

FRISCH PROPOSES \$2,000,000 FUND FOR ECONOMIC AID TO "FORGOTTEN MIDDLEMAN" IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- Daniel Frisch, president of the Zionist Organization of America, who returned yesterday from a four week mission to Israel, today announced plans for the launching of a \$2,000,000 annual fund by the Z.O.A. to finance three major American Zionist projects in Israel. These projects will embrace:

1. The building of colonies based on the principle of private home ownership. The only exception will be the land which is to be public domain allocated by the Jewish National Fund.
2. The establishment of a chain of small loan societies in Israel, the chief purpose of which will be to assist the small trader and business man.
3. The erection of housing to help these same elements whom Mr. Frisch termed as the "forgotten men".

Speaking at a press conference at the Hotel Astor, Mr. Frisch indicated that the colonies to be established will be designed to accommodate family groups, two-thirds of each comprising "pioneers" who come from the United States. The Zionist president criticized the failure of the conference held last week in Tel Aviv, which was convened to discuss the future of the United Jewish Appeal in the United States.

In order to assist in bringing about unification, Mr. Frisch asserted the Z.O.A. was and is willing to forego the launching of any independent fund-raising campaign if such unification is brought about. "Unfortunately, it seems that in order to cover up the failure of the conference to achieve its purpose, it apparently decided to appoint a coordinating committee which in effect means the harmful continuation of the splintering of our efforts at a time when complete unification of all public drives for Israel would, in my judgment, have been the strongest stimulus toward a more successful U.J.A. for 1950," he added.

One of the main objectives of Mr. Frisch's visit and the delegation which accompanied him was to complete arrangements for the establishment of an American Zionist House in Tel Aviv with branches in Haifa and Jerusalem. Mr. Frisch announced that foremost Israeli architects have been invited to join a national contest for plans for the House. The final date of the contest has been set for August 22nd, following which, Mr. Frisch said, the Z.O.A. will immediately proceed with the building of the House.

RABBI WISE LEAVES FOR EUROPE TO INSPECT INSTITUTIONS SUPPORTED BY UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

NEW YORK, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, a national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal since its inception in 1939, sailed today for a four-week tour of France and Italy, during which he will inspect United Jewish Appeal-supported health, rehabilitation and child-care institutions. He will also study the large-scale emigration program being carried on in Marseille and Bari, which have become the principal staging areas for the transfer of refugees to Israel.

Rabbi Wise will inspect the network of transient camps operated in those cities by the Joint Distribution Committee to care for the backlog of potential emigrants who are awaiting transportation to Haifa. While in Marseille, he will get first-hand reports on the situation of the Jews in North Africa, hundreds of whom reach the French port every week in their flight from disease, poverty and oppression.

PROTESTANT, CATHOLIC CLERGYMEN AND LAY LEADERS ATTEND "INSTITUTES ON JUDAISM"

NEW YORK, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- During the past three years, more than 15,000 persons, including Protestant and Catholic clergymen and lay leaders throughout the United States and Canada, have attended "Institutes on Judaism," designed to acquaint Christians with the beliefs, rituals and traditions of Judaism, it was reported here today by Miss Jane Evans, executive director of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, which sponsors the Institutes.

Various aspects of Judaism are interpreted to Christian church leaders at the institutes through talks by rabbis, and these lectures are usually followed by question and answer periods. Addresses by Christian clergymen are also part of the conferences, which include a tour of the synagogues where they are held. Publication containing information on Judaism are distributed to the audience. The programs, some of which have been attended by more than 1,000 persons of all faiths, generally consist of morning and afternoon sessions. In several cities, however, evening institutes have been held, in response to requests from business women and school teachers.

"Not only has the interfaith project met with enthusiastic and unanimous praise, but it has led a number of Christian denominations to extend reciprocal invitations to Sisterhood leaders for meetings of a similar nature," the report said. Among the groups which have sponsored conferences patterned after the institutes are the New York Council of Church Women, the Catholic Women of Indianapolis, the Council of Church Women of Brooklyn and the Chicago Church Women. In Cincinnati last year, an Institute on Protestantism which featured lectures by Methodist, Presbyterian and Episcopal ministers had as one of its principal speakers Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

JEWISH FEDERATION TO FINANCE \$3,400,000 EXPANSION PLAN FOR N.Y. MONTEFIORE HOSPITAL

NEW YORK, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- The first two steps towards the initiation of a five-point modernization and building program at the Montefiore Hospital here, which will cost \$3,400,000, were announced today. The funds will be provided by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York from its building fund, which was initiated in 1945 and will be continued in a campaign planned for this fall and winter.

The first two phases, involving a \$900,000 program of modernization and repair, will be concentrated at the 639-bed hospital and its 230-patient sanatorium at Bedford Hills, N.Y. These phases will correct building deterioration and obsolescence and increase the hospital's operating capacity. The hospital has undertaken the construction of two one-story wings. One of these units will house operating rooms to help meet the hospital's surgical case load, which has jumped from 800 in 1943 to 1,812 in 1948. The second building will contain X-ray facilities for diagnostic examinations, which rose from 10,000 six years ago to 40,000 last year.

The Montefiore Hospital is the nation's only voluntary general hospital for the treatment of patients with prolonged illness, with the concept that so-called incurable diseases in many cases respond favorably to medical and surgical care.

THREE JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADERS IN SOUTH AFRICA RECEIVE IMPORTANT APPOINTMENTS

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- Two prominent Jewish communal leaders are listed among the latest appointments of King's Counsellors. They are: Gerald Gordon, a leading Zionist of Capetown who distinguished himself in the war, and J. Friedman of Durban, chairman of the public relations committee of the Council of Natal Jewry. Edgar Enochberg of Durban, honorary president of the Council of Natal Jewry, was appointed an acting judge.

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