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70,000 Jewish Ex-Traders to Be Settled on Collectives By Ukrainian Government

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Moscow, Feb. 22—Recent favorable measures taken by the Ukrainian government will assist 70,000 Jewish ex-traders from Ukraina to settle in land collectives or join artisans cooperatives, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was officially informed today. The information is based upon statistics now at the government's office showing that Jewish ex-traders in Ukraina now number 80,788, fifteen percent of which are still considered Nepmen while the rest will receive opportunities in accordance with the government's measures.

The same data shows that 251,320 Jews between the ages of 15 and 30 are unemployed in Ukraina. A problem also arises with the 121,588 Jewish artisans who need new qualifications because their professions will shortly be useless. Most of these people have no election rights but a recent government decision opens prospects for them for land, factory and hired labor. Factory jobs will be given only to the Jewish youth.

While similar information is not available from White Russia the situation there is nevertheless proportionately the same as in Ukraina. It is foreseen that notwithstanding the new government policy toward the declassified thousands will be compelled to migrate because the small towns are unable to offer work for everybody, even with government assistance. Many who left the Crimean colonies in 1928 are now asking for permission to re-

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Sees Numerus Clausus Need in Hungary as Waning

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, Feb. 22—Count Kuno Klebelsberg, Hungarian Minister of Education, whose recent criticisms of numerus clausus in the universities almost created a cabinet crisis, declared here today at a press reception in his honor that socio-economic and national religious reasons had evoked numerus clausus but that the first reason was no longer valid since conditions had returned to normal and as for the second he declared that he had never been inclined to national religious conceptions despite attacks from the radicals.

Count Klebelsberg said too that he had always striven to get the universities to accept students in accordance with their abilities and not their religions or nationalities. He believes that an improvement in that regard may be expected.

Cleveland Kashruth Case May Be Settled by Arbitration

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Cleveland, Feb. 22—Benjamin Cohen, the agent for Swift & Company, who brought the suit for a permanent injunction against the Cleveland rabbis' union and kosher board is apparently beginning to see his mistake and his lawyers are coming to the conclusion that the dispute is a pure religious matter that should be settled out of court. This is the first time since the difficulties began that the plaintiffs have shown an inclination to turn the matter over to arbitration.

At the adjournment of yesterday's session the lawyers for Cohen agreed to open negotiations with representatives of the kosher board. These parleys will continue until Sunday and both sides have reason to believe that the trial will end on Monday so far as the court is concerned.

It is understood that the question involved will be given over to a rabbinical committee of five composed of two local, two out-of-town rabbis and one rabbi from the Union of Orthodox Rabbis. If the case is taken out of court as now seems likely the kosher board will feel that its fight has been successful.

Soviet Atheists Condemn Foreign Reports of 25 Rabbis Executed

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Feb. 22—A huge mass meeting of atheists here last night condemned the reports from abroad that 25 rabbis in Minsk had been executed. The meeting adopted a resolution declaring that "this report was invented to strengthen the anti-Soviet crusade conducted by the Pope and American rabbis."

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Bishop Manning, Otto Kahn and William Howard Taft were attacked in today's Soviet press as being responsible for the anti-Soviet religious campaign in the United States and also for the submission of a petition to President Hoover.

Anti-Semitic Students Beat Jews on Roumanian Railway

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Czernowitz, Feb. 22—Anti-Semitic students including theological students as well as a number of Czernowitz county officials today attacked Jewish passengers on the district railway line running from Siret to Adancata. They shouted that "for beating Jews and students we are only sentenced to seven days but we do not mind if we get the maximum sentences." The leader of the hooligans was a government official named George Betagu.

Jewish Books Confiscated by Soviet Being Offered for Sale in U. S. by Amtorg

A large number of the Jewish religious books that the Soviet government has of late been confiscating in its war on religion have been shipped to the American Russian Trading Company, the Soviet's business agents in the United States, which has in turn been trying to sell them to Jewish libraries and bibliophiles in this country, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today.

A number of these volumes have been offered to the Jewish division of the New York Public Library and for a day or two some of them were lying on a table in the Jewish room. Dr. Joshua Bloch, director of the Jewish Division, admitted to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, that the books had been offered for sale to him. He said that he would without hesitation buy

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Amendment Frees Wives, Children of Men Now in So. Africa from Quota

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Capetown, Feb. 22—The draft of amendments to the new immigration quota bill, that has aroused such opposition among South African Jews, allowing exemption from the quota of 55 annually from East European countries for the next three years of wives and children of men now in South Africa has been approved by Minister of Interior Malan. At the same time, the provision on the bill assigning a total of 1,000 outside of the quota has been reduced to 500.

Ukraina Approves Credits for Jewish Collectives in Suburbs

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Feb. 22—To assist Jewish land collectives in the suburbs of cities the Ukrainian government today approved of 1,900,000 roubles in new credits for developing poultry and gardening in the Jewish collectives, 33 regions, including Wolyn, Berditchev, Uman, Odessa, Sheptovka, Proskurov and Vinnitsa districts.

The labor commissariat has assigned 400 Jewish youth in the railway schools to become qualified railway men.

Mack-Brandeis Group to Define Stand on Zionist Problems

The Mack-Brandeis group, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learns, intends to issue in the near future a statement outlining its program and defining its stand on the various problems with which the Zionist movement is faced. It is probable that a conference of the group will be called in order to ratify the declaration.

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**Says Arab Delegation Does
Not Represent Arab Opinion**

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Jerusalem, Feb. 22—The recently elected Arab delegation that is to be sent to London early next month is not entitled to speak for all the Arabs of Palestine, says a telegram sent today to the British Colonial Office on behalf of the Arab opposition conference in Nazareth in which some seventy delegates participated.

Simultaneously a number of important Arab notables from Acre have petitioned the Arab Executive to summon an extraordinary Arab conference to consider whether the delegation is necessary. The petitioners ask that the conference be held in Jaffa under the vice-chairmanship of Omar Beitar.

**MT. SINAI HOSPITAL WILL
RECEIVE BEQUEST OF \$1,239,610**

Mt. Sinai Hospital will ultimately get \$1,239,610 from the estate of the late Harry H. Meyers, prominent stock broker who died January 18, it was learned today. In his will he divided his estate between a half sister and a brother and directed that on their deaths the principal should revert to the hospital.

Bishop Says Hungary Spreads Anti-Semite Through Jewish Journalist

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, Feb. 22—A charge that the Hungarian government is spreading anti-Semitism through the Jewish newspapermen was made by Archbishop Smerczanski speaking at a bishops' conference today. He showed that the anti-Semitic government papers, "Nemzeti Ujsag" ("National News") and the "Uj Nemzedek" ("New Generation") are edited chiefly by converted and non-converted Jews and that most of the members of the staffs of these papers contain more Jews than non-Jews.

**Says Middle West Zionists
Alive to Responsibilities,
Are Spreading Zionism**

Louis Lipsky, president of the Zionist Organization of America, returned Thursday from a two-weeks trip to the Middle West. Commenting upon the impressions made upon him during his trip, Mr. Lipsky said:

"The Zionists in the cities I visited are thoroughly alive to their responsibilities. The meetings held in almost every city were more enthusiastic and larger and more fruitful in results than meetings held in a similar period the previous year. In Columbus, for example, one of the largest Jewish meetings ever held in that city was conducted at the Southern Hotel, and there were present representatives of all shades of Jewish activities in the community.

"Although economic conditions are not good, especially in Detroit and Cleveland, the Zionists feel confident that the influence of the Organization and its membership will grow during the next few months. It is felt that our general position can be aided considerably not only through the collection of money, but through spreading of a knowledge of what Zionism means in the life of American Jewry.

"The dismantling of the various offices of the United Palestine Appeal has created more local initiative than existed before. The Zionists are thinking of educational programs, of propaganda work for Palestine products, of study of Palestine questions, all of which they regard as being essential for the preparations that are to be made for the Joint Drive, which is drawing nearer and nearer every week. With an improvement of economic conditions, which is looked forward to, there is no doubt that before the end of the season the Zionist Organization will be in a much stronger position than it was during the past year."

**Egyptian Press Praises Julius
Rosenwald on Arrival in Cairo**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Cairo, Feb. 22—Julius Rosenwald and his wife arrived here today. They were accorded a hearty welcome in the Egyptian press which praised Mr. Rosenwald's charitable work among Negroes and for the Y.M.C.A. The local Y.M.C.A. is organizing a luncheon in his honor for next Wednesday at which the most prominent Egyptians as well as leading government officials will be present.

**LOEB HEADS MEMPHIS
COMMUNITY FUND**

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Memphis, Feb. 22—William L. Loeb was appointed president of the Memphis Community Fund at a meeting of organization directors last week. The fund this year seeks to raise \$500,000 for support of 28 agencies. Mr. Loeb has been active as a member of the community fund's executive committee, board of directors and children's bureau, and is president of the Chamber of Commerce safety division.

**"Forward" Ridicules Charge
Rabbi's Contra-Revolutionary;
N. Y. "World" Asks Caution**

Cautioning that it is necessary now "to maintain sanity in a crisis of fanatical intensity," the New York "World," liberal newspaper, in an editorial on Saturday, discussing the present religious persecutions in Soviet Russia, declares that nothing should be done in that matter by people abroad which might give the Soviet leaders a "shadow of excuse for crying out that a world-wide conspiracy is being formed against them."

"All the available evidence of the Moscow press points to the conclusion that there is no distinction in the Communist mind between the interests of the kulaks and the interests of the churches, and that they are treating a defence of religious institutional liberty as a defense of the social order which they are bent on destroying," says the editorial. "It is this fact which makes the responsibility of outsiders so awful. They are faced with the horrible possibility that in threatening to intervene they will incite the dictatorship to swifter and greater measures of violence, and that they will encourage the devout peasants to count upon a kind of assistance from the outer world which the outside world cannot give them."

The "Jewish Daily Forward," Socialist organ, in its issue of Saturday, makes fun of the Soviet accusation that the Minsk rabbis and other religious Jews are counter-revolutionaries, saying: "Their only barricade is the desk in the synagogue at which they stand and pray. And it is this barricade that has suddenly scared to death the Soviet power, so that it is thinking of inflicting heavy punishment upon the awful 'counter-revolutionaries.'"

"Nobody will believe this story about the 'counter-revolutionary' activity of these persecuted religious people. But the whole world will now see what the whole fight for a supposedly 'Socialist' regime in Russia consists of."

**Oakland Community Fund
Hears Officers' Reports**

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Oakland, Cal., Feb. 22—A resume of the work of the National Appeals Information Service was presented by Hyman Kaplan, executive director of the San Francisco federation, at the fourth annual meeting of the local Jewish Community Fund held here Wednesday at the Jewish Community Center. Lionel Wachs, president of the Fund, told of its work. Following the meeting the board of directors reelected Mr. Wachs president for the coming year, with Michael Grodin, Charles Kushin and Bernard Silverstein, vice-presidents and Mrs. Frederick Kahn, treasurer. Harry J. Sapper was elected secretary.

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Angola, Once Possible Site of Jewish State, To Be Settled Now by Polish Christians

Angola, a territory in Southwest Africa which was at one time considered a territory in which Jews from Eastern Europe might establish themselves, is soon to be settled by Polish Christians, according to a letter in Saturday's "Day" from Warsaw by L. M. Neiman. Now that the expedition sent by the Polish government to find out whether Angola is fit for colonization has returned with a favorable report, the government has sent an emissary there to buy great stretches of land, he says.

Angola is a Portuguese possession. In 1911 the Jewish Territorialist Organization, of which the late Israel Zangwill was the head, negotiated with the Portuguese government in Lisbon about settling Jews there. The Portuguese government proposed to give the Jewish colonists 250 hectares of land each, on condition that they all learn Portuguese. A Jewish commission was sent to Angola, but nothing came of the matter.

Israel Goldstein Says Hoover Should Protest Religious Ban

A protest by President Hoover and the United States Congress to the Soviet government against religious persecutions in Russia would be heeded by that government, in the opinion of Rabbi Israel Goldstein, who delivered a sermon yesterday morning on "Soviet Russia and Religious Persecution" before the Congregation B'nai Jeshurun.

"It is a crime against the conscience of mankind," said Rabbi Goldstein. "Every humane feeling is outraged by the enormities and barbarities of the anti-religious campaign. Therefore, it is not merely a matter which calls for protests in the name of religion and by organized religious forces. It is a question of human decency and of human freedom of men and women to worship God and to educate their children in accordance with their own religious beliefs. Therefore protests should come from non-religious bodies as well."

Two Jews on Middle Atlantic Religious Education Committee

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Baltimore, Feb. 22—Rabbi Edward L. Israel, of the Har Sinai Temple, and Dr. David E. Weglein, Superintendent of Public Instruction, are two of five Baltimoreans who have been placed on a permanent committee for the Middle Atlantic area of the Religious Education Association. The committee, when completed, will number fifty persons.

This permanent committee is the outcome of the Middle Atlantic regional conference of the association held in Baltimore this week. A conference for the Baltimore district on the problem of delinquency is planned for May.

Russian Government Has Taken Decisive Steps to Relieve Ex-Traders' Situation, Says Dr. Rosen, Agro-Joint Director

The Russian government has taken decisive steps to correct the serious situation growing out of the condition of the so-called "lishenty" people deprived of voting rights because of their present or former occupation as traders or employers of hired, said Dr. Joseph A. Rosen, director of the Agro-Joint work in Russia, in a statement issued on the eve of his departure for Russia, through the American Society for Jewish Farm Settlements in Russia.

"For a time," Dr. Rosen said, "the situation was extremely serious. A 'lishenty' does not receive any bread and commodity cards, cannot become a member of a cooperative, and is deprived of many privileges. Fortunately the Soviet Government has taken decisive steps to correct this condition, and the greater part of the 'lishenty,' including all former petty traders of the first and second category, families who have suffered from pogroms, and families whose heads served in the Red army, have been reinstated in their voting rights. There still remain about 300,000 Jewish men, women and children in the 'lishenty' group, and opportunities have to be found for them to take up productive occupations either through land settlements, or through the cooperative shops of the Aid and Mutual Aid Societies; for others, ways will have to be found to facilitate their emigration.

"For the Jews who are not in the 'lishenty' category, the Government is extending every possibility to be drawn into the general industrial and agricultural development activities. The Government is planning to place this year, over 20,000 Jewish youths in the new government factories, and has greatly increased the land settlement program.

"Secondly, we are faced with a new problem in our farm settlement work," Dr. Rosen declared. "One of the main features of the new Soviet policy is the complete collectivization of the peasantry. In our work, the collectivization policy will not be completely new, as a great deal of our work has been carried on from the very beginning on a collective basis. We always had a community crop rotation, communal vineyards, common ownership of machinery, and a great number of cooperative enterprises. The new feature we shall have to adopt now is the collectivization of live-stock. The homes, even in the hundred per cent collectivized districts, are still individually owned. There is a fair chance for this collectivization plan to succeed under present conditions when it is being particularly favored by the government. If it succeeds, it will benefit the country; if it fails, the Jews will be in the same position as the rest of the population.

"Another difficulty we had experienced last year was the method of grain collection applied by the Government. In many instances the line was overdrawn both in the methods applied

and in the fact that not enough grain was left the farmers for their own requirements. There was a great deal of dissatisfaction on account of that in some of the Jewish colonies. The general impression outside of Russia is that the grain is being taken away from the peasant without compensation. This is not correct.

"The peasants are being paid for their grain at a price fixed by the Government arbitrarily. Figured in dollars per bushel at the official rate of the rouble, this price is even higher than the American farmer gets for his grain. In other words, the Government is paying to the peasant one rouble and 60 kopeks per pound of grain; this at the official rate of exchange amounts to \$1.33 per bushel, which is more than the present world market price on wheat. The difficulty, however, is that when the peasant has to buy commodities that he needs for the money realized for his grain, he has to pay proportionately much higher prices than in other countries. On the other hand, the Government is striving to reduce the cost of production of the manufactured articles.

"In spite of these difficulties, however, we feel that the colonization work is of utmost importance to the Jewish population in Russia. Thousands of people have been settled and are making a living. They are much better off than the people in the towns. Other thousands still have an opportunity to be settled. The Government support and appropriations for the Jewish land settlement work is increasing from year to year, much faster than we expected.

"By the terms of our agreement with the Government, they were obliged to appropriate for Jewish farm settlement work an amount equivalent to our investment. Of this, only 500,000 roubles per year was supposed to be allocated for the districts where the Agro-Joint is carrying on its work. In reality, the Government allocated for our districts alone more than 2,500,000 roubles last year. This enabled us to settle over three thousand families. We are using up the land allocated for Jewish settlement in the Crimea faster than we expected.

"Negotiations are being carried on for an additional allotment of land, and if conditions turn out favorably, and means will be provided, an opportunity will be open for the settlement in the Crimea of additional 15,000 to 20,000 Jewish families.

"We expect to go ahead with a number of industrialization plans this year, such as the organization of cooperative shops through aid and mutual aid societies, and will cooperate with the Commissariat of Labor and the Comzet in placing a considerable number of Jewish youths in the new Government factories. We are also planning to train this year, a thousand or more Jewish young men as tractor mechanics for whom there is at present a great demand in Russia."

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those that were in Hebrew if the funds were made available.

The exact number of these confiscated books that the American Russian Trading Company has for sale has not been learned but it is known that some of the Jewish books, which are said to have considerable historical value, have been sold to Jewish book collectors in Chicago.

When informed of this, Bernard Deutsch, president of the American Jewish Congress, said that "if this is true the Soviets who are dead set against everything relating to Jewish learning and Jewish culture are nevertheless not averse to profiting by the sale in other lands of books stolen from their owners in Russia. The thing is as lamentable as it is cruel." Mr. Deutsch also pointed out that the sale of the books in this country "proves only too conclusively what I and my associates in the American Jewish Congress have been saying for more than two years about the religious assault by the Soviets upon Judaism."

Catholic Priest Appointed to Palestine School Commission

The Rev. Conrad Walmsley, a Catholic priest who recently came from England to Palestine to take over the direction of the Franciscan "Terra Santa" College in Jerusalem, has been appointed by the Government as a member of the Palestine Educational Committee, reports the "National Catholic Welfare Council News Service." Father Walmsley is a member of the Modern Humanities Research Association and Sub-Examiner of the London University.

Decrease in Delinquency of Jewish Girls, Jewish Big Sisters Find

A slight decrease in the amount of delinquency among the girls cared for by the Jewish Big Sisters was noted in the reports presented to the board of directors of the Jewish Big Sisters at the semi-annual meeting held Thursday. Difficulty in finding jobs for the Jewish youth was reported as a growing problem. Mrs. Samuel D. Levy reported on Bluebird Camp, which, she said, was already without a vacancy for the coming Summer. Mrs. Sidney C. Borg presided at the meeting.

Form Lawyers' Group to Aid Yeshiva

A lawyers' committee to further the development of Yeshiva College was formed recently at a meeting called by Dr. Bernard Revel, president of the faculty of the college. The committee consists of alumni of the Yeshiva High School and the Yeshiva who are now practicing law. A provisional committee and temporary officers were elected at the meeting which thirty lawyers attended. The officers include: Dr. Israel Flax, Jack Rosenthal, Frank Gottlieb, Robert Mendelson, A. Freeman, M. Sternberg, and Abraham Chasin.

Hias Reports Jews Settling in Guatemala and Panama

Several Jewish settlements have recently been established in Guatemala and Panama, Central America, according to letters received in the New York office of the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society (Hias) from its representatives abroad.

Guatemala City, the capital of the Republic of Guatemala in Central America, it is learned, now has approximately 100 Ashkenazic Jews who hail from Russia, Poland and other Eastern European countries. These did not, however, immigrate to Guatemala City directly from their native countries, but came from Cuba, Mexico and other contiguous lands. Consequently 95% of these settlers speak Spanish. There are also in Guatemala City a number of German Jews who originally came from the Province of Posen in the year 1848. These Jews have a society known as the "Israelitische Schutzverein" and own a cemetery. There are also Sephardic Jews who are organized under the name of the "Mogen David."

The Ashkenazic Jews, that is those who come from Eastern Europe, are engaged in peddling, but some are tailors, shoemakers and similar craftsmen. Nearly all of them earn a good livelihood. They are now endeavoring to obtain the services of a teacher for their children. Jewish books, newspapers, etc., with a view to developing their cultural and social life.

In the City of Panama, Republic of Panama, there are about 100 Ashkenazic Jews, who engage in commerce, peddling, as well as manual labor. In Colon there are about six Ashkenazic families and about sixty Sephardic families, the majority of whom are from Jerusalem. The latter have two temples, one for those coming from Jerusalem and the other for those hailing from Portugal. There is a Sunday School, led by the Rabbi of the Jewish Welfare Board, and the children of the Ashkenazic Jews are admitted to the classes.

Plan to Unite Talmud Torahs, Hebrew Schools in Paterson

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Paterson, Feb. 22.—The attempt to unite the various Talmud Torahs and Hebrew schools of this city upon a uniform curriculum and to create a central board of Jewish education here is meeting with success. A meeting of a committee representing the various Hebrew schools of Paterson was held this week and marked progress was made in the solution of this problem. It is the hope of the committee to develop a uniform curriculum, so that when children are forced to move from one part of the city to another they may enter the Hebrew school nearest to their homes, and not lose any time by the use of the same curriculum in all the schools. The leader in the movement for unification is Rabbi Reuben Kaufman of the Temple Emanuel.

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turn because the situation in the small towns is hopeless.

Collectivization opens new land which was taken away from the rich peasants and given to the Jews. As a result of this 5,000 new Jewish families can now be settled on the land in Ukraina where until now there was no free land available. The Agro-Joint, which has had practically nothing to do with Ukraina, has been reinvented now by the Comzet, the government department for settling the Jews on the land, to continue its work there, mostly, however, of building schools and baths, but no agrarian work which the government wants to conduct itself by means of its own agronomists.

At the same time the government announces that those who wish to migrate to Siberia, Transbaikalia or Mongolia will receive free railway passage, free land, and their children will be admitted into the higher schools of Siberia, just as the workers' children and their families will be provided there with bread by the government during the first year.

11,000 of Pittsburgh's 45,000 Jews Cared for by Federation

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Pittsburgh, Feb. 22.—Approximately 11,000 out of the 45,000 Jews of Pittsburgh had been cared for in some manner during the past year by the constituent divisions of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of Pittsburgh, declared Dr. Ludwig B. Bernstein, executive director of the Federation, before an audience of 1,000 persons at the eighteenth annual meeting of the Federation, with which are affiliated 15 groups. Irvin F. Lehman, president of the Federation for the past six years, presided at the program.

"We feel," said Dr. Bernstein, "that although we have a well-rounded-out organization and are doing much at the present time to aid the needy, sick and less fortunate members of the community, the services we render could be greatly widened if the local Jewish populace would take a greater interest in the work."

The two outstanding accomplishments of the Federation during the past year were the opening of the new \$3,000,000 Montefiore Hospital and the dedication of the \$650,000 annex to the Irene Kaufmann Settlement.

Course in Yiddish for Credit Opens in Boston March 12

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Boston, Feb. 22.—The first classes in the Massachusetts department of university extension's course in Yiddish literature for college credit will be held in the Boston Public Library on the evening of March 12. There will be a series of nine lectures given by Prof. A. A. Roback of Harvard University. This is the first time that Yiddish courses have been given for college credit anywhere in the United States.