

## SOVIET ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXPEDITION FINDS HEBREW ANTIQUITIES IN CRIMEA

Discoveries Made on the Taman Peninsula

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Aug. 22.—Hebrew, Greek and Moslem antiquities have been discovered by an expedition of the Moscow Fine Arts Museum on the Taman Peninsula, Crimea. Considerable interest is evinced here in the findings of the expedition.

The Taman peninsula was the seat of a prosperous Greek colonies at the beginning of the Christian era. That a large number of Jews lived there at that time and subsequently is testified to by the Byzantine historian Theophanes in his "Chronographia," written in the ninth century of the Christian era. In 680 Taman was captured by the Chazars. In 1475 at the time of the conquest of the Crimea by Mohammed II, Taman was under the rule of the Guizolfis, descendants of the Genoese Jew, Simeon de Guizolfi.

In excavations made on the Taman peninsula after the middle of the nineteenth century there were discovered about 60 tombstones which once marked Jewish graves. The inscriptions on two of these tombstones were partly deciphered; on the others only single Hebrew letters could be made out. All of them bear Jewish symbols—candelabra, shofar and lulab.

A marble slab which forms a part of the wall in the lodge of the synagogue in Theodosia bears the name of the "respected Joshua, son of Meir of Taman Ashkenazi" who died December 31, 1508.

## MOSLEM NOTABLES ASK KINGDOM FOR SYRIA

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Aug. 22.—A conference of Moslem and Christian notables, members of the Royalist group, which was held in Damascus Monday went on record as favoring the monarchist form of government for Syria, the French mandated territory.

This demand was embodied in a cable sent by the conference to the French government in Paris.

The opponents of the republican form of government, which was voted recently by the Syrian National Assembly, dispersed by the High Commissioner, favor Ahmed Nami Bey, former Prime Minister, as candidate for the throne.

## CATHOLICS IN PALESTINE OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED REVISION OF TAX SYSTEM

Fear Church Property and Charitable Institutions May be Taxed at Will by Government

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Washington, Aug. 22.—Catholics in Palestine are reported to take an oppositional stand on the proposed legislation of the government for a revision of the taxation system.

Dr. Alexander Mombelli, Jerusalem Correspondent of the National Catholic Welfare Conference News Service, writing of the attitude of Catholics in the country, states:

"Proposed legislation in Palestine menaces the continued existence of Catholic schools and hospices in the Holy Land.

"The danger is revealed by a careful study of a skillfully drawn measure proposed for the regulation of the tax exemption of religious and charitable institutions. The act, if passed, would subject Catholic institutions entirely to the will of the Government, in fiscal matters, and, in time, would force the abandonment of some of the schools and hospices.

"During the last two years the English authorities have introduced so many innovations into the civil and penal laws of the Holy Land that now one finds it difficult to recognize the basic Ottoman code which had been in force for centuries. These modernizing reforms, in spite of the good intentions of their authors, have preoccupied the minds of Catholics. For, from time to time, they have seen rise a real danger to their religious liberty, or an attack upon their ancient immunities on missionary grounds.

"Only last year the Catholics found themselves face to face with a proposed legislative measure which, patently, would have stripped private educational institutions of their traditional autonomy. The danger of the act—a first step towards the imposition

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## LITHUANIA REFUSES TO AMEND SUNDAY REST LAW

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Kovno, Aug. 22.—The Council of Ministers rejected the proposal for the amendment of the Sunday compulsory rest law submitted in a memorandum on behalf of the Jewish communities.

Assurances were given some time ago that relief from the compulsory Sunday rest law will be forthcoming.

## AGRO-JOINT PREPARES PLAN OF SETTLEMENT FOR NEWLY ALLOTTED CRIMEA AREA

Land Much Better than Previous Allocations, Dr. Rosen Declares

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Aug. 22.—The Agrojoint, the agency of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, is preparing plans in connection with the newly allocated 109,000 hectares in Crimea, Dr. Joseph A. Rosen, head of the Agrojoint, stated in an interview with the representative of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

While he is not prepared to make a detailed statement, as the plans are not yet ready, he can say at this time that the land allocated is better than the allocations made before. The land previously allotted is in North Crimea, while the 109,000 hectares are in Central Crimea where the land is more fertile, he stated.

Regarding the present situation in the Jewish colonies, Dr. Rosen said it was not very good, owing to bad crops. Few transigrants are leaving the land, however. Some seek temporary employment and will return to the fields in the spring. The Soviet government will furnish the settlers with enough seed for the new crop, Dr. Rosen declared.

## 'PRAVDA' CONTINUES FIGHT AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Aug. 22.—Anti-Semitism is assuming serious proportions, especially in the Ukraine and White Russia, declares the "Pravda," official organ of the Soviet government.

"Anti-Semitism is appearing not only among clerks, peasants and workers, but even among members of the Communist Party and the Communist youth organizations," the paper declares, calling on all social elements to fight "this situation which is a disgrace to our day."

Moscow, Aug. 22.—An order reversing the decision of the Smolensk Soviet to convert a synagogue into a workmen's club has been issued by the Moscow authorities, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learns from reliable sources.

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## ROMANIAN JEWISH INSURANCE COMPANY FAILS

(J. T. A. Mail Service)

Bucharest, Aug. 1.—The failure of the Concordia, a Rumanian Jewish insurance company, has affected a great number of Jewish families in the country.

The majority of the policy holders were Jewish artisans and workmen in Moldavia and Bessarabia. A number of outraged policy holders raided the offices of the company, demolishing the furniture, when payments were suddenly stopped. The authorities established that 60,000,000 lei were missing from the company's treasury.

Lupu and Goldstein, two of the directors, were arrested and will shortly be tried.

## JACOB LANDAU

RETURNING TO U. S.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Aug. 22.—Jacob Landau, managing director of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, sailed today on the steamer Olympic on his return to the United States.

During his stay in Europe Mr. Landau visited several countries where he took measures to reorganize and extend the cable and feature service of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Mrs. A. J. Freiman, Dominion President of Canadian Hadassah, recently underwent an operation at the Montreal General Hospital and is now recuperating. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Freiman's silver wedding anniversary fell on August 18th and both were the recipients of congratulations from leading Zionists. Canadian Hadassah and the Zionist Organization of Canada plan to honor the Freimans by a jubilee celebration in the autumn, when Mrs. Freiman's health will permit her to participate.

## ARRESTS MADE ON CONSPIRACY CHARGES IN KOSHER CHICKEN MARKET SCANDAL IN N. Y.

### Seventy-one Defendants to Appear Before Judge Mack

David Hirshon, said to be the president of the Greater New York Live Poultry Chamber of Commerce, was placed under arrest, charged with acting in concert with others in the bombing of the home of Joseph Hasenfratz, a Brooklyn poultry dealer, who has been fighting the alleged "poultry trust."

Hirshon is also one of seventy-one persons and organizations against whom informations have been filed in Federal Court charging monopolistic practices in violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust act. He denied both charges.

David Dickman, who also is under arrest in the bombing investigation, was arraigned before Magistrate Mortimer S. Brown in New Jersey Avenue Court and held without bail on a specific charge of malicious mischief, which is classed as a felony because the damage done to Hasenfratz's home is given at more than \$500.

Both Hirshon and Dickman entered denials. Hirshon claims that he was in the Catskills with his family at the time Hasenfratz's home was bombed. Dickman said he was in Cortlandt, N. Y., at that time.

Hasenfratz, who was one of five injured when a bomb exploded Sunday in his home, told police that Hirshon had said to him "You're going to get it and get it good" shortly before the bombing. The threat was made, Hasenfratz explained, because he had helped organize independent poultry dealers in the Brownsville and East New York Poultrymen's Association.

Assistant United States Attorney General Israel B. Oseas, who is handling the case in the Federal Courts, said that Alfred Becker, lawyer for the Live Poultry Chamber of Commerce, had called on him, and that they had arranged to have the seventy-one defendants named appear before Judge Julian Mack on Friday. Those that fail to appear then will be arrested on warrants, he said.

Mr. Oseas said that though the alleged bomb plotters might be prosecuted in the State Courts, they also would face Federal action on a charge of attempting to obstruct justice, since it is believed that in placing the explosive they sought to frighten Hasenfratz into silence.

Nathan Straus, Jr. former New York State Senator, returned from Europe with his family on the steamer Majestic on Tuesday.

## FOREIGN VISITORS TO U. S. MAY STAY LONGER THAN 6 MONTHS SAYS IMMIGRATION HEAD

### Sojourns May be Extended Beyond a Year

The period for which aliens may be admitted to the United States as visitors is not limited to six months and may be extended to one year or even longer, according to an explanation of this phase of the immigration law contained in a letter written to Senator Fletcher of Florida by Acting Commissioner General of Immigration, George J. Harris.

Mr. Harris explaining portions applying to alien visitors stated:

"While aliens admitted to the United States temporarily must depart in accordance with the terms imposed by examining officers, or by this Department, the period for which aliens may be admitted as visitors is not limited by law or regulations to six months. Immigration officers at the ports of entry to this country are vested with authority to admit an alien as a visitor for a period not in excess of one year. However, citizens of Canada, or British subjects domiciled therein, who apply for permission to enter for less than six months, may be admitted without the presentation of American consular visas and without passports.

"Of course, where it is apparent that such an alien visitor intends to remain here more than six months, the foregoing visa exemption can not be extended. I may also add that head tax money deposited by citizens of Canada and British subjects, who have been domiciled therein for one year immediately preceding their entry into this country, is refunded to them by officers of the Immigration Service, upon the presentation, within seven months from the date of entry, of proof of departure within six months therefrom.

"Aliens admitted to the United States for temporary periods are at liberty to apply for permission to prolong their sojourns, and they may receive such permission, if good cause therefor exists, and it is shown that they have not abandoned their bona fide visitor status," Mr. Harris declared.

The letter, which was made public by the Senator, related to previous correspondence dealing with the status of wealthy Canadians who spend the winter months in Florida and some of whom wished to remain for more than six months and were under the impression that their sojourns were limited to that period.

Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin, President I.O.B.B. District Number 4, has designated Sunday, September 2d as B'nai Brith Day at the Pacific Southwest Exposition at Long Beach, California.

Communications have been sent throughout the district inviting the Lodge members to attend that day.

## MIZRACHI LEADERSHIP GETS UNANIMOUS CONFIDENCE VOTE

**Executive Submits Budget of £70,000  
for Religious and School Work**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Danzig, Aug. 22.—A unanimous vote of confidence and appreciation for the work done during the past year was given to the leadership of the Mizrahi, Orthodox Zionist Organization, at its international conference in session here, following a debate of several days on the report of the administration.

Prior to the vote Rabbi Meyer Berlin, president of the organization, answered in detail the criticism of many delegates declaring that the Jerusalem headquarters had to carry on its work under difficult conditions, not having received sufficient assistance and cooperation on the part of the federations in the various countries.

At the budget committee, which was in session all day yesterday, under the chairmanship of Rabbi Aaron Teitelbaum of New York, the executive submitted a proposal for next year's budget, calling for the amount of £70,000 (\$350,000). The major items are for religious work and the needs of the school system, aggregating £55,000.

A proposal was also submitted for the creation of a special directorate of the Keren Eretz Israel, the Palestine Fund of the Mizrahi organization, along the lines of the Keren Hayesod administration.

## BRAZIL SYMPATHETIC TO ZIONIST MOVEMENT

(J. T. A. Mail Service)

Rio de Janeiro, July 28.—The Foreign Minister of Brazil, Mr. Octavio Mangabeira, in an interview with Mr. Ettinger, the representative here of the Zionist Executive, expressed great interest in the work in Palestine.

The Brazilian Government, he said, follows the progress of the Jewish national movement with friendly interest and although Brazil has left the League of Nations, the Government of the Republic of Brazil will continue to maintain its friendly attitude with regard to the upbuilding of the Jewish Home in Palestine, he stated.

## WATERS RECEDING IN BUREYA FLOOD AREA

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Aug. 22.—The first falling of water near Chabarovsk was reported. The swollen rivers have decreased nine centimeters.

The flood generally is receding and railroad trains have commenced running.

## J.D.B. NEWS LETTER

**Denver Builds New Home for Jewish Children**

(By our Denver Correspondent)

Denver, Aug. 18.—Another milestone in the progress of one of Denver's national philanthropic institutions will be passed Sunday, Aug. 26, with the dedication of the new boys' dormitory, the infirmary, and the new playfield at the National Home for Jewish Children.

These additions insure the efficient care of 100 children, a far cry from the day 21 years ago when the Sheltering Home opened its doors to seven youngsters.

The dormitory and hospital were erected at a cost of approximately \$150,000, one-third of which was raised in Denver in a recent campaign, and the rest of which is being collected throughout the country.

The Mariaubelle Levie Playfield, including two full city blocks completely equipped with play apparatus and the space for various ball games, was reclaimed at a cost of almost \$5,000 by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Levie in memory of their daughter.

The Denver Sheltering Home originally was organized to care for the children of Jewish health-seekers who came to Colorado with their families, were placed in hospitals, and had no organization with which to place their little ones.

Mrs. Bessie Willens headed a small group of Jewish women who banded together to establish the Home. Among those who were workers for the institution was Mrs. J. N. Lorber, who was elected president. She has served in an executive capacity since and at the twentieth anniversary of the Home was honored by the rededication of the main building to bear her name.

Others who were in the original group to start the Home included Mrs. Jennie Kantrowitz, the first secretary; Mrs. Mollie Lifshutz, Mrs. Mary Augenblitch, and Mrs. S. Disraeli.

The first Home, a building large enough to accommodate 15, but soon used to house 36, was used until a fire destroyed it in 1917, and the erection of a new building was necessary.

The new Home was fitted to accommodate 40 children, in accordance with the cottage plan, but recently 100 children were taken care of. The new dormitory remedies this situation.

The new infirmary includes dental rooms in addition to the regular hospital apparatus, and the new scientific improvements including vitra-glass windows for violet ray sun treatment.

The dormitory has as one of its features a room for rehearsals of the Louis Stern Band. Louis Stern, a Denver business man, donated the band equipment, and the Home has an orchestra of boys

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## GOVERNOR SMITH STATES VIEWS ON IMMIGRATION AND IDEALS OF LIBERTY

**Advocates Removal of Harsh Strictures  
Separating Families**

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 22.—His views on the questions of immigration and liberty under the law were expressed by Governor Alfred E. Smith, Democratic nominee for the Presidency of the United States, in his address accepting the nomination, delivered last night at the State Capitol here.

On immigration, Governor Smith stated: "During all of our national life the freedom of entry to the country has been extended to the millions who desired to take advantage of the freedom and the opportunities offered by America. The rugged qualities of our immigrants have helped to develop our country and their children have taken their places high in the annals of American history.

"Every race has made its contribution to the betterment of America. While I stand squarely on our platform declaration that the laws which limit immigration must be preserved in full force and effect, I am heartily in favor of removing from the immigration law the harsh provision which separates families, and I am opposed to the principle of restriction based upon the figures of immigrant population contained in a census thirty-eight years old. I believe this is designed to discriminate against certain nationalities, and is an unwise policy. It is in no way essential to a continuance of the restriction advocated in our platform."

His question of religious tolerance was not directly discussed by the nominees. His reference to the subject came under the head of "Reviving National Ideals," on which subject he said:

"Because I believe in the idealism of the party of Jefferson, Cleveland, and Wilson, my administration will be rooted in liberty under the law; liberty that means freedom to the individual to follow his own will so long as he does not harm his neighbor; the same high moral purpose in our conduct as a nation that actuates the conduct of the God-fearing man and woman; that equality of opportunity which lays the foundation for wholesome family life and opens up the outlook for the betterment of the lives of our children."

## PROTEST DISCRIMINATION OF POLISH CONSUL IN JERUSALEM

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Aug. 22.—A protest against alleged discrimination against Jewish applicants for Polish visas was cabled to the Warsaw government by the Association of Polish Emigrants in Jerusalem.

The cable charges that the Acting Polish Consul in Jerusalem, Swickowski, maintains a discriminatory policy.

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of state control on the schools of religious congregations—was so obvious that all affected parties—Christians, Jews and Moslems—united in a forceful protest. In the face of this opposition the British High Commissioner announced that the proposed law would be changed to coincide with the wishes of the people of the country.

'Now has come the measure for the regulation of the tax exemption of religious and charitable institutions. The comments of the press here made in anticipation of the publication of the bill, could not then realize the real danger that it held for Catholic institutions. But a complete draft of the measure, published in the "Official Gazette," enables one, with a little study, to underline the injustices that it presents.

"The general impression one receives from a diligent study of the text and the spirit of the proposed ordinance is that, if enacted, it will work to the great detriment of Catholic establishments, while evident attempts are made to increase exemptions in favor of the Zionists. It is interesting that the one chiefly responsible for all legislative reform in Palestine is the Attorney General to the Jerusalem Government, a Jew.

"In the bill, it appears, there are two ways of dealing. One gathers this from the distinctions made on the grounds of race or religion along institutions of a similar character. For example, exemption from taxation is admitted in favor of hostels for the accommodation of immigrants, while the exemption is denied to hostels accommodating pilgrims. The injustice here is evident. How may Catholics reconcile the introduction of tax immunity for Zionists coming into Palestine to help raise the price of commodities and to add to the economical uneasiness caused by unemployment, and the simultaneous abolition of the ancient tax immunity extended to the Casae Novae and the hospices of religious congregations for the Christian pilgrims whose visits to the Holy Land bring manifest advantages to the country's commerce each year?

"Another arbitrary distinction is made, it seems, with regard to 'buildings of educational institutions which are conducted for profit,' and 'the land utilized for the purposes of agricultural instruction.' With regard to the former, we are told, the tax is applied to the Arts and Trades School of the Priests of Zion and probably to the printing office of the Franciscan Custody, while the agricultural institutes of the Jews are exempted.

"Because of their charitable mission to the country, the religious institutes in Palestine always were exempted under the Ottoman regime from any taxation. The English authorities, regarding the

situation as an anachronism, are seeking to change matters.

"Therefore, they provide that henceforth even the convents shall pay the municipal tax rates, though for the first 10 years they shall be required to pay only one-half of the municipal rate. In a special paragraph it is stipulated that only those religious, charitable and educational institutions shall be exempted from taxation which are certified to be such by competent authority. It is anticipated by the people here that the competent authority will be the Government itself. And if one adds to this the provision that 'the High Commissioner may make, and when made may vary or revoke Regulations,' one realizes how directly dependent upon the absolute will of the Government Catholic institutions are made with regard to their fiscal contributions.

"That constitutes a great menace to Catholic enterprises in the Holy Land, which will be compelled to curtail their activities if they are forced to pay taxes. Then, their incomes derived from American and European charity, will be insufficient to sustain their present undertakings," Dr. Mombelli concludes.

A cable despatch of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency from Jerusalem, dated July 2, 1928, stated: Exemption from taxation and the payment of customs duties was granted to religious, charitable and educational institutions by a new ordinance promulgated by the government.

Harry Devine, young Olympic star of Worcester, Mass., who received an official welcome from the City of Worcester on his return from abroad, will be given a reception by Jewish organizations here. On August 23, the Avoda Club will meet with the B'nai Brith at the Baneroff Hotel and will have its guest of honor, the young featherweight champion.

Devine, who fought his way to the semi-finals after defeating two opponents, lost in his third fight to a boxer representing Poland. He was one of the few members of the American boxing team to win his way to the semi-finals. He holds the title of National Amateur Featherweight Champion.

A committee of nine has been named to take charge of arrangements and includes Samuel Caplan, president of the local lodge, B'nai Brith, Dr. Harry Saidel, Manny Berman and Louis Cramer, all representing the B'nai Brith and Joseph Talamo, president of the Avoda Club who served on the official city reception committee, John Kane, Henry Sherr, Allen Price and Abe Sandman.

Harry Devine is the main support of a family and is employed in the Grompton & Knowles Loom Works. His father, of Italian birth, is dead, his mother is Jewish. Devine attends synagogue and is associated with many Jewish organizations in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonah B. Goldstein entertained 140 guests at a concert at their home. In Neponset Tuesday night as a means of getting together the residents of the community to enlist their interest in the work of the Jewish Educational Association.

Mr. Goldstein and Bernard Semel outlined the aims of the association and the work of the Committee of One Hundred.

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between 8 and 14. The band gives a weekly concert at the Home, and is called upon to furnish music at various other Jewish functions. Louis Stern also donated money for the poultry farm which supplies fresh eggs for the children.

Other gifts to the Home include the poultry farm donated by I. Ruude. Various others have donated the furnishings for bedrooms and other necessities. Mrs. Dora Lindner donated furnishings for one of the libraries.

The Home is now under the supervision of William Cohen. Officers include Mrs. J. N. Lorber, president; Mrs. Wilens, first vice-president; Mrs. Sam Francis, second vice-president; Mrs. Mollie Lifshutz, third vice-president; Sam Isaacson, financial secretary; Morris Cohn, treasurer; George Greenspun, national executive secretary; and the board of directors: Isadore Amter, Mrs. S. Bitterman, Arthur Friedman, Mrs. Emanuel Friedman, H. H. Frumess, Leon Grauman, Mrs. M. B. Goldberg, Mrs. J. Grimes, Sam Grimes, David Harlem, Mrs. I. J. Kolinsky, Mrs. L. Kseny, Mrs. B. Levie, Mrs. Sam Levey, Richard Lowey, Dr. J. M. Morris, M. S. Radetsky, H. H. Robinson, Mrs. I. Ruude, Max Schayer, L. K. Sigman, Ben Solomon, Louis Stern, Sigmund Strauss, A. Sussman, N. Weinberg, E. J. Wittelschofer, and Philip Zinns.

The Denver Ladies' Auxiliary of the Home is being reorganized with an attempt to have a membership of 2,000. The purpose is to assist the Home as before, but to extend the work for the care and sponsorship of children who leave the home and wish to attend colleges and do other vocational work. This body is headed by Mrs. Leo Lowenheim who was elected president at the first meeting.

The complete institution as it now stands with improvements of recent years and the two new buildings includes nine parts: the Fannie Lorber building which serves as an administration building and a dormitory for the younger boys and girls; the new boys' dormitory; a girls' dormitory; the infirmary; the superintendent's building, which is remodeled from the former hospital; the power house; the laundry building; the dairy; and the poultry farm.

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