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Increase in Jewish Population Chief Cause of Wailing Wall Dispute, Keith Roach Says

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Jerusalem, July 16—The increase in the Jewish population of Palestine since the British occupation is the chief cause of the dispute between the Moslems and the Jews over the Wailing Wall, it was implied by Keith Roach, district commissioner for the Southern district, and the chief actor in the drama at the Wailing Wall dispute, Yom Kippur, 1928, who as the first government witness testified today before the Wailing Wall Commission.

Police Removed Screen

In the midst of the Yom Kippur prayers at the Wall in 1928 the British police under the command of Inspector Duff attempted to remove the screen put up for the services to separate men and women worshippers. The congregation resisted the police attempt to remove the screen but it was forcibly removed. (Continued on Page 3)

Wall Commission's Chairman, Warning on Politics, Says That Threats Will Not Influence It

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, July 16—"Threats will not influence us in our inquiry into the respective rights of the Jews and Moslems at the Wailing Wall and we must rule out all political questions," declared Eliot Loefgren, chairman of the Wailing Wall Commission, yesterday afternoon in the course of his remarks interrupting a recital by Jamal Hussein, secretary of the Arab Executive's efforts to get the neighboring Moslem countries to protest regarding the Wailing Wall.

Mr. Loefgren said it was regrettable that the Arab Executive had opposed the government's lawful order laying down temporary regulations for Jewish worship, but he pointed out that the Wailing Wall Commission would (Continued on Page 3)

\$100,000 Appropriation Starts Reconstruction of Artouf

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, July 16—With an appropriation of \$100,000 from the Palestine Emergency Fund, reconstruction work on the Jewish colony of Artouf, which was destroyed during the disturbances of last Summer, has begun. A number of the former colonists have already returned and the others are expected to return shortly.

The Palestine Emergency Fund has not acceded to the requests of the settlers to enlarge the colony but a new police post will be established on the estate of J. L. Goldberg which is still unreconstructed.

Peasants Warn Borscha Jews to Leave Town Before Night

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, July 16—An ultimatum to the Jewish community of Borscha demanding that all Jews leave the town before six o'clock tonight was handed to the community leaders today by a delegation of anti-Semitic peasants under the leadership of a priest, according to reports in the Austrian papers. If the ultimatum is not complied with the delegation said it would not guarantee the fate of the Jews.

In view of the ultimatum the Jewish community of Borscha has telegraphed to the government in Bucharest and also to various Jewish organizations asking for aid and describing the panicky state of the Jewish population. Borscha was the scene of a fire of anti-Semitic origin a fortnight ago which did damage estimated at 50,000,000 lei and left several thousand Jews homeless.

Herzl Memorial Meetings in Poland Protest British Policy

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, July 16—A determination to carry on the legacy of Theodor Herzl, founder of political Zionism, by disregarding the difficulties that Great Britain has been placing in the way of the Jews in Palestine, is expressed in a series of Herzl memorial meetings throughout Poland on the anniversary of his death 26 years ago. The meetings assumed the character of vigorous protests against the British policy in Palestine, particularly the suspension of immigration.

Would Make Hitler Member of Cabinet to Avoid Deportation

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, July 16—In order to avoid the possibility of Adolf Hitler, leader of the National Socialists, being deported as an undesirable alien, because of his Fascist and anti-Semitic activities, a plan is on foot in Thuringia, a hot-bed of National Socialism, to have him named a member of the Thuringian cabinet. Appointment to the cabinet would automatically make him a German citizen and thus avoid deportation.

Hitler is now a citizen of Austria. The plan to get him into the Thuringian cabinet is being broached by Dr. Wilhelm Frick, the National Socialist minister of the interior. Dr. Frick is planning to offer a bill in the Thuringian diet to enable Hitler to become a citizen but realizing that this bill may endanger the tenure of the coalition government it is understood that the bill may be dropped and the plan to make Hitler a cabinet officer substituted.

Romanian Press Unites in Demand for Stern Measures to Suppress Attacks on Jews

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, July 16—The entire Romanian press, particularly the Bucharest papers, is expressing alarm at the government's inability or failure to put an end to the recurring and spreading anti-Semitic disturbances that have been agitating the country for more than a fortnight. The organ of Professor Nicolai Jorga, the "Neamul Romanesc," the "Lupta," the "Adverul" and the "Dreptatea," the latter the government party's official spokesman, are unanimous in urging that strenuous measures be taken to suppress the attacks against the Jews.

"We are without public order, any ruffian who desires can cause disturbances," writes the organ of Professor Jorga who is high in the councils of King Carol, having been instrumental in his return to power. Recalling the excesses at Barlacena, Saturday, where twenty Jewish houses were entirely demolished, including the synagogue, and a number of Jews injured, the "Adverul" warns the government against a repetition of the anti-Semitic peasants' revolt of 1907, reminding the government that after Jewish blood had been shed the blood of the peasants also flowed and this was followed by the downfall of the government which created chaos.

While the "Adverul" asks Premier Maniu to grasp the importance of the attacks on the Jews before it is too late, the "Lupta" says that the last hour has come if no serious and sincere measures are taken to suppress the disturbances. The government's spokesman, the "Dreptatea," writes that it is high time to re-establish order and says that the gov-

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Palestine Government Makes 50 Percent Cut in Crop Tithes

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, July 16—A fifty percent remittance of the tithe on the Winter crops was today announced by the Palestine government. This ruling however excepts reputed owners of acreage who themselves did not cultivate their land but rented it out to tenant cultivators. This special measure is seen as relief for the Arab and Jewish settlers whose crops have been several times damaged by a plague of field mice.

It is officially learned that the reduction in the tithe is also due to the as yet unpublished findings of the Palestine agricultural commission headed by assistant treasurer Johnson. A recent meeting of Arab and Jewish colonists in the Afulah district urged a slash in the tithes. Unsettled agricultural conditions in some sections of the country are also believed to have had something to do with it.

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**Szold Confident Coalition
Regime in Z.O.A. Will Give
Courage to Palestine Jews**

Confidence that the action of the Zionist convention in Cleveland in approving a coalition government which brought peace to American Zionism would strengthen the determination of the Jews in Palestine, was expressed in a statement issued yesterday by Robert Szold, newly elected head of the administrative committee of the Zionist Organization of America. Mr. Szold also said that as a result of plans discussed at an organization meeting Zionists in the United States would awaken to a new enthusiasm and follow a more definite policy of economic development.

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, chairman of the committee on political affairs, which will determine the attitude of the Z.O.A. toward Great Britain, declared that the Zionists the world over are agreed that there must be no yielding of Jewish rights in Palestine. Rabbi Wise said that nothing was to be gained by yielding or purporting to yield the right of access to Palestine through orderly immigration and the right to purchase and cultivate land there.

In addition to the committee chairman announced yesterday, Emanuel Neuman, president of the Jewish National Fund of America, was appointed chairman of the committee on public information which will acquaint the public with Zionist aims and achievements in Palestine.

**Palestine Per Capita Taxes
More Than in Transjordania**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, July 16—The per capita taxes in Palestine are three times as large as those in the neighboring country of Transjordania, the Hebrew daily "Davar" points out, showing that Palestinians pay a per capita tax of fifteen dollars while the Transjordanians pay only five dollars.

**Jewish Federation's Budget for This Year Is \$10,519,683;
\$5,078,863 Furnished by Federation, Balance from Elsewhere**

The budgetary needs of New York's federated Jewish charities for the current year will total \$10,519,683, to which sum the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies of New York City will contribute \$5,078,863, the remainder accruing to the institutions in the form of bequests, city grants, fees from patients and other funds, according to an announcement yesterday by Samuel D. Leidesdorf, chairman of the Business Men's Council of the Federation, in his annual report to the executive committee of the Council.

Last year's budget totalled \$10,132,056. The Federation's problem this year is the raising of its deficit of \$2,221,000, he said, pointing out that the remainder is already assured through annual recurring subscriptions and donations.

Task Rests with Workers

"The task of raising this sum so essential to philanthropic work here in New York rests with the workers of the Business Men's Council," Mr. Leidesdorf's report stated. "More than 75 cents of every dollar spent for Jewish philanthropy in New York is spent by the Federation institutions and more than three-fourths of all charitable work is done by these bodies."

Montefiore Leads in Free Service

Montefiore Hospital for Chronic Diseases, according to the report, again leads all non-municipal special hospitals from the standpoint of free service given, and Mount Sinai Hospital, another affiliated institution, leads all the general hospitals in the amount of service given. The twelve medical care agencies treated 31,954 patients during the year, of whom 5,769 received free treatment, while 13,345 were treated below hospital rates. The dispensaries cared for 98,859 persons, with a total number of 317,002 visits.

The medical social service group, consisting of eight institutions, treated 27,352 persons, and followed treatment by 140,416 visits to homes or to patients while hospitalized. Of the total number of these individuals over 3,600 were sent to convalescent homes, and 7,730 were temporarily provided with material relief.

Child-Caring Agencies Served 11,555

The Federation's eighteen child-caring agencies served 11,555 children in the period reviewed. Of this number, 4,022 were admitted by the institutions, and boarding homes, and 7,533 were under supervision before placement and after discharge from institutions. The number of children cared for, fed and clothed daily was 3,182.

Seven agencies occupied with providing material relief and service for the poor handled a total of 20,824 cases. In this number, 9,551 persons were granted free loans by the Hebrew Free Loan Society, in the sum of \$1,129,850. The Jewish Social Service Association, which has been engaged for more than half a century in providing relief and

social service with a view to conserving and developing normal family life, continued in its role as the major agency in this field, records showing that 4,420 families were given material aid, amounting to \$631,234. Employment was secured for 1,213 individuals.

6,233 in Talmud Torahs

The number of children regularly attending the six Talmud Torahs or Hebrew Free Schools was 6,233. Of this group, 2,700 received instruction entirely free of charge, while the balance paid from fifty cents to two dollars a month.

Technical and manual education were furnished to 1,586 boys and girls by the Hebrew Technical Institute and the Hebrew Technical School for Girls.

Nineteen community center settlements and Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Associations with their various activities gave countless opportunities to neighborhood populations for benefit in the fields of education, physical training and recreation. Nine fresh air agencies, including such famous institutions as Surprise Lake Camp, enabled 5,703 individuals to have vacations at nominal rates of from two to eight dollars a week, and over 400 free of charge.

**Kirstein Heads Boston
Port Authority Board**

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Boston, July 16—Louis E. Kirstein, president of the Associated Philanthropies of Boston, leader in the Jewish educational and philanthropic enterprises of the community, and identified with numerous civic and industrial ventures, has been elected chairman of the Boston Port Authority Board, to succeed the late Guy W. Currier. The election was voted at a meeting of the Board.

Mr. Kirstein was appointed to membership on the Port Authority Board by Frank G. Allen, Governor of Massachusetts.

**Aaron Tollin Named to
Lead Aleph Zadek Aleph**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

San Francisco, July 16—Aaron Tollin of Chester, Pa., was elected grand president of the junior B'nai B'rith order of Aleph Zadek Aleph at the conclusion of the order's seventh international convention here today. Joseph Lyons of Winnipeg was named vice-president; Sol Labow of Monessen, Pa., secretary; Gilbert Karschner of Memphis, Tenn., sergeant-at-arms; Adriel Fried of San Francisco, assistant sergeant-at-arms; Meyer Alperovitz of Sheboygan, Wis., scribe and Milton Saffer of Chicago, chaplain.

Milwaukee was selected as the scene for the 1931 convention. The newly organized Pacific Coast conference elected Adriel Fried president and Isadore Weiss of Oakland, Cal., secretary.

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moved. The police official later said that his action had been on orders from Keith Roach. His instructions were said to have been based on complaints from the Moslem Supreme Council.

In his testimony today, Mr. Roach asserted that the Turks had followed a *laissez faire* policy because Jewish attendance at the services at the Wall was small. He admitted having seen camptools used at the Wall which the government tolerated until the new regulations were issued by High Commissioner Chancellor.

Says Form of Service Has Changed

Mr. Roach considered that there had been a distinct change in the form of the service at the Wall during his term in office. He said that the screen was first used during the 1928 Rosh Hashonah services. He said that his attention was first called to the use of the screen at Yom Kippur, 1928, when he ordered its removal. The government had not permitted the use of chairs, he stated, because it interfered with the right of way and might give the Jews the idea that they had property rights there.

Replying to Dr. Mordecai Eliash, chief counsel for the Jews, Mr. Roach said that the new door which the Moslems had built might be an innovation although he pointed out that he knew two officers had used the passage previously. At the request of Abdul Auni Bey, Arab counsel, he read a letter from Chief Rabbi Kook to Sir Ronald Storrs, former governor of Jerusalem, asking for permission to use benches at the Wall during the high holidays, and a letter from Harry C. Luke, former chief secretary, to Nashashibi, forwarding the complaint of the Jews that the Moslems had defouled the Wall.

Polish Jew Honored for Rescue of Pilsudski Legionnaires

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, July 16—A poor Jewish poultry dealer, Meyer Zeller, a resident of Kielce, has been decorated by the Polish government for services to the state. In 1914 he saved the lives of three Polish legionnaires from Kosacs during the historical march of Marshall Pilsudski's legions, Kielce being the first town on their line of march.

Samuel Ansbacher, Child Hygiene Expert, Dead

Dr. Samuel L. Ansbacher, noted New York Jewish physician, assistant director of the Bureau of Child Hygiene of the Department of Health and leader for many years in the anti-diphtheria campaign in the New York public schools, died on Monday night from heart disease at the age of 57. Dr. Ansbacher was born in Yonkers, attended public school in Harlem and received his medical degree in New York in 1896.

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not allow itself to be imposed upon regarding the Wall. It will take up the legal question, he stated, and not be the subject of threats, hoping that the parties will arrive at a mutual understanding. The Commission hoped its decision would be carried out without fear or hatred but with the mutual respect due from two great sections of the country's population, he concluded.

Interposes Evidence

Husseini's evidence was interposed after Sheikh Ismael Abdul, president of the Moslem Religious Courts in Jerusalem, had said that he had not seen any appurtenances at the Wall and that prior to 1929 he did not know that the Jews in years past had prayed at the Wall.

Chairman Loefgren broke into Husseini's testimony to indicate the Commission's stand when Husseini said that the temporary regulations of the government with regard to the Wailing Wall had angered the Arab Executive which wired to Transjordan saying that "the Jews desire to convert the pavement in front of the Wall into a synagogue". This wire caused great excitement in Transjordan and necessitated hurried conferences with Palestine officials who urged Husseini to alter the telegram. The Arab Executive then called a strike in Palestine and Transjordan to protest against the regulations.

Commission Warned Against Proposal

A veiled warning to the Wailing Wall Commission not to entertain the proposal contained in the Jewish memorandum submitted at the opening session that the properties now occupied by the Moughrabi Wakf be vacated and the Wakf authorities accept instead new buildings on some other eligible site in Jerusalem was made by Sheikh Ismael Abdul, chief judge of the Moslem Religious Courts in Jerusalem, in the course of his testimony before the Commission earlier in yesterday's session.

The Commission was treated to a microscopic analysis of Moslem religious law pertaining to the Wakf (Moslem property held in trust) by Sheikh Abdul in his testimony on the inviolability of property dedicated to charity. Mohammed Ali Pasha, a Moslem advocate from Egypt, conducted the Sheikh's cross-examination which tended to show that no power in the world is entitled to alter the provisions of the trust, not even a king or a caliph, and that any decision affecting the trust by non-Moslems is invalid.

Says Mosque's Environs Holy

Sheikh Abdul's elaborate evidence was climaxed by a recital of the sanctity of the Mosque of Aksa and its environs and walls. He argued that the wall of the Mosque is part of the Mosque and the rules applying to one

Dr. Leopold Auer, Famous Violinist and Teacher of Elman, Heifetz, Dies at 85

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Dresden, Germany, July 16—Dr. Leopold Auer, famous violin teacher, who numbered among his pupils Mischa Elman, Jascha Heifetz and Erem Zimbalist, died here yesterday at the age of 85. He had developed pneumonia a few days ago and had been treated in a local sanatorium.

Leopold Auer was born of Jewish parents at Veszprim, Hungary. He studied the violin with the celebrated Joachim and later achieved success as a virtuoso in several European capitals which he toured. Through the influence of Anton Rubinstein, the famous composer who befriended Auer and who was director of the Imperial Conservatory of St. Petersburg, Russia, Auer became professor of violin in this institution in 1869, succeeding Henri Wieniawski, another famous violinist and composer.

Auer remained for many years in Russia, where he was honored by being given the title of soloist to the Czar's court, a post which he held under three Czsars, Alexander II, Alexander III, and Nicholas II. In St. Petersburg, where some of the most famous musicians in the world were gathered during his time, Auer became an intimate friend of Tchaikowsky, Rimsky-Korsakoff and Glazounoff. He founded the first string quartet and held the post of concert director of the Imperial Russian Society of Music.

After the outbreak of the war, Dr. Auer left Russia and spent some time in the Scandinavian countries. In 1918 he arrived in New York, where young violinists besieged him with requests to be taken as students. In 1925 a concert was given in Carnegie Hall, when several of his pupils who had become famous musicians united to do him honor. In 1926, at the age of 81, he became an American citizen. He recently published a book of reminiscences, called "My Long Life in Music." "From Russia and America will come the great music of the future," Dr. Auer declared a few years ago in an interview. "These countries are the youngest in art, and my sympathies and beliefs are always with youth."

apply to the other as far as veneration goes. He stressed the fact that non-Moslems must not be allowed to worship in Wakf first, because it is contrary to the conditions to which the property was dedicated and secondly, because such worship might interfere with the devotions of the Moslems.

Five Christian clerics called as witnesses by the Arabs preceded the Sheikh on the witness stand. They all claimed that while they were frequent visitors to the Wailing Wall they had not observed the appurtenances which the Jews claim they customarily used.

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Geneva Doubts Effect of New Arab Document on Mandate; Jews Have Documents Too

A Geneva dispatch to the New York "Times" says that in informed circles there great doubt is expressed that the so-called "second Balfour Declaration" of February 8, 1918 in which Lord Balfour is supposed to have promised the Arabs independence, a photostatic copy of which has been submitted to the League of Nations as part of a petition from the Syrian-Palestine Congress, will have any favorable effect on the Arabs' plea for a revision of the terms of the Palestine Mandate.

According to the "Times" story even Arab supporters are of the opinion that the document will not have much of a real effect and some even believe that the document does not establish that the Arabs think they have. Lord Balfour's letter was written to King Hussein, former ruler of the Hedjaz, in confirmation of promises of independence made to the Arabs by Sir Henry McMahon.

It is pointed out that in Lord Balfour's letter he gives no indication of just what the promises were or whether Palestine was included in the territory promised to the Arabs. It is also pointed out by neutral observers that the British government officially stated in 1922 that Palestine was excluded from the promise.

Jewish circles in Geneva are not inclined to attach much weight to the Balfour letter and it is pointed out that the Jews too have some new documents which are said to prove that in 1915 the British were planning a special regime in Palestine when they made promises to the Arabs. The "Times" correspondent also says that the Jews have documentary evidence showing that on March 13, 1916 Viscount Grey submitted to Russia a British plan for an international regime in Palestine, giving the Jews the right to colonize there and eventually to take over the internal administration of the country and that this plan was agreed to before the end of the year by Russia, France and Italy.

"Day's" Jewish Hour to Be Heard in 21 Cities Sunday

The Jewish Hour, which is broadcast each Sunday by the "Day," New York Yiddish daily, will have a nation-wide hook-up of 21 stations next Sunday, July 20. Stations in the following cities will broadcast the "Day's" radio program: Bangor, Me.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Harrisburg, Pa.; Akron, Ohio; Buffalo, N. Y.; Cleveland, Ohio; Topeka, Kansas; Milwaukee, Wis.; Kansas City, Mo.; Roanoke, Va.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; Youngstown, Ohio; Fargo, N. D.; Syracuse, N. Y.; Detroit, Mich.; St. Louis, Mo.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Bay City, Mich.; Norfolk, Va.; Memphis, Tenn.; Denver, Colo.

Lawyer Charges Racial Bias in Arrest and Beating of Two Jews in Westchester Pool

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Yonkers, N. Y., July 16—Charges of racial prejudice may be filed with the Westchester County Park Commission it was indicated here yesterday in Special Sessions court by attorney Irvin E. Klein, as a result of the arrest of two New York Jews, one a physician, for alleged disorderly conduct at the Tibbets Brook Park swimming pool here Sunday, and a subsequent assault on them by the police.

The accusation that anti-Semitism was involved in the arrests was made in the court by Mr. Klein, attorney for the two Jews. He told Judge Charles Boote that the case "has aroused the interest of the Jewish community of Yonkers."

Dr. Philip Cohen, 36, of 350 Central Park West, and James Cunningham, 29, of 600 West 178th Street, New York City, were arrested Sunday by Patrolman Emmett Howell on a charge of disorderly conduct. The trouble began when the officer in a bathing suit with a police rubber cape over him, directed Dr. Cohen and Mr. Cunningham to stop smoking. An altercation arose, whereupon the two were taken to a shack, they claim, where there were two other officers, and given a beating. Mr. Cohen charges he had two teeth knocked out.

Dr. Cohen and Mr. Cunningham, who pleaded not guilty to charges of disorderly conduct will have their cases heard August 5. Patrolman Howell has pleaded not guilty to charges of assault brought against him by the two men.

Justice Shientag Named to Supreme Court Vacancy

Justice Bernard L. Shientag of the City Court has been appointed by Governor Roosevelt as justice of the Supreme Court in the First Judicial District to fill a vacancy due to the recent death of Supreme Court Justice Nathan Bijur. The term for which Justice Shientag has been appointed expires at the end of the year, but it is expected that he will receive the Democratic nomination for a full term of fourteen years, beginning Jan. 1 next.

Justice Shientag is a member of the executive committee of the American Ort and the American Jewish Congress and a director of the Y. M. H. A. He is also a director of the Consumers' League and of the American Association for Labor Legislation and has served at various times as a member of and counsel to the State Housing Commission, the Child Welfare Commission and the Cloak and Suit Mediation Commission. Before his appointment to the bench, he was Federal Director of Employment of the State of New York.

Justice Shientag, who is a close personal friend of ex-Governor Alfred E. Smith, was appointed to the City Court by Mr. Smith in 1924, when the latter was Governor. Before that he had served as State Industrial Commissioner under an appointment by the Governor.

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ernment is chiefly concerned because throughout the recent disorders the Christian leaders revealed a complete lack of a sense of responsibility.

In the meantime Senator Meyer Ebner and other Jewish members of Parliament as well as the officials of the Jewish communities affected by the disturbances or by their repercussions have telegraphed in alarm to King Carol, members of the cabinet and to Archbishop Christea. In the wire to the latter it is pointed out that many village priests are actively engaged in anti-Semitic agitation.

Dr. William Filderman, president of the Union of Roumanian Jews, has invited representatives of the districts in which the disturbances have occurred to come to Bucharest to aid in the preparation of a protest based on the facts and to lend their influence in intervention with the highest authorities in the capital.

Reuben Brainin Tells Ozet Parley He Opposes Bira Bidjan

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, July 16—Definite and frank opposition to the Bira Bidjan project for a Jewish state in the Far Eastern Republic, was expressed today by Reuben Brainin, venerable New York journalist and publicist, now visiting Russia, at the closing session of the plenary conference of the Ozet, the society for settling the Jews on the land.

In a most tactful address Brainin said that after listening to the many reports on Bira Bidjan, reports which had criticized the Ozet's management there, he thought that Bira Bidjan was an unnecessary scheme which was artificial and had not aroused the interests of the Jewish masses in Russia.

In a conversation with the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Brainin, who for a number of years has been actively working for Jewish colonization in Russia declared that he was disappointed in Bira Bidjan and doesn't intend to support it any longer. Nevertheless, he stated, he remains a devoted friend of Jewish colonization work in Crimea which he thinks has great prospects.

Major Namm Named to Body to Pick War Memorial Site

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Albany, N. Y., July 16—Major Benjamin N. Namm is among the members of the commission whom Governor Roosevelt has just appointed to select and acquire a site for a State World War memorial. Major Namm, who is 42, was born in Brooklyn. He is president of the A. I. Namm & Son Department Store of Brooklyn and was president of the Brooklyn Federation of Jewish Charities from 1914 to 1916. He is the author of a book, "Advertising the Retail Store," containing a foreword by Arthur Brisbane.