

1948 MAY BE YEAR OF LARGEST JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO CANADA, JEWISH CONGRESS REPORTS

MONTREAL, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- If the present rate of Jewish immigration to Canada continues for the rest of this year, 1948 will have been the largest year for Jewish immigration since the beginning of the first World War, Saul Hayes, executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, revealed here today.

An undetermined number of Jews entered Canada this year under various industrial projects, as well as under the "Immigration from Britain" plan, Hayes said. In addition to special projects providing for the admission of Jewish DP furriers, tailors and orphaned children, the Congress has undertaken to bring in a group of refugee millinery workers, he reported.

SWOPE NAMED TO COMMITTEE TO MAKE AWARDS FOR FURTHERING INTERFAITH UNDERSTANDING

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- A committee of five judges, including publicist Herbert Bayard Swope, has been named to make the Irving Geist Foundation awards for the stories, cartoons or editorials appearing in metropolitan newspapers which do most to further interfaith understanding, the New York Newspaper Guild announced today.

The Newspaper Guild-Geist Foundation awards, which total \$1,000 annually, were set up this year by Irving Geist, philanthropist, to honor New York newspapermen whose work contributes to interfaith understanding. The awards will be made for the first time at the end of this year. In accepting an invitation to serve as a judge, Swope said that the "awards will be a stimulus to working for an understanding that will make life better and decenter."

PIONEER WOMEN OPEN TWO-DAY SESSION ON FUNDS FOR ISRAEL; RAISED \$1,625,000 THIS YEAR

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- A two-day conference to set the budget for 1949 for its program of social services for women and children in Israel was opened here today by the Pioneer Women's Organization, the women's Zionist labor organization of America.

Reporting on the accomplishments of the current year, Mrs. Israel Goldstein, president of the organization, revealed that the group raised more than \$1,625,000 during 1947-1948. The opening session heard a report by Dvora Rothbard, who has just returned from Israel, on the child care centers, immigration camps and the agricultural and vocational training program in the Jewish state which are financed by the Pioneer Women.

HILLEL FOUNDATIONS TO RAISE \$250,000 FOR WELFARE PURPOSES BEFORE END OF YEAR

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- A total of \$250,000 will be raised by Jewish college and university students through B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations throughout the country for welfare purposes before the end of this year, Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, national director of the Hillel Foundations, announced today.

Fifty-two foundations and 13 counselorships have already raised the sum of \$212,411.85, he revealed. Sixteen foundations and 102 counselorships are still in the process of finishing their 1948 campaigns. In 1947 the total raised was \$135,781.97.

Topping the list of those units which reported greatly increased contributions in 1948 as against the amounts collected in 1947, was the record made by the Hillel Foundations in the Los Angeles area. A total of \$52,000 was collected by the four Hillel units in that city this year as compared with \$30,309 in 1947 and \$15,654, in 1946. Even the quotas which had been set were exceeded by some \$15,000.

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