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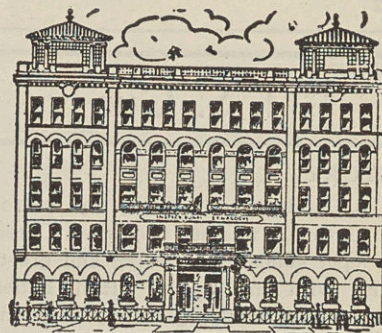
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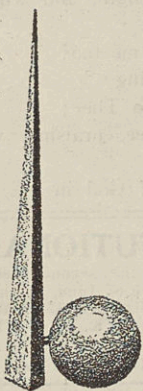
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## ... At the Fair



As the toll of Jewish victims of Nazi intolerance and persecution rapidly mounts, the increasing importance of the Jewish Palestine Pavilion in its bearing on the world Jewish problem is becoming more evident. The necessity for this instrument of enlightenment in combating calumnies of vicious anti-Semitic propaganda throughout the world is causing American Jewry, non-Zionist as well as Zionist, to rally to its support.

When the exhibits for the Jewish Palestine Pavilion arrived at New York recently on the American Export Liner *Excalibur*, after having been built in the Holy Land, transport experts took one look at the huge cargo and threw up their hands in despair.

The fifteen gigantic boxcarloads which comprised the consignment, each as large as a railway freight car, could not be transported through the city by means of trucks. After days of conferences the following plan was finally devised for their transportation:

A 60-foot floating crane was moored beside the *Excalibur*, its long steel arm reached down into the ship's hold and lifted the boxcars onto the deck of a long barge anchored nearby.

When the whole consignment was finally on board the lighter it had sunk to so dangerously low a level in the water that tugs had to await calm weather before the barge, carrying its precious evidence of Jewish constructive achievement in the Holy Land, could be towed from Jersey City around New York to the Fair grounds on Flushing Bay.

## Club Spade Stages New Intra-Club Activities

The intra-club activities of Club Spade reached a new high for the season last Sunday, April 16th. Two teams were formed, consisting of all the members. Competitive contests were then held in the gymnasium and swimming pool. Following the meeting, a spelling bee was held.

The totaling of the points scored by each team for the day's activities, found the "Black" team slightly in the lead.

## Hike Lures I. S. Club Members

### Sunday, April 23rd Is Day For Outing

An all day outing to the Palisades Park is the next activity on the club calendar. Next Sunday morning, April 23rd, the members of the clubs and their friends will meet at Dyckman Street in time to take the 10 o'clock ferry across the Hudson.

#### Wienie Roast Planned

Weather permitting, a hike to a pleasant spot is anticipated. After several hours of athletic activities, the wienie roast will be held. The high-spot of the days' activities will be a campfire, around which many stories will be told and appropriate songs sung.

#### Field Day Entries Open

On May 7th, the annual Lag B'Omer Field Day will be held at Pelham Bay Park. A complete program of field and track events will be conducted. There is no entry fee for these events, but all entry blanks must be submitted by Thursday, May 4th. Blanks may be secured in the gymnasium office upon request.

#### Boat Ride to Roton Point

An all day trip in pleasant company is anticipated on May 28th, when the boat ride will be held. After several hours on shore at Roton Point for amusement, lunch and games, the return trip will be made.

Tickets are now available for this activity at the nominal sum of sixty-five cents. All reservations must be made by May 1st.

## Ta-a-noog Reunion Set For April 30

Camp Ta-a-noog, the I.S. Home Camp, will hold its annual reunion on Sunday, April 30th. An elaborate program of fun and entertainment has been planned for the boys and girls who will attend.

#### Rabbi Goodman to Speak

Rabbi Goodman will address the Ta-a-noog campers, after which the purpose of the meeting will be outlined and a general discussion from the floor will take place.

#### Further Program Details

Songs led by John Haughton and Harold Silver will be supplemented by folk-dancing and skits. Last year's counselors will be on hand to guarantee a pleasant afternoon for Ta-a-noog old-timers.

## Counselors Wanted

Rabbi Philip Goodman has announced that applications for positions as counselors at Camp Ta-a-noog, the I. S. home camp, are now being considered.

A few vacancies are now open for these positions. Appointments for interviews may be made by telephoning UNIVERSITY 4-6729.

## A "Night of Stars" Meets Ovation From Receptive Audience

### Refugee Musicales Draws Large Assembly

Before a large and enthusiastic audience, a group of talented German exiles presented a "Night of Refugee Stars" on last Tuesday evening, April 18th, from the stage of the auditorium of the Institutional Synagogue.

#### Nazi-Banned Music Featured

Featuring a program of music consisting mainly of music banned in Nazi Germany, Martha Pollak, pianist; Frederick Polnauer, violinist; Leo Rostal, cellist; Emmy Joseph, soprano; Mascha Benya, soprano; and Edward Bing, baritone, interpreted music for solo instruments and solo voices as well as chamber music of various other forms.

#### Artists Receive Ovation

The performances of the distinguished German artists met with keen appreciation on the part of the audience. Prolonged applause was given to the various selections.

#### Program Varied

The feature of the evening was Mendelssohn's Trio in D Minor, Opus 49. Music by Korngold, Meyerbeer, Lully, Moskowski and Toch was also heard. Vocal works by Bruell, Goldmark, Offenbach, Verdi and Mozart gave color to the program. Rounding out the offering was a series of Palestinian folksongs and songs of Hebrew origin performed by Mascha Benya.

#### Thanks to Committee

The Committee in Charge of a "Night of Refugee Stars," which was designed primarily to aid victims of the Nazi terror, was headed by Mr. Charles J. Greenfield. Thanks are due to the large and active committee which co-operated in ticket sales.

## League To Meet On April 27th

### To Be Held At Hotel Peter Stuyvesant

A new and active I.S. adjunct, the Institutional Synagogue League, will hold a meeting and get-together at the Hotel Peter Stuyvesant, 86th Street and Central Park West on Thursday evening, April 27th.

#### Large Attendance Expected

A large attendance of I.S. friends, members and old-timers is expected to attend the meeting and participate in the discussion around which the meeting will focus. The League, as it has been temporarily designated, was formed very recently, and is well on its way to a varied program of activity.

#### Siegel to Speak

The main speaker of the evening will be Congressman Isaac Siegel, President of the Institutional Synagogue. A panel discussion is also scheduled to be conducted.

#### Speakers in Panel

Concerned with "various phases of the activity and history of the Institutional Synagogue" the panel discussion will include among its participants Mr. Arthur D. Goldstein, Mr. William Canton, Mr. Theodore Charnas, Dr. Irving J. Silverstein, and Dr. Jacob Rachunow.

#### Objectives Outlined

According to Dr. I. J. Silverstein, Temporary Chairman, the organization is to participate in a broad program of philanthropic, cultural and social activities.

## Circus Comes to Town For I. S. Children

When the circus comes to town it's time to clutch a bag of peanuts and let your lower jaw drop in amazement at the antics of the clowns and the intrepid daring of the trapeze artists.

Exactly this will be the routine of the day when children of the I. S. will attend the Ringling Bros., Barnum and Bailey Circus on Monday, April 24th.

Just to make the day a perfect one, arrangements have been made for the distribution of free peanuts.

This I. S. outing has been made possible through the kind cooperation of the management of the Circus, which opened in New York on April 5th.



## I. S. Cue

## STORY

A Hollander traveling by railroad in Germany was startled when a storm trooper suddenly appeared and greeted him with the words, "Heil Hitler." The Netherlander grumpily responded with "The Devil With Hitler." My friend," replied the brown-shirt, "You had better be more careful. Hitler will soon come to your country." To which the Dutchman's coup de grace was, "Yes. We are expecting him. We already have the Kaiser."

## THRILLS

When day is done . . . listening to the good boys who work hard discussing life, women, society and politics . . . and their usual conclusion . . . O . . .

The remarkable resemblance that Director Charles J. Greenfield bears to motion picture actor Edward Arnold . . . see photo in March 10th issue of the "Institutional."

Listening to the young ladies arguing about the respective merits of their Satnite beaus.

## WISE WORDS FROM A WISE BOOK

A committee is a thing which takes a week to do what one good man can do in an hour.

Genius consists in snatching success from the jaws of defeat.

Folks who can, do; those who can't, chin.

Be severe with nobody but yourself.

A boy is a man in the cocoon; his life is big with winged possibilities.

## HERE AND THERE

Max Fried is proudly telling all to call him "uncle" since his sister Ida gave birth to a baby girl.

Ernest Kohn is now being called "John Barrymore" since he won that award for his acting in the recent One Act Play Contest.

Is "The Enemy" coming on May 27th.

Little Abraham Goodman calling a club member a doorman . . . because he wore a Clinton Hi class cap.

Understand Sophia Rhine is a swell cook.

What member of the staff just loves to hear that song hit "Bei Mir Bist Du Schoen."

## Jewish Welfare Board Holds 22nd Annual Meeting

Dr. Henry Noble MacCracken, President of Vassar College and Dr. Salo Baron, Professor of Jewish History at Columbia University, will be the principal speakers at the twenty-second annual meeting of the Jewish Welfare Board, Sunday, April 23rd, at the Y.M. H.A., 92nd Street and Lexington Avenue, N. Y. C.

This occasion, to be presided over by Judge Irving Lehman, will bring together delegates from 325 YMHA's, YWHA's and Jewish Community Centers of the United States and Canada, of which the Jewish Welfare Board is the parent body. These youth-serving agencies have a combined membership of 380,000.

## A Tribute To Col. Michael T. Friedsam

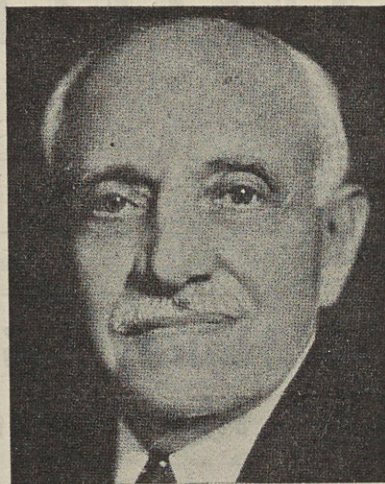
(Reprint of article published a short time after the decease of Colonel Friedsam, on April 15th, 1931.)

"The nation paid its tribute to a distinguished American and a great Jew, when last week there was laid to rest, Colonel Michael Friedsam.

"He loved to be generous without display. He gave freely without desiring to have his name plastered all over the walls of the recipient institutions. Of him it may be truly said, that he was a gentleman amongst gentlemen, who added, in unmeasurable words, to the glory and renown of the Jew.

"Indeed, the cause of Jewish education has lost one of its best friends. The City, State, and Nation are poorer since he has passed to the Far Beyond.

"No more loving and greater tribute to his memory can be paid than to say of him that he was never a knocker, but always a builder. He did fine things, and in the memorable language of Kingsley, let us say of him: 'to labor with zest and give of your best, for joy and sweetness of giving; to help folks along with hand and with a song,' was what actuated him, typifying real religious thought which humanity can never forget; hence, it is that we believe that he came into



Colonel Michael Friedsam

this world inspired with the thought that he was born to bring sunshine in every way, during the time that he was to sojourn here.

"Well may every boy study the life work of Michael Friedsam and follow in his footsteps. We, of the Institutional Synagogue, will never forget him."

—ISAAC SIEGEL

## Turning the Pages

Reviewed by Marc M. Siegel

**THE WAR AGAINST THE WEST.** By Aurel Kolnai. 710 pp. New York. The Viking Press. \$4.00.

People in democratic nations have, for the most part, observed the rapid rise to power of Adolph Hitler and his National Socialist Party with a feeling of disbelief and horror.

To the larger number of these observers the continued control of the German people by a band of brutal barbarians has been a condition as untenable as it is incomprehensible.

And each day of each year since 1933 the more sanguine have looked for the downfall of a government which has reverted to the philosophy and the methods of the middle ages.

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Aurel Kolnai, a liberal Catholic thinker, has viewed the philosophical understructure of the Nazi regime. His is not a message of encouragement to the liberal forces of the world. For his exhaustive study recognizes Nazism as the final flower of a philosophy that has long had its roots in Teutonic "Kultur."

Essentially it is an intellectual war against the West, dedicated to the eradication of the Western ideal of the common humanity of all men. Substitution of the Tribal ideal, subjugating the individual and returning to the social organization of leader and slave is the ideological attempt of Nazism.

Kolnai is the first to make a systematic and scholarly approach to the literature of Nazi Germany. In so doing he has offered the greatest defense of the Western mind that can be made—that that mind comes to resolution only after weighing and considering, that the only credo it will subscribe to is one of tolerance, and truth through tolerance.

In support of Aurel Kolnai's conclusion it becomes our duty to understand the antagonistic philosophy of which he treats. Towards that understanding no book could be more helpful than "The War Against The West."

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**ANGLO-JEWISH LETTERS.** By Cecil Roth. Soncino Press, London. 333 Pages. \$3.25.

"Anglo-Jewish Letters" by the noted historian, Cecil Roth, presents a rare collection of letters written during the past eight and a half centuries. The letters have been written either by Jews in England, or Christians who wrote to Jews.

The reader is introduced to all types of personages including financial wizards and beggars, heroes and rank imposters, saints and pseudo-messiahs.

Dr. Roth has spared no effort in ransacking printed records, rare pamphlets, and public and private archives. His personal library of original manuscripts has also contributed to this volume.

Love-letters, private gossip, business letters, literary correspondence and political epistles—all go to make up a most interesting and odd book.

Among the authors of the letters are Richard I, Menasseh ben Israel, Moses Hart, King George III, Daniel Mendoza, Mayer Amschel Rothschild, Sir Moses Montefiore, Charles Dickens, Benjamin Disraeli, George Eliot, Solomon Schechter, and Lord Balfour.

Many of the letters are published here for the first time and one can glean many interesting sidelights on the history of the Jews in England as well as on English history and literature.

Much of the material in "Anglo-Jewish Letters" will prove fascinating not only to historians but to the layman as well.

## Poet's Corner

## Morning Song

By Solomon Ibn Gabirol

At the dawn I seek Thee,  
Refuge and rock sublime,—  
Set my prayer before Thee in the morning,  
And my prayer at eventime.  
I before Thy greatness  
Stand, and am afraid;—  
All my secret thoughts Thine eye beholdeth  
Deep within my bosom laid,  
And withal what is it  
Heart and tongue can do?  
What is this my strength, and what is even  
This the spirit in me too?  
But verily man's singing  
May seem good to Thee;  
So will I thank Thee, praising, while there dwelleth  
Yet the breath of God in me.

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