates. The brother and daughter of Zamenhof, creator of Esperanto, received an ovation from the delegates when they appeared in the Congress hall.

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## JEWISH FARMERS IN JERSEY

## HOLD ANNUAL FIELD DAY

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Norma, N.J., Aug. 7.—At the annual field day of Jewish farmers from South Jersey, held here, Gabriel Davidson, general manager of the Jewish Agricultural Society, presented certificates of award to New Jersey winners of the Society's prizes for outstanding achievement in agriculture during 1927. Farmers from the entire district and their families attended the celebration.

William Duryee, State Secretary of Agriculture, and Senator David H. Agans, Master of the State Grange, were among the speakers. Raymond Lipman presided at the meeting.

New Jersey farmers, Mr. Davidson stated in making the presentations, carried off a large number of prizes in competition with entrants from eleven states scattered throughout the country. Jerseyites won nearly one fourth of all the prizes. In the divisions of award for outstanding contributions to community welfare and of helpful contribution to the farmstead by farm women went to New Jersey. Nathan Sklover of Hightstown and Mr. Levine of Woodbine, N. J., both former residents of New York, won the prizes for contributions to community welfare. Mrs. Mary Estomin and Mrs. A. Pincus, both of Toms River, were awarded prizes for contributions to their farmsteads. Mrs. Rebecca Katcher won the second prize in this division.

The Board of Directors of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Indianapolis, approved the recommendations of the General Budget Committee for appropriations to thirty-six organizations totalling \$5,825.

## JULIUS ROSENWALD HOLDS OPTIMISTIC VIEW ON FUTURE OF JUDAISM IN AMERICA

## Philanthropist Sees Jewish Education as Crux of Problem

Julius Rosenwald holds an optimistic view with regard to the future of Judaism in America. In an interview with the representative of "The Day," Mr. Rosenwald replied to the question whether he was an assimilationist and believed that the Jews, as a distinct and separate nationality, would cease to exist in America, and whether such a termination of the Jewish people seemed to him desirable. "I am no assimilationist and I do not believe in the theory of assimilation. The Jews as a people, as an ethnic group, call it what you will, have existed for thousands of years and will continue to exist as such in this country in the future," Mr. Rosenwald is quoted.

"I cannot say what will happen to the Jews within the next thousand years. No one can. But as regards the next hundred or two hundred years, I feel certain the Jewish people, including American Jewry, will exist as a separate group. There is no danger that American Jewry might degenerate into a mere religious sect or lose its cultural significance.

"I believe," continued Mr. Rosenwald, "that in the not far distant future, the coming generations of American Jews are destined to undergo many modifications. Certain aspects of the life of American Jewry will undoubtedly change considerably within the next few generations. I believe, however, that there will never be a dearth of lively activity in American Jewish life."

Asked whether he was prepared to contribute towards the perpetuation of Judaism in America, Mr. Rosenwald said: "No. There is no need of it. American Jewry either is strong enough to sustain itself and continue to be the forger of its own destiny, or it is not. In the first instance, there is no need of any assistance from me, and in the latter event, my help would be of no avail. But I believe that American Judaism can and will sustain and perpetuate itself without any artificial stimulants. We are all contributing our share and I am doing what I can. Personally I am interested in Jewish education—now probably more than ever before. I am also interested in Hebrew education, not only in America, but in Palestine as well. Here in Chicago we have a well-organized Jewish educational system. We have excellent Hebrew schools. My friends, that is, the "German Jews" of Chicago, are also interested in it and are very active in the field of Hebrew education, because we believe that a thorough Yiddish and Hebrew education is essential to the normal development of Jewish life in America. If I were an assimilationist, as some think I am, I should not give any financial support toward

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## FORD'S 'INTERNATIONAL JEW' CIRCULATED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CLEVELAND

## Jewish Member of Education Board Demands Explanation

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Cleveland, O., Aug. 5.—Explanation of the presence in the public schools of Cleveland of the pamphlet, "The International Jew," the anti-Semitic book by Henry Ford which he was to have withdrawn after his retraction, was demanded by Alfred A. Benesch, member of the Board of Education. The demand was presented at a meeting of the Board last week.

The pamphlet was among 2,500 others dealing with prohibition, open shop, child labor, public utilities, world peace, manufacture, banking, commerce and food production listed in a special report from Superintendent of Schools R. G. Jones to the Board of Education.

Mr. Benesch said he was particularly anxious to ascertain the manner in which other material dealing with what he termed "controversial questions" found its way into the school system.

Board members are studying the report. The report was submitted by Assistant Superintendent of Schools Charles H. Lake, in the absence on vacation of Supt. Jones.

## OTTINGER ASSURED HE WILL BE REPUBLICAN NOMINEE

Albert C. Ottinger, New York State Attorney General, who returned from California was assured by Republican leaders that on the basis of the present situation he would be nominated gubernatorial candidate at the party convention in Syracuse by acclamation.

The engagement of E. R. A. Seligman, McKim professor of economics at Columbia, to make a study of the economies underlying the farm problem, for the National Democratic Committee was announced by John J. Raskob, the national chairman of the Committee.

The funeral of Israel Ellis, New York attorney who had been active in Jewish organizations, and civic life of New York City, was held on Sunday, Mr. Ellis, who was a member of the New York bar for forty years, died Sunday at his home in Brooklyn at the age of sixty-one.

Mr. Ellis was one of the founders of the Hebrew Kindergarten and Day Nursery, New York, an organizer of the Grand Street Boys, and the East Side Young Men's Republican Club, of which he was president for many years. He helped organize Jewish schools in Brooklyn and Manhattan.

The new synagogue of Shaarei Zedek Congregation, which is being constructed in Clinton, Mass., will be dedicated Sunday, Aug. 26, according to Morris Long, president of the congregation. A banquet will be held at which the principal speaker will be U. S. Senator David I. Walsh.

A synagogue is to be erected in Brookline, Mass., for the Temple Ohabim Thalm.

## AMERICAN ZIONISTS SATISFIED WITH DECISION ON AGENCY REPORT

### Critics Told Report Does No Violence to Zionist Principles

Agreement with the decision of the General Zionist Council at its session in Berlin to adopt the recommendations of the Joint Palestine Survey Commission, was voiced by the "New Palestine," official organ of the Zionist Organization of America. In an editorial in its forthcoming issue, the paper writes:

"We maintain that the report does no violence to any fundamental Zionist truth, notwithstanding all the pother in the press. We do not mean thereby to imply that we are in full accord with everything contained in the report, or that it is the last word in a Palestine program. Far from it. But to proclaim that the report is a 'surrender' of Zionism or a 'spiritual Uganda' is as demagogic as it is untrue. That the Actions Committee finally came to this conclusion is indicated by the overwhelming majority with which the report was adopted, although not without a week of great struggle and conflict.

"The report contains fifty-two recommendations. Of these, fourteen relate to action to be taken by the Government. With these recommendations none of the parties in Zionism can have any quarrel. They state the Zionist case excellently and with firmness, and should serve as the basis for greater cooperation on the part of the Palestine Government. The remaining thirty-eight recommendations deal mainly with administrative, financial, agricultural and industrial questions, concerning which there may be differences of opinion. In essence they do not in the slightest affect any fundamental Zionist principle, except perhaps insofar as the report does not place sufficient emphasis on certain features of Zionist work, as for example, the Jewish National Fund, which has become so thoroughly integrated with the Zionist idea that it is difficult to conceive Zionism without it. We may perhaps disagree with the form in which one or another recommendation is made, as indicating a certain lack of understanding or appreciation of the peculiar conditions obtaining in Zionist work. In their concern for 'sound business principles' the Commissioners have frequently overlooked important factors which perhaps constitute the strength of Zionist work, both in the Galuth and in Palestine. The critics who belabor these weak elements in the report are guilty of a grave injustice both to the Commissioners and to the experts, when they invoke Zionist ideology as a weapon with which to hit at the report. It is precisely because there are non-Zionists who do not see eye to eye with us that we are endeavoring to

## SCIENCE DOES NOT SUPPORT NORDIC SUPERIORITY CLAIM

### (Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Williamstown, Mass., Aug. 7.—The idea that the Nordics enjoy a superiority over other races is unscientific, declared Professor R. D. McKenzie, leading a round table discussion on population problems of the Pacific at the Institute of Politics in session here.

The white peoples, he said, do enjoy a superior technical culture, but once Orientals acquire the scientific spirit it is evident that they will equal the white.

"The Nordic," he said, "happened to be the first to use mechanical energy and just happened to have the resources of energy and he then got the lead over the rest of the world in the Nineteenth Century, and that has given him the 'big head.'"

In Professor McKenzie's view what are ordinarily called racial differences are in reality only cultural or environmental differences and in this he was supported by a lively discussion among other members of his conference.

## KANENGIESER BRITH SHOLOM ACTING GRAND MASTER

### (Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Philadelphia, Pa. Aug. 7.—A. Sigmund Kanengieser, Vice Grand Master of the Independent Order Brith Sholom who has been active in Brith Sholom affairs for twenty years, has assumed the duties of Grand Master made vacant by the death of Solomon C. Kraus.

Since 1920 Mr. Kanengieser has been the secretary of the Bnai Abraham Synagogue of Newark. He has been Vice Grand Master since 1927.

## JUDGE MACK RESIGNS FROM UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

Judge Julian W. Mack, honorary chairman of the newly organized Association for Z.O.A. Reorganization, the opposition body, has tendered his resignation from the United Palestine Appeal, the Jewish Daily Bulletin learns.

Judge Mack held the position of Honorary Vice-Chairman of the U.P.A. the fund raising agency of the Zionist Organization and affiliated bodies.

establish the extended Jewish Agency. It is precisely because we want them to share in the work of upbuilding that we have embarked upon a policy which frankly admits of the possibility of compromise in technical method. And when compromise is suggested without, we repeat, any violence to the tenets of Zionism the critics sound the alarm against the 'degeneration of Zionism.'

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## ARGUE CALENDAR CHANGES WILL CREATE CONFUSION IN AMERICAN JEWISH LIFE

### Press Comments on Commission to Study League Proposal

The appointment in Washington of a national committee to study the League of Nations' proposal for changing the calendar has revived the discussion in the American Jewish press on the possible effects upon American Jewish life. The "Detroit Jewish Chronicle," writes on this subject:

"The proposed change in the calendar, which is now being considered by American committees prior to this country's indorsement of the movement started by the League of Nations is fraught with grave dangers for Jews.

"According to the proposals made, the calendar is to be readjusted to divide the year into 13 months instead of 12. Each month is to have 28 days, and every first of the month is to begin on the same day. An extra day is to be added every four years, and is merely to be thrown into the heap as a leap-year-day without name or numeral. But as the first of the month according to the plan, would continue to fall on a Sunday and the leap-year-day would merely be thrown in without disturbing either the days of the year or week, the result would be that once every four years the Sabbath day would be moved up one day, falling some years on Sunday, others on a Monday, and so on down the line.

"The danger of it lies in the fact that it is difficult enough as it is to guarantee the observance of the Sabbath, and that the Jewish calendar is misunderstood enough by Jews themselves. Further to complicate it might bring serious dangers to the observance of the Sabbath as well as the Festivals.

"A prominent figure in one of our leading fraternal organizations, speaking recently before a large Detroit gathering, was jesting about the Jewish calendar and unwittingly revealed the extent of the misunderstandings about our calendar. He made reference to his mother's birthday and said that as a boy he could not understand why it should have fallen one year on one day in the civil calendar, and the next on another. He did not explain to his audience how simple the whole matter was, that the mother's birthday, followed according to the Jewish calendar, always remains the same on our count. And there are thousands upon thousands in our ranks who to this day fail to understand why the Jewish New Year, for example, falls either on a date in September or October, varying from year to year. They do not know, perhaps because they were not offered the right training, that in the Jewish year it always falls on the first day of Tishri.

"A change in the present civil calendar  
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## JULIUS ROSENWALD HOLDS OPTIMISTIC VIEW ON FUTURE OF JUDAISM IN AMERICA (Continued from page 2)

Hebrew education. The reason I do give financial support is that I am not an assimilar; I do not desire the disappearance of the Jewish people as such. And being convinced that the Jews as a people will not disappear, I feel obliged to do my duty as a Jew.

"And just because I am not an assimilar, I am ready to support all Jewish cultural activities, such as Yiddish and Hebrew education, Yiddish and Hebrew scientific research, etc. I am glad to aid everything that helps to make Jewish life richer and more colorful. Wherever I come across an individual or a group that is willing and able to contribute to the advancement of Jewish culture in whatever language, I am always ready to help.

"In order that American Judaism may develop normally, we must take the question of Jewish education very seriously. Unfortunately, not enough has been accomplished in this field so far, and I am somewhat proud to have been among the first to emphasize the importance of a better and more thorough Jewish education in America. If you want my opinion as to the prospects of perpetuating Judaism in America, here it is in a nutshell: If we take the question of Jewish education seriously, we shall have here a generation of serious-minded Jews; otherwise, I pity the leaders of the future Jewish generations.

"So you see," Mr. Rosenwald continued, "that in the final analysis I am a real, plain, old-fashioned Jew. I have no involved theories about Judaism. I only know that Jews who know nothing of Jewish tradition are not the most desirable kind of people; and I further know that Jewish tradition is something that has to be studied and mastered. When the Jewish youth in America will take to studying Jewish tradition, that is, Jewish history, Hebrew, religion, literature, and Jewish institutions and customs, then the permanence of the Jews in this country shall be assured. To what extent Jewish life in other countries depends upon a theoretical Jewish education, I do not know, because I am not acquainted with conditions there. But conditions in America are fairly well known to me, and my friends and I feel certain that the most important problem facing the Jews of America at this moment is Jewish education.

"Mr. Rosenwald concluded by saying, "Tell the Jews to send their children to 'Cheder,' to some institution where they can acquire a thorough and comprehensive Jewish education, not omitting Hebrew. Let the Jews do less philosophizing and speculating as to the future of American Judaism and more actual work for Jewish education, and you won't have to come to me to ask what I think of the future of Judaism in America."

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most total lack of thoughtfulness and consideration of the rights of others. His children are as a rule utterly lawless. A considerable number of his race escape from racial and traditional constricting influences and go out to bless all mankind with a surprising compassion, and they utter words worthy of a place in the writings of the prophets of old.

"As a race they are dead to Christ, but there are indications here and there of the light which fell on the Damascus road," the writer, H. H. Marlin, D.D. asserts. "They are in the mass dead to Christ, but the day will come when the Jew will be alive in Him. When that day comes the regenerated Jew, mighty in supernal power and glory, will storm all hell's citadels and will make this world God's world."

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dar, as urged by the international proponents, threatens even more seriously to complicate matters for the Jewish people. The small number of Sabbath observers may be compelled to desecrate the rest day; and the uninformed and the non-observers will be thrown into greater confusion. It is no wonder, therefore, that spokesmen for English and American Jewry, including the Central Conference of American Rabbis, have for the past two years protested against the introduction of the newly proposed calendar," the paper states.

After being completely renovated the Hebrew Sheltering and Aid Home of Lynn, Mass., was dedicated on Aug. 5.

A campaign to raise funds for financing the Rodef Shalom Synagogue now being built in Houston, Texas has been launched. H. Evans is president of the congregation.

The new synagogue building will be completed in time for the High Holidays.

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