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Abandon Bible-Reading Plan in Memphis Public Schools

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Memphis, June 21—The plan to introduce Bible classes in the public schools of Memphis as an elective subject with the cost of providing textbooks and salaries of instructors to be allotted among the various sects has been abandoned because the local ministers who had initiated the project could not agree on the kind of teachers to be selected and the manner in which the courses should be conducted.

The measure was proposed last March by the Protestant Pastors' Association, the Rev. Parks W. Wilson heading the committee in charge and drafting the plan. Opposition soon developed even among the Protestant clergy. Although public opinion on the matter was divided it appeared to be the general feeling that the place for Bible teaching was in the home and the church.

Rabbi Harry W. Ettelson of Congregation Children of Israel led the fight to defeat the project.

Demands Stern Measures Against Bielce Anti-Semitic Rioters

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, June 21—A demand for energetic measures on the part of the Roumanian government in connection with the recent anti-Semitic rioting in Bielce, Bessarabia, was voiced by the Jewish deputy, M. Landau, in the Roumanian parliament. He called on the government to take steps against those guilty of the trouble in Bielce in which several Jews were seriously injured.

He also inquired about government support for the Jewish schools and for a new Jewish teachers' seminary. Minister of Education Costacescu, replying to Deputy Landau, recognized the justice of his educational demands but said that satisfaction of them depended on the possibilities of the budget.

Pittsburgh University to Get \$25,000 from Falk's Estate

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Pittsburgh, June 21—The University of Pittsburgh will receive \$25,000 from the estate of the late Leon Falk. This sum was originally left to Temple Rodef Shalom, provided it was used for the maintenance of a gymnasium and swimming pool. Since these activities have been discontinued by the congregation, the executors of the estate, Morris Falk and Leon Falk Jr., asked permission of the courts to pay the \$25,000 to the University of Pittsburgh.

Trial of Vienna Editor, Who Defended Rights of Jewish Students, Is Adjourned

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, June 21—The Trial against M. Klebinder, editor of the "Sonn-Montag Zeitung," for insulting the Senate of the University of Vienna for its ruling giving the anti-Semitic German student body the sole right to be the official students' representatives and stipulating that membership in this group is an avowal that one belongs to the German people, has been adjourned pending the decision of the Constitutional Tribunal asked by M. Klebinder.

During the trial it was revealed that Rector Gleispach had allegedly visited Baron Louis von Rothschild to assure him that the students' union's privileges did not infringe on the rights of the Jewish students. Klebinder had pointed out that the way in which the students union governed the university was scandalous. He asked that the Constitutional Tribunal inquire whether the rights that the students had taken for themselves in degrading the sons of "high-minded Jews" such as Sigmund Freud and Arthur Schntzler as "second-class academic citizens" were constitutional. He also pointed out that the students even excluded the children of Christians and the sons of leading families because they have Jewish blood in their veins.

Just before the trial was adjourned pending the Tribunal's decision on Klebinder's motion it took a sensational turn when Klebinder revealed that Rector Gleispach had visited Baron von Rothschild and had asked him for a subvention to the University.

Bernhard, German-Jewish Newspaperman, Quits Field

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, June 21—Georg Bernhard, famous German-Jewish journalist and economist, resigned as editor-in-chief of the "Vossche Zeitung" and will leave the paper at the end of this year, according to an official editorial announcement. The announcement, however, states that Bernhard's resignation is not due to the conflict with the Ullstein Brothers, one of the biggest German publishing firms, but rather to Bernhard's desire to extend his political activities.

Georg Bernhard was born in Berlin in 1875 and in his early youth learned banking. He has actively participated in some of the best known German publications, such as "Die Welt am Montag," "Berliner Zeitung," "Morgenpost" and "Harden's 'Zukunft.'" He also takes an active interest in Jewish affairs, being a director in the Central Verein of German Citizens of the Jewish Faith and the Ort and a member of the German Pro-Palestine Committee.

Brith Abraham Order Opens 44th Convention

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., June 21—The 44th annual convention of the Independent Order Brith Abraham will be opened here tomorrow in the presence of nearly a thousand delegates representing a membership of 106,000 divided into 501 lodges. Congressman Nathan D. Perlman, Grand Master of the Order, is presiding at the sessions.

It is expected that the convention will give its approval to the plan of the Executive Board of the Order to establish a colony in Palestine in the name of the I. O. B. A. For this purpose the Order will pledge to raise during the next few years the sum of \$100,000 for the Jewish National Fund, which sum will be required to buy the necessary land. The plan has the endorsement of both the present Grand Master, Mr. Perlman, and of former Grand Master Judge Gustave Hartmann. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Jewish National Fund of America, and Dr. S. Margoshes, editor of the "Day," will address the delegates on behalf of the plan.

Others who are expected to address the convention are Governor Roosevelt and the Rev. Dr. Stephen S. Wise.

Jewish Visitors to Thuringia Urged to Ignore Anti-Semites

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, June 21—Jewish visitors to the summer resorts of Thuringia are urged to disregard the warnings and threats of the anti-Semitic National Socialists against coming to Thuringia this summer in a published appeal by the Thuringian Tourists' Union, hotel proprietors and owners of health resorts. A member of the anti-Semitic National Socialist party, M. Sauekel, recently declared in the Thuringian parliament, that the Jews are not wanted at Thuringia's summer resorts. The appeal points out that Jews are never molested in Thuringia.

Palestine Session of Mandates Commission to End Shortly

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Geneva, June 21—The conclusion of the Palestine session of the regular session of the Mandates Commission of the League of Nations is expected shortly. The Commission at its last meeting discussed the draft of the editorial's committee's observations and a number of small changes were unanimously adopted.

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10,000 Men, Women and Children to Attend Summer Camp of the Federation

More than 10,000 men, women and children will attend camps and summer homes maintained by agencies of the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies this Summer, it was announced yesterday by Dr. Solomon Lowenstein, executive director of the organization, who in addition to making public details of the fresh air program for the current season, reviewed the services rendered in this field by the local Jewish charities last year.

The Federation, which last year appropriated \$95,394 for this part of its work, is increasing the sum to \$105,831 for this year, the statement shows. Twenty-seven resorts under the auspices of federated agencies will have begun their activities July 1, when the camping season is on in full swing.

Dr. Lowenstein's announcement shows that out of twenty-seven Summer and Winter camps conducted by affiliated Federation institutions seventeen receive financial assistance from the Federation.

Registration figures indicate that last year's number of those who spend their vacations at affiliated agencies' camps, 10,401, will be exceeded this Summer, Dr. Lowenstein said. Included in the number are 2,718 campers who are taken care of by camps affiliated with the Federation agencies but not supported by the Federation funds.

Yeshiva College to Admit Qualified Outside Students

The Yeshiva College will for its coming third academic year, extend its facilities to a wider number of students. According to an announcement made by Dr. Bernard Revel, president of the faculty of the Yeshiva College, qualified students other than graduates of the Yeshiva College preparatory department will be admitted. Hitherto, the Yeshiva College was open only to the graduates of its own preparatory department.

Brazil Offers Splendid Field for Jewish Colonization

Brazil offers a splendid field for the colonization of Jews from Eastern Europe in the near future, declared Dr. I. Raffalovitch, chief rabbi of Brazil, last week, upon his arrival in New York to confer with Hias officials here regarding Jewish immigration to Brazil, where he has had charge of the work of Jewish colonization since 1923. "Of the 40,000 Jews who are living in Brazil today," declared Dr. Raffalovitch, "about half that number have arrived during the last five years and the annual quota will become increasingly larger."

More than three-quarters of all the 6,000 Jews who came to Brazil during 1929, he said, were assisted upon their arrival by the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society.

"An interesting fact in connection with the work of establishing the newcomer is that out of the total number who arrive in Brazil, over 73 percent remain in the country," stated the Chief Rabbi of Brazil. "We have offices in Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Porto Alegre, Pernambuco and Bahia. In 1929 6,025 Jewish immigrants arrived and were met at the various ports; 414 unaccompanied girls were met and looked after; 3,389 immigrants received shelter and meals; employment was found for 1,906; 108 received instruction in trades and in Portuguese classes and a loan fund of \$9,200 was created to enable the newcomer to purchase tools. We have already 408 families which have settled on the land and 26,093 hectares as land capital owned by the colonists."

Superintendent Campbell to Address National Council for Jewish Education

Bernard Semel, honorary secretary of the Jewish Education Association, announces that among those who will address the dinner given by the Association to the delegates of the National Council for Jewish Education will be Dr. Harold G. Campbell, Associate Superintendent of Schools of New York, under whose supervision the study of Hebrew will be inaugurated in New York City High Schools next Fall. The dinner will take place at the Commodore Hotel on Wednesday evening, under the chairmanship of David N. Mossesohn, vice-president of the Jewish Education Association.

Jew Aids in Selection of N. C. University President

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)
Goldsboro, N. C., June 21—Leslie Weil, who has for many years been a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina, was a member of a committee of three to select a new president for the university. Dr. Frank Graham was finally chosen and elected by the Board of Trustees as president.

Rabbi Iser L. Freund of this city was recently elected chairman of the Goldsboro and Wayne County Red Cross Chapter.

American Physicians to Act as Advisers to Hadassah

In order to avail itself of American expert opinion in matters of public health organization for application in its health work in Palestine, Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, has invited ten prominent physicians and a consulting engineer to act as an advisory committee to Hadassah, Mrs. Samuel Halprin, acting chairman of the Palestine Committee of the organization, announced yesterday. The group will be known as the Public Health and Medical Reference Board of Hadassah.

Dr. Louis I. Harris, former Health Commissioner of New York, is chairman of the board, and Abel Wolman of Baltimore, sanitary engineer, is secretary. The other members are Dr. S. S. Goldwater, a trustee of Mt. Sinai Hospital and former Health Commissioner of New York; Dr. E. M. Bluestone, director of Montefiore Hospital and former director of the Hadassah Medical Organization in Palestine; Dr. Lee K. Frankel, second vice-president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company; Dr. Charles F. Wilmsky, director of the Beth Israel Hospital in Boston; Dr. Milton Rosenau, head of the Department of Preventive Medicine and Hygiene of Harvard University Medical School; Dr. Jacob Sobel, member of advisory board of New York Department of Health; Dr. Jacob Golub, director of the Hospital for Joint Diseases; Dr. J. S. Wechsler, associate professor of Clinical Neurology at Columbia University; and Dr. Solomon Solis-Cohen of Philadelphia, president of Gratz College.

The members of the reference board are at present considering plans for reorganizing the Hadassah Medical Organization and the question of private practice on the part of physicians employed by Hadassah. The proposed reorganization of the Hadassah Medical Organization is for the purpose of coordinating all the health work in Palestine and integrating the health work more closely with the life of the community.

Honor Memory of Rabbi Louis Mischkind

A memorial to the late Louis Arthur Mischkind (Hebrew Union College, '18), who was Rabbi of Congregation Beth Emeth of Wilmington, Delaware, at the time of his death in July, 1929, following an accident, was unveiled on Sunday, June 22, in the presence of a large gathering of friends and members of the family, at Mount Carmel Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Rabbi J. Max Weis of New York City, a classmate, officiated at the exercises, at the opening of which he read the following inscription on the monument, which Dr. Judah Leon Magnes had penned as his tribute to Rabbi Mischkind, who had been a fearless advocate of many liberal points of view on religious and social questions: "He seemed to me to be passionate and eager for a good cause."

Jewish National Fund Work in United States Reports Progress to Z.O.A Convention

Unprecedented progress in the work of the Jewish National Fund of America, of which Emanuel Neumann is president, is described in its annual report, submitted to the Thirty-third Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America, which will be opened in Cleveland on Sunday, June 29.

The period under review covering activities from October 1, 1929, up to May 30, 1930, has been "the most successful in the annals of the Jewish National Fund of America," the report states, listing the various activities carried on in behalf of the Palestine land fund in all parts of the United States. The increased activities, notwithstanding the fact that they coincided with the period of economic depression in the United States and the tragic events in Palestine last August, resulted in an increase in the Fund's income of \$65,428.92 in comparison with the receipts for a similar period last year.

Notable were the efforts undertaken on behalf of the Fund in Michigan, where a \$30,000 quota has been accepted at a State Conference; in Texas, where a quota of \$100,000 was accepted for establishing a "Nachlatz Texas"; in Cleveland where a Cleveland colony is similarly being planned; the renewal of efforts in the Middle West and Southwest under the leadership of Prof. Gustave Klausner, and the three-day J. N. F. bazaar held in Baltimore with the participation of fifty Jewish organizations.

An interesting feature in the financial report is the increase in revenue from bequests, which totaled \$24,303.30, as against the income of \$16,480 for the same period last year. Among the bequests received during this period were \$10,700 from the Dr. Hirst Gordon Kliatschco Estate, \$5,098.99 from the estate of the late Nathan Rosenberg of San Francisco, Cal., and a first payment of \$5,000 by the Herman Conheim Estate of New York.

East European Jews Can Enter Brazil Freely, President Says

Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe can freely enter Brazil, declared Dr. Julio Prestes, president-elect of Brazil, in a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here today. The Brazilian president-elect, who has spent several days in the United States as the guest of President Hoover, said in his statement:

"The Brazilian government places no obstacles whatsoever in the way of European Jews who wish to emigrate to Brazil."

Asked as to the present situation of the Jews in Brazil, the president-elect stated that "the Jews in Brazil enjoy the same citizenship rights as do all other Brazilian citizens."

Dr. Prestes leaves today on the "Olympic" for Europe.

Public Opinion on the Allied Jewish Campaign

This is one of a series of letters from prominent leaders in the American Jewish community showing what they have to say about the \$6,000,000 Allied Jewish Campaign.

A \$50,000 GIFT

It being an old adage that actions speak louder than words, I commend to the consideration of all thoughtful Jews the gift of \$50,000 by the American Relief Administration which we have just received, and in that connection hand you herewith the following letter just received:

A. R. A. Children's Fund, Inc.

Herbert Hoover, Chairman

42 Broadway, New York City.

June 11, 1930.

James N. Rosenberg, Chairman
New York Allied Jewish Campaign,
165 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Rosenberg:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 10 in which you call our attention to the requests for money which you are receiving from Europe to care for the work you are carrying on there, particularly among children.

We, therefore, take pleasure in complying with your request for payment of the contribution of \$50,000.00, as publicly announced by Edgar Rickard at the meeting held in honor of Felix M. Warburg on May 27, by enclosing our check for \$50,000.00 drawn to the order of the New York Allied Jewish Campaign.

In order that our files may be complete, will you be kind enough to acknowledge receipt.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) R. H. Sawtelle,
Assistant Treasurer.

In the great industrial city of Lodz in Poland, official reports of two weeks ago showed that full time employment of workers in the mills was only 8% of capacity. Does not this colorless statistical fact give at least a glimpse of the horrors which our fellow Jews are undergoing in Poland?

Very truly yours,

James N. Rosenberg.

Institute on Jewish Centers at Jewish Training School

An Institute on Jewish Centers, which was inaugurated on Monday, June 16, for a period of two weeks, is being conducted at the Training School for Jewish Social Work. E. J. London, of the staff of the Jewish Welfare Board and of the Training School, is director of the Institute. This is the fourth Institute conducted under the auspices of the Training School and the Jewish Welfare Board in the interest of Jewish Center executives and sub-executives. Projects in programming for adults and sub-senior groups constitute the central themes of the seminar discussions.

With Economic Conditions on Upgrade Jewish Colonists in Palestine in Need of Credits

More Jews have immigrated to Palestine during the past five years than to any other country in the world, and there is no Jewish unemployment there, according to George M. Hyman, who recently returned to this city after a stay of two years in Jerusalem, where he was acting as Registrar of the Hebrew University during the riots last August. Mr. Hyman, who is a veteran of the World War, and whose grandfather fought for the South during the American Civil War, was a volunteer member of the special constabulary, and the only American wearing a British uniform during the time of the rioting.

For the past six months, Mr. Hyman says, there has been complete security in Palestine and an era of reconstruction and consolidation has set in which has made for better economic conditions than have been known there for several years. According to a statement by Mr. Hyman to the officers of the Allied Jewish Campaign, a building boom began in Jerusalem this Spring. The demand for living quarters in the Jewish suburbs was so great that even old settlers began to build additional stories to their homes to accommodate the newcomers.

"Even cooperative apartments are coming into vogue, not of the Park Avenue stamp, but dwelling houses that will provide adequate living quarters with modern sanitary appliances, for workmen, executives and clerks.

"Credits, however, are badly needed to enable settlers to build their own homes and to develop agriculture and industry. A large number of Jewish workmen have been given employment in the construction of the new King David Hotel in Jerusalem, which will be as fine as any of the famous tourist hotels in Egypt. Work on the Haifa harbor is well under way and when completed will make that city, with its large Jewish population, one of the principal ports in the Near East. Palestine is already a stopping place for the air service from London to the Orient, and bids fair to become an important commercial as well as an agricultural center."

Order Sons of Zion Convention in Session at Long Branch

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Long Branch, N. J., June 21—With 150 delegates present representing about fifty camps in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and several other states, the Order Sons of Zion late tonight will formally open its 21st annual convention at the Takannasee Hotel here. The arrival of other delegates is expected Sunday in view of the fact that the convention will continue until Monday night.

The delegates will be formally welcomed by Dr. Joseph I. Bluestone, Nasi of the Order, who will deliver his message. Action on this and also the report of the Maskir, Harry A. Pine, will be taken at Sunday's session. Convention committees will be appointed.

Prayer Book Revision to Be Foremost Question Before Rabbis' Central Conference

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Providence, R. I., June 21—Revision of the Union Prayer Book is expected to be the foremost question at the Central Conference of American Rabbis, when it holds its 41st annual convention, in this city, June 25 to 30. The body of the convention will undoubtedly favor, as it did at Detroit last year, "a thorough-going revision" so that the new Prayer Book will shed lustre on Reform Judaism in America and will square with liberal religious concepts.

Proponents of revision claim that the Prayer Book put out 10 years ago was in no sense a revision, but merely an oral or literary revamping, while the present movement will result in the first real revision that has taken place since the Prayer Book was written. A vigorous minority opposed to the revision claim that the new book will suit neither the rabbis nor the congregations and that the real difficulty is that the present Prayer Book is not properly read.

Survey of Kind of Revision

At the Detroit convention the Liturgical committee was instructed to make a survey of the kind of revision desired by the conference and to confer with a similar committee working for revision, which was appointed by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and to report back at Providence the result of their study and conference.

It is generally admitted that the revision will not take place in a year, but the body of the conference believes that although the present Prayer Book has a great Jewish background and contains beautiful Pre-Kaddish prayers and meditations, yet as a theological presentation of the spirit of Reform Judaism it is unsatisfactory to the rabbinate and laity. It has been pointed out that "Thy People Israel" are not the only ones that have enjoyed redemption as the Prayer Book implies, that the psalms used for responsive reading show confusion between the idea of "antique" and "antiquated".

Opponents of Revision

Those opposed to the revision state that a new Prayer Book would be no guarantee of the return of a prayerful spirit to the people. Undoubtedly the policy of revision will be settled at the convention here: Whether the new book will contain more traditional and less new material or vice versa.

Four speakers representing the different schools of thought will present studies on the course that revision should take: Rabbi Sol B. Frechhof of Chicago will speak on "The Union Prayerbook in the Evolution of the Liturgy"; Rabbi Israel Bettan and Rabbi Samuel S. Cohon, both of Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, will present the function and the religious ideas of the Prayer Book, respectively, and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise of New York city will discuss "The Devotional Value of the Union Prayer Book."

Madison to Be Host to District No. 6, B'nai B'rith

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Madison, Wis., June 21—Six to seven hundred delegates, alternates, and visitors from four Canadian provinces, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Iowa and Minnesota comprising the District Grand Lodge No. 6 of the B'nai B'rith are expected to attend the 62nd annual convention which is to be held at Madison, Wis., June 28, 29, 30 and July 1.

The convention will open Sunday morning with addresses of welcome from State and City officials and a response by William Sultan of Chicago. Professor A. L. Sachar of Champaign, Ill., will be one of the speakers on Sunday evening and Professor Glenn Frank, president of the University of Wisconsin, will be the main speaker at a banquet to be held on Monday evening at the Hotel Loraine.

The following are the present officers of District No. 6: president, Leo Reitman of Milwaukee, Wis.; first vice-president, William Sultan of Chicago, Ill.; second vice-president, Harry Lashkowitz of Fargo, N. D.; secretary, Otto G. Felton of Chicago, Ill.; treasurer, Jacob Alter of Chicago, Ill., and sergeant-at-arms—state treasurer, Solomon Levitan of Madison, Wis.

Kaplan Again Heads N. Y. Civil Service Commission

Abraham Kaplan, president of the Municipal Civil Service Commission for ten years, was again elected to that post. By his re-election Mr. Kaplan sets a record for he is the first chairman of the Commission to have held the office so long. He is a former state senator, having defeated ex-attorney-general Albert Ottinger for that post. Mr. Kaplan is a prominent Tammany leader and active in the National Democratic Club.

Schanzer Renamed President of Brooklyn Big Brother Body

Albert D. Schanzer was re-elected president of the Brooklyn Jewish Big Brother and Big Sister Association at its sixteenth annual meeting. Mr. Schanzer, an active communal worker in Brooklyn, aided in organizing the Association. Other officers elected were Ida Goldberg, Abraham L. Siegel, Abraham M. Marinoff and Abraham R. Kartzman, vice-presidents; Morris Heyman, treasurer.

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