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## Britain Sending Commissioner to Palestine to Investigate Land, Immigration Situation

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, May 2—Sir John Simpson, a former official of the Indian Civil Service, who was yesterday appointed to a special temporary Palestine mission by the British government, will leave early next week for Palestine where he will confer with Sir John Chancellor, High Commissioner of Palestine, and report back to the government on matters of immigration, development and land settlement, the three most important issues raised in the Inquiry Commission's report.

The appointment of Sir John is no doubt the direct result of the Commission's recommendations to work out means of regulating Jewish immigration with regard to the country's capacity to absorb it, and the appointment of an expert to look into the agricultural situation in Palestine.

The appointment of Sir John is seen as an indication that the government is watching the Palestine situation closely. The "London Times" remarks that Sir John's examination into the

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## Warns Britain Not to Be Misled by Palestine Quiet

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, May 2—A warning not to be misled by the fact that Easter passed quietly in Palestine is contained in an editorial in this week's "Near East and India." Drawing attention to the fact that "Jews and Arabs are energetically arming themselves for a second clash," the "Near East and India" points out that the consequence of such a second clash will be much more serious and urges the government to "make up its mind to the policy it intends to pursue in Palestine and to enunciate it boldly because often since the War the position in the Middle East has been imperilled by the government's delay in drifting and neglect."

## \$70,000 in Collective Fines Levied on Hebron and Villages

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, May 2—Collective fines of \$50,000 have been imposed upon Hebron and fines of \$20,000 on the surrounding villages, according to reports in the Arabic press. The fines will have to be paid within five years.

## 1,068 Entered Palestine in March

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, May 2—March immigration into Palestine totalled 1,068, of which number 899 were Jews. There were 379 emigrants, of whom 27 were Jews.

## Jewish Communities of Greece Hold 1st Congress

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Salonika, May 2—The Union of Jewish Communities of Greece, for whose creation in June, 1929, the Jewish Agency was instrumental as it was called into being in order to elect Greek representatives for the Zurich conference, held its first congress this week with 57 delegates in attendance.

The congress adopted a budget of 100,000 drachmas (\$13,000), discussed the appointment of a chief rabbi, the creation of a rabbinical college in Salonika and the Keren Hayesod. The delegates went on record as favoring five inscriptions in the Balfour Golden Book for the Jewish communities of Greece.

## Special Session of Mandates Commission Opens June 3rd

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Geneva, May 2—The extraordinary session of the Mandates Commission of the League of Nations will be held from June 3 to June 10 and will be immediately followed by the ordinary session. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learns that copies of the Palestine Inquiry Commission's report were circulated only last week among the members of the Mandates Commission.

While it was expected that an official declaration of the British government would accompany the report it is now thought that such a declaration will be made only after the report has been debated in the House of Commons. The ordinary session of the Mandates Commission will consider the annual report of the British government on the Palestine administration but so far the secretariat of the League of Nations has not received this report.

## Exempt Religious Officials from Immigration Fees

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, May 2—Ministers of all religions, imams (Mosque officials, quadis (dervishes) and sheiks, members of religious orders, and clerks in holy orders, are exempt from immigration fees, according to an ordinance published in the Official Gazette today.

## Tschernobiler Rabbi Leaves Russia; On Way to U.S.A.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Riga, May 2—The Tschernobiler Rebbe, Schleme Twerski from Kiev, has succeeded in leaving Russia and is going to the United States. His three sons, however, have not been permitted to leave and have been compelled to remain in Russia.

## Thousands of Workers, Mostly Jews, Strike in Palestine International May Day

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, May 2—Thousands of workers, most of them Jewish, participated in the May Day strike throughout the country yesterday. Arabs were among the speakers at meetings in some places. At Haifa railway shops, of the 150 who walked out, about 75 percent were Jews and the rest Arabs. The Arab labor organization created last January did not celebrate May Day.

The May Day proclamation issued by the Poale Zion (Radical Zionist) contains, among other things, a call for a brotherhood of Arab and Jewish workers and the establishment of a workers' and peasants' government in Palestine. In Tel Aviv the extreme left labor leaders organized a torchlight procession which was dispersed by the police. Generally the country was quiet.

## Arabs Charged with Murder and Rioting Are Acquitted

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jaffa, May 2—All of the six Arabs from Gaza, who had been charged with instigating the riots have been acquitted.

Haifa, May 2—Two Arabs accused of burning the Weizmann pharmacy during the riots were acquitted today.

Haifa, May 2—Four Arabs charged with the murder of the Jew, Israel Graner, during last Summer's riot, were acquitted today because of a lack of evidence. Of the eight Arabs arrested for the murders in Haifa, where seven Jews were killed, all have been acquitted.

## Convention of United Synagogue of America Opens Here Today

More than 1,000 delegates are here to attend the eighteenth annual convention of the United Synagogue of America and the thirteenth annual convention of the Women's League of the United Synagogue of America which opens today at the Hotel Commodore. Convinced that of the four million Jews in this country, about three-quarters would incline toward traditional Judaism, if organized, the convention will concentrate upon organizational problems.

The assemblage will study Jewish life as a whole; that is, how to bring about order where chaos exists, how to harmonize and coordinate the partisanship which is now evident. It is the desire of the United Synagogue to be the centralizing agent in this task.

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## South Carolina Temple Sisterhoods Reelect Officers

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Charleston, May 2—Re-election of all officers of the South Carolina State Federation of Temple Sisterhoods featured the final session of the three-day annual convention held here yesterday. Sumner was chosen for the next convention year.

Officers who will continue to lead the organization are Mrs. Henry Hirschmann, Charleston, president; Mrs. I. W. Jacobi, Greenville, first vice-president; Mrs. S. C. Brown, Charleston, second vice-president; Mrs. Leon Schlossburg, Camden, recording secretary; Mrs. J. S. Raisin, Charleston, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. T. E. Jarrott, Florence, treasurer.

Principal speakers from other sections participating in the state convention were Mrs. Maurice Steinfeld, of St. Louis, president of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, and Rabbi G. F. Falk of Cincinnati. In her address Mrs. Steinfeld urged the women to assume the responsibility of "carrying religion into the home."

The Darlington Sisterhood was awarded the Lumiansky memorial cup for the greatest number of honor points in the annual state contest.

## Dedicate Tree to

**Sophie Irene Loeb**

An oak tree, as a memorial to the late Sophie Irene Loeb, was dedicated Friday at the Heckscher Children's Playground in Central Park by school children from all parts of the city, the ceremony being conducted under the auspices of the Community Councils of the city of New York. Many prominent speakers and social workers who were associated with Miss Loeb, attended the ceremony.

## Board of Education Approves Hebrew Courses in Two New York High Schools

Elective courses in Hebrew will be offered at the Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln High Schools this Fall, according to a decision of the Board of Superintendents at its meeting late last week. The course of study is now being planned by Dr. Harold G. Campbell, associate superintendent in charge of High Schools, who is consulting with leading Hebrew educators in the matter. Dr. Campbell also stated that if and when the courses to be offered prove popular and successful, they will then be introduced into other high schools of the city.

The movement to have the Hebrew language take its rightful place among other classical tongues which are offered for study in the secondary schools of New York City, was officially launched about a year ago at a Conference of some twenty leading organizations, whose representatives were convened by Avukah, the American Student Zionist Federation. The conference unanimously agreed to endorse the project sponsored by Avukah and designated a committee consisting of Judge Otto A. Rosalsky, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Dr. Samson Benderly, Magistrate Benjamin Marvin, Nathan Straus, Jr., Bernard S. Deutsch, Nathan D. Perlman, Abraham H. Cohen, James Waterman Wise and Samuel Blumenfeld to press this matter to the attention of the educational authorities in New York City.

The committee, aided by Commissioner Samuel Levy, presented its case to Dr. Campbell and later again appeared before the entire Board of Associate Superintendents, which was presided over by Dr. William J. O'Shea. At this meeting, Dr. O'Shea stated to the committee: "In view of the cultural and sociological value of Hebrew, it deserves to find its place alongside of other languages which have served civilized nations and will continue to serve them as a medium of intelligent and cultural expression."

## Mrs. Charles Cohen Heads W. Va. Temple Sisterhoods

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Fairmont, W. Va., May 2—Selecting Williamson as the next place of meeting, the ninth annual assembly of the West Virginia Federation of Temple Sisterhoods came to a close this afternoon after being in session for three days.

Mrs. Charles Cohen, of Charleston, was reelected president. Other officers chosen were Mrs. J. S. Brodia, of Parkersburg, first vice-president; Mrs. Simie Nusbaum, of Clarksburg, second vice-president; Miss Nettie Swartz, of Charleston, corresponding secretary; Mrs. I. Katzen, of Welch, recording secretary; Mrs. R. Elland, of Logan, treasurer.

The convention also adopted a resolution to be sent to the United States Senators pledging support to any constructive method for permanent world peace.

## Rabbis Approve New Music for Seventy-five Hymns

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Philadelphia, Pa., May 2—After a series of sessions, extending over two days, the Committee on Synagogue Music and Revision of Union Hymnal of the Central Conference of American Rabbis completed its task here tonight. Under the general chairmanship of Rabbi Louis Wolsey, the following rabbis participated in the sessions: Sidney E. Unger, Philadelphia; James G. Heller, Cincinnati; David Marx, Atlanta; Harry H. Mayer, Kansas City; Jacob Singer, Chicago; Nathan Stern, New York City; Abraham Holtzberg, Trenton; and A. W. Binder, musical editor of the "Hymnal" and instructor of music at the Jewish Institute of Religion.

As a result of the two days' deliberation, new music was adopted to seventy-five new hymns. One hundred and four new verses were adopted. For these, music is now being written. Some of these new verses were written by Rabbi James G. Heller, Cincinnati and Rabbi Jacob Singer, Chicago.

The manuscript of the new hymnal will be completed by May 15, and will be presented for adoption at the next general meeting, to be held in Providence, June 25.

Some of the composers represented in the new hymnal are: Samuel Alman, London; Joseph Achron, New York; J. Jasnowsky, New York; M. Lindey Norden, Philadelphia; Jacob Beimeil, Philadelphia; James H. Rogers, Cleveland; Hugo Bier, Cincinnati; Harry Row Shelley, New York; Max Granman, New York; Jacob Weinberg, New York; Eugene Haile, New York, and M. Nowakowsky, Odessa.

## Paul Block Gives \$100,000 for Yale Journalism Course

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

New Haven, Conn., May 2—Paul Block, owner and advertising representative of a considerable number of newspapers, has contributed \$100,000 to Yale for the purpose of founding a course in journalism to promote "a better understanding of the press as a factor in human affairs."

Mr. Block, who has been in the newspaper business for 17 years, has preferred to donate his gift to Yale because his son, Paul, Jr., has recently entered the university, and his second son, Billy, is preparing to do the same shortly.

## Women of American Jewish Congress to Hear Broun

Heywood Broun, noted columnist and newspaperman, will be the principal speaker at a public meeting today at 3 p. m. of the Women's Division of the American Jewish Congress at the Community Center of Congregation Bnai Jeshurun.

Mr. Broun's subject will be "Unemployment," with particular reference to discrimination against Jews.

## Stephen Wise Urges Aid for Blind of Palestine

A plea to support the Palestine Lighthouse was made by Dr. Stephen S. Wise at the luncheon of that organization which was held at the Hotel Astor Thursday. Fifteen hundred women attended the luncheon, at which other speakers included: Mrs. Charles Cohen, chairman of the luncheon committee; Gustavus A. Rogers, who acted as toastmaster; Mrs. Samuel D. Friedman, president of the Palestine Lighthouse; Dr. David de Sola Pool and Charles Topkis.

Tribute was paid to the efforts of Mrs. Charles Cohen, the former Jessie Lamport, who, as chairman of the luncheon committee, was instrumental in making it a success. The luncheon marked the initiation of a drive for membership for the only institution in Palestine that educates and trains the Jewish blind.

Though founded as a non-sectarian organization the Palestine Lighthouse was forced recently to limit its efforts to helping the Jews. Plans now under way, will, it is hoped, conclude with the opening of a new building which will relieve the congestion and accommodate a larger group.

Speakers at the luncheon stressed the need for the work now being done by the Palestine Lighthouse and urged those present to cooperate in the work.

## California Jewish Judge Honored by Associates

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Los Angeles, May 2—Judge Harry A. Hollzer, of Los Angeles, president of the Nathan Straus Palestine Society, and active in many other welfare organizations, will preside at the national conference of Judicial Councils to be held in Washington, D. C., during the week of May 5. He was also authorized by Governor C. C. Young of California to represent the State Bar at the annual session of the American Law Institute to be held in the Capitol at the same time.

Another conference under the auspices of the John Hopkins University will be held at Washington, and Judge Hollzer has been requested to preside. Judge Hollzer is Research Secretary of the Judicial Council of the State of California.

## Mrs. Schweitzer Sails to Dedicate Tiberias Hospital

Mrs. Peter J. Schweitzer sailed Friday for Palestine, where she will dedicate the Peter J. Schweitzer Memorial Hospital in Tiberias on May 25th. This will be the fifth modern hospital in Palestine under the direction of Ha-dassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America.

Prior to her sailing Mrs. Schweitzer, who is the president of the Home of the Daughters of Jacob, was the guest of honor at a formal dinner given at the Home. A portrait of Mrs. Schweitzer was presented to the Home and hung in the auditorium, where it was blessed by the old people.

## J. D. B. NEWS LETTER

### Philadelphia Jews Plan Reform Temple, to Be Self-Sustaining

(By Our Philadelphia Correspondent)

Philadelphia, May 2—Is a self-sustaining Reform Temple possible in the very heart of the Jewish immigrant section of the city? Leaders of Reform Judaism in Philadelphia are of the opinion that it is. So certain are they of the outcome that they are ready to experiment. A charter for a Reformed Temple to be called Sinai, has been obtained from the Commonwealth; a dinner was given to several hundred young people, and a request was made to the Directors of the Federation of Jewish Charities to allow these young people the use of one of the Community Center Buildings in the extreme southern section of the city, as a permanent Temple for services.

Under the general guidance of Dr. William Fineshriber, of Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel, and Rabbi Louis Wolsey of Congregation Rodeph Shalom, these young people are being given every encouragement in the hope that something may come of these efforts.

To appreciate the significance of this incident, it should be explained that the Jewish Community of Philadelphia is one of the strongest fortresses of Conservative and traditional Judaism in this country. It was here that the Jewish Theological Seminary of America had its first founders. Here Dr. Cyrus Adler, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and one of the pillars of traditional Judaism, resides. The United Synagogue of America not only numbers some of its founders among the leaders of this community, but also has in this city, one of its strongest, if not the strongest—branch. It is therefore not surprising that of the fourteen or fifteen congregations with English speaking rabbis, only two are of the Reform wing in American Israel. In the course of the past ten years, seven or eight new congregations were organized and are functioning. These all belong to the Conservative group.

Religiously considered this naturally places the Reform element in the position of a minority group. Though the matter was never made a subject of public discussion it is known to have caused considerable concern to some of the spokesmen of the Reform wing. This concern is not altogether new. More than a quarter of a century ago—in the days of Rabbi J. Leonard Levy and Dr. Joseph Krauskopf—the leaders of Reform in this city, were similarly concerned and made similar efforts to invade the so-called "downtown" section of the city. Other attempts were made in more recent years, but all without success.

Little attention would have been paid to the present attempt if the Federation of Jewish Charities were not dragged into it. The Federation has two Community Centers in the southern section of the city. These Centers

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## Mark Centennial of Dr. Abraham Jacobi's Birth

A dinner in commemoration of the one-hundredth birthday of Dr. Abraham Jacobi, who was one of America's outstanding medical men in the field of pediatrics, and who died in New York in 1919, was given at the New York Academy of Medicine, Friday night, under the auspices of a special committee with Professor Franz Boas as chairman. The speakers were Dr. J. A. Hartwell, Dr. William H. Welch, Dr. Fielding Garrison, Miss Lillian Wald and George McAneny. Dr. Mary Putnam, the widow of Dr. Jacobi, was among those present at the dinner.

Dr. Jacobi was born in 1830 in Hartum, Westphalia. He was the son of poor Jewish parents and obtained his education at the cost of much privation and struggle. He first matriculated as a student of Oriental languages, but soon became interested in medicine, graduating from the University of Bonn in 1851. The Revolution of 1848 drew him into its vortex, and because of his participation in that uprising he was imprisoned in a German fortress in Cologne for a period of two years.

In 1853, Jacobi was released from prison, and as he was facing a second charge, with the promise of more incarceration, he escaped to England. After a short stay in England he left for the United States, landing in Boston. In 1853, Jacobi, then 23 years old, came to New York and started to practice medicine. In 1857, Dr. Jacobi became a Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine and in 1860 became the first professor of pediatrics in America, and at the same time opened the first pediatric clinic in the New York Medical College. Dr. Jacobi was regarded as the man who taught America how to feed its infants.

## Judge Cohen Heads Bronx Allied Jewish Campaign Drive

County Judge Albert Cohn was elected chairman of the Bronx committee of the New York Allied Jewish Campaign at a dinner meeting held at the Concourse Plaza Hotel, which was attended by nearly 50 leaders of Jewish communal affairs of the borough.

Judge Otto A. Rosalsky, who was one of the speakers, pointed out that aside from the fact that the \$6,000,000 which the Allied Jewish Campaign is raising to relieve the plight of the Jews of Eastern Europe and to aid the Jews of Palestine to develop the homeland, the campaign was of the utmost importance to the Jews of this country because it symbolized Jewish unity.

## Village, with 60 Percent Jewish Population, Destroyed

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vilna, May 2—The entire village of Kobliniki, sixty percent of whose population is Jewish, was destroyed by fire today. All of the churches and synagogues were razed to the ground and hundreds of families are without shelter.

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came as a result of the building program undertaken by the Federation four years ago under the late Jules Mastbaum, and were intended to replace several Talmud Torahs operated by the Associated Talmud Torahs, one of the constituencies of the Federation.

These Talmud Torahs are conducted in Orthodox fashion. The board of the Associated Talmud Torahs is composed of men who are affiliated with the Orthodox or the Conservative wing in Jewish life. These make no secret of their opposition to Reform Judaism, especially insofar as it might affect the children in these schools. To permit a Reform Temple to hold Sunday morning services in one of their buildings, aside from the fact that the buildings are in use at that time, they feel would be a violation of the spirit in which these institutions were founded. Religious services are held in these buildings regularly on Saturdays and on holidays. These are conducted in Orthodox fashion.

The proponents of the movement take this stand: the buildings belong to the Federation; all elements in the Jewish community are represented in the Federation. The Federation, therefore, has no right to say no when a group, be it a Reform group, seeks permission to use one of the buildings for religious services.

The other day when the matter came up before a meeting of the Board of the Federation there was quite a heated discussion. More so than ever before, the Federation is not in position now to do anything that might tend to alienate any group within. The deficit under which it is laboring has placed plenty of new burdens upon the shoulders of the men steering that craft. Yet it must take a stand. The Reform group within the Federation wants an affirmative decision. The Associated Talmud Torah Board as well as others in the Federation Board, are not favorably disposed to the idea. As is customary in controversies of this kind, a committee was appointed by the president of the Federation to see if this matter cannot be brought to a head. Both sides are adequately represented on this committee. It is questionable, however, whether this committee will be able to get anywhere.

#### "Flower Day" Observed Here for Benefit of Palestine Workers

A "flower day" for the benefit of the organized Jewish workers of Palestine will be held today in New York City and in other parts of the United States. The collections are being made under the auspices of the National Workers Committee for Eretz Yisrael, of which I. Hamlin is the national secretary.

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### British Sending Commissioner to Palestine to Investigate Land, Immigration Situation

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three questions are "of equal importance to the Mandatory, to the Zionists and to the inhabitants of the country. 'Jewish immigration precipitated difficulties which would have been presented a few years later by the natural increase of the Arabs. Much depends upon the possibility of the introduction of improved methods of agriculture which may solve the problem. If there is no more room for the close settlement of Jews without prejudicing the rights of other sections, and if no room can be made for immigrants by new agricultural technique both the Mandate and Zionist problem may have to be revised.

"The appointment of an expert who has made a special study of a similar problem in Greek Macedonia is a welcome indication of the government's desire to obtain the best available advice on a question of great political and international importance."

### Jew Assistant District

#### Attorney of Pa. County

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Easton, Pa., May 2—Benjamin Neiman, a popular Bethlehem, Pa., attorney, has been named assistant district attorney of Northampton County by District Attorney Russell C. Mauch. He is the first Jew to be named to such an office in Northampton County.

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### Jewish Suffrage Pioneer Honored by Women Voters

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Louisville, Ky., May 2—Ernestine S. Rose is among those whose name is to be recorded on a national roll of honor, according to action taken by the National League of Women Voters at their biennial convention in Louisville.

The names will be inscribed on a bronze tablet, which will be housed in the national headquarters at Washington, where it will be unveiled at a general council meeting of the League sometime next Fall.

Ernestine Rose, the daughter of a Polish rabbi, and the wife of a British army officer, was one of the pioneer suffragists in America and until her death in 1894, played a significant part in the fight for the emancipation of women.

### Borough-Wide Federation Day to Be Observed in Brooklyn

More than 400 Jewish philanthropic and communal leaders, representing Brooklyn's professions, trades and industries, will join in a borough-wide observation of "Federation Day," which has been scheduled for Thursday, May 8th, according to an announcement made yesterday by Nathan D. Shapiro, president of the Brooklyn Federation of Jewish Charities.

"Federation Day," which will be devoted to an all-day canvass of the borough in the interests of the Brooklyn Federation, is organized in connection with the Emergency Deficit Campaign for \$400,000, which the Federation is conducting.

Jesse Baer, a member of the board of directors of the Brooklyn Hebrew Orphan Asylum and an active worker in the Federation's Deficit Campaign, has been appointed chairman of "Federation Day."

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