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Palestine's Development

TOLD BY MEYER ELASSER

Nathan Straus Palestine Advancement Society and Local Hadassah Will Banquet Returned Holy Land Traveler

Arrangements are being perfected for a banquet given in honor of Meyer Elasser by the Nathan Straus Palestine Advancement Society in conjunction with the Los Angeles Hadassah chapter, on Wednesday, March 26, at the Ambassador hotel. At an arrangement luncheon meeting held Tuesday at the Renaissance, the following were present: Rabbi Edgar F. Maginn, Henry Klein, Jacques Roussio, Alexander Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Steinberg, Marco R. Newmark, L. Lowenstein, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell S. Meyers, Alexander Brick, Julius Salmonson and Simon Lewis.

The affair promises to receive a great deal of attention from the membership of the various Jewish temples of the city as well as from friends and people interested in the constructive work being done in Palestine at this time.

LOS ANGELES GIRL TO STUDY WITH CALVE

Miss Rosenblatt One of Fortunate Four to Accompany Diva to Italy

Miss Edith Rosenblatt is a Los Angeles girl, the daughter of Mrs. Theodore Rosenblatt, of 3674 South Arlington avenue, who went to New York city to take a four years' course in voice culture, piano and languages.

Word has been received here that she was one of a fortunate group of four girls selected by Madame Emma Calve to be taken to her castle in Italy for a nine months' study course. They expect to spend a month in Athens and will then go to Italy, the land of mellow throats, of inspiration and of art.

Miss Rosenblatt has many friends here to rejoice at her good fortune and to be proud of the talent she has shown.

J. C. R. A. TO HOLD TENTH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

New Executive Secretary to Launch Drive for Free Clinic

The tenth anniversary banquet, given by the Jewish Consumptive Relief Association of California, at the City club on Saturday, March 29, will launch a \$50,000 drive for the erection of a free clinic for consumptives.

This announcement is made by the new executive secretary, S. Lubarski-Dehalla.

The banquet will open the drive which will last during April.

"Friendly America" And Its Helping Hand to Immigrants

HEAD OF IMMIGRANT EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS GIVES ADDRESS WHICH IS REVELATION TO HEARERS

By Mrs. J. N. Greenberg

Miss Flora Smith, head of the immigrant education department in the Los Angeles schools, spoke to the ladies who attended the regular monthly meeting of the Immigrant Aid committee of the Council of Jewish Women, February 20. Her understanding of the immigrant mind and heart was a revelation to her audience and inspired them further in their own efforts to create the impression of a "friendly America" in their relations with the newcomers. "These immigrants," she said, "are not the scum, as some people think, but like all of us, some better, some worse. They come here full of longing for all of the educational opportunities we have to offer. The men and children have naturalization classes and the public schools, but it is most important that we get hold of the women, too. If the mother does not understand the language or customs of this country the child often feels superior in his own newly acquired wisdom and much juvenile delinquency is caused when the mother has lost control or the home in this way.

A pathetic story was told of a little boy who tore up his report card because he was ashamed to return it to the teacher. His mother had had to put a mark on it because she could not write her name. That mother vowed that she would not cause her child such embarrassment again and came from eighty-third street to Central avenue every morning to learn to read and write English. She was one of 4,000 foreign women who attended such classes in the Los Angeles public schools last year. Miss Smith recalled the debt we owe to foreign geniuses, enumerating some of the well-known musicians and artists who gave us pleasure. "We don't want them to forget their mother country, but to add to their love for that a new warm love for America. They become better citizens by holding to the good they owe to foreign geniuses. She praised the women of the committee for their interest and efforts and told

of certain instances which she knew of, where their work had been the foundation for most noble human structures. The chairman of the committee, Miss Wrottenberg, explained the dire need for further facilities to efficiently conduct the work, and through the personal responses of the many good women affiliated with various Jewish organizations throughout the city, it is hoped that the required amount will soon be forthcoming. One of the members, Mrs. Meyers, has coached a play, "The Book of Ruth," given by the members of the Custer Street Community Center, which he is to be produced at two other centers by request. The Immigrant Girls' club had its first meeting last Sunday and promises great possibilities in the interchange of ideas between the fine type of newcomers and the Jewish college girls, as the members of the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority are to act as hostesses at the next meeting. A fine "get-together" spirit was manifested and a dance is already being planned.

The Alpha Beta Kappa sorority is contributing \$10 a month to help a certain frail little girl in school who would otherwise have had to get out and work. Mrs. Frankel reported the organization of a class of immigrant women in Hollywood who are to be taught English.

Dr. Moellner of the Southern Branch University of California is to give the extension course in this line of work and 20 of the women present signed up for the lectures. It is most gratifying to record the enthusiasm and generosity of the members of the enlarged Immigrant Aid committee. Even when the chairman explained that the case which was a most serious responsibility, involving at least one visit every week and a general obligation to adjust each member of the family, she found no lack of earnest volunteers. The reports of those who have already served are so satisfactory and seem so of mutual benefit received that they inspire others to participate.

Novel Explanation of Forty Years Wandering of Israelites In The Wilderness

NEW INSCRIPTIONS UNEARTH ED IN PALESTINE THROW NEW LIGHT ON AN OLD SUBJECT

A new explanation for the 40 years wandering of the Israelites in the wilderness before entering the promised land is furnished by the excavations of the University of Pennsylvania at Bethshean, in Palestine, according to Dr. Clarence Fisher, who is on a brief visit to this country after more than two years in charge of the university's archaeological work in Egypt and Palestine.

The explanation is the simple one that for approximately 40 years after the exodus Palestine was thoroughly garrisoned by the Egyptians. The time of the exodus is fixed somewhere near 1225 B. C. by an Egyptian inscription by Ramses II, on a monumental stone found last season in the Egyptian fortress at Bethshean. Inscriptions at the fortress indicate that the Egyptians were able to maintain their hold on Palestine for only a few decades after Ramses II.

"This does not contradict the Biblical narrative, which makes the 40 years' wandering a punishment of the Children of Israel for their idol worship," said Dr. Fisher, "but it suggests another reason why 40 years were required in covering the brief distance from Egypt and made their escape. They could not go to a country which the Egyptians held with strong forces. But the grip of the Egyptians on Palestine was becoming weakened, and about half a century after the exodus they might have found a weak spot in Egyptian rule and started to penetrate Palestine."

Hebrew Relic Being Brought Here. The inscribed stone or stela of Ramses II, which is said to be the most important relic of early Hebrew history in existence, is on a ship on its way to Philadelphia. Its importance lies mainly in one line, in which Ramses II. says that he "took certain Semites," and made them build a name city for himself. This is the only outside confirmation ever found for the Biblical account of the oppression of the Hebrews in Egypt.

"The word used for Semites on the inscription is one that would only be used for the Israelites," said Dr. Fisher. "It is a perfect corroboration for the statement in Exodus that Pharaoh used them to build the store cities of Ramses and Pithom. It makes it a certainty that Ramses II. was the Pharaoh of the oppression. I think it is possible that he may have been the Pharaoh of the exodus, although this may have been his son Merneptah."

"The Israelites were never far in Egypt. The cities they built were close to the present site of Port Said. They were almost on the border of Palestine and had to travel only a short distance to cross the Red sea and escape."

Nearly all the remainder of the stone inscription, which is eight feet tall, is devoted to praise of Ramses II, but in it occurs a single word which has caused a sensation among the authorities of the University of Pennsylvania. The occurrence of this one word has caused orders to be issued to resume the excavation of Bethshean at the end of the present rainy season and to specialize in the search for letters written by the ruler of Bethshean imploring the aid of Egypt to be brought to light in Egypt in the famous Tell-el-Amarna correspondence. This correspondence consists of letters received by Akhenaton, the father-in-law of Ramses II, and by his predecessor of Akhenaton, from cities in Palestine and Syria, from the Babylonians in Mesopotamia and from the Hittites in Asia Minor. They were written in the wedge-shaped Babylonian characters which were used in international correspondence at this period. The cities of Palestine and

Syria complained of "a strange people" invading the region, and ask the aid of Egypt to expel them.

Tells of Hebrew Invasion. "It has been conjectured that this 'strange people' was the Hebrew race, but nothing is known for certain on the subject. It is hoped that the other half of the correspondence will be found by next season's excavations at Bethshean and will tell more about the strange invaders."

"The only way that the history of this time can be reconstructed is by digging," said Dr. Fisher. "Egypt is nearly exhausted. Palestine has not yet been touched. Our site at Bethshean is the first great one in Palestine to be touched. It commands the valley of Armageddon and the roads connecting Egypt with Syria and Asia Minor, so that it was always an important place. The archaeological remains show that it goes back to the stone age and it will probably help to unravel much of the history of the early races which appeared at this meeting place of Europe, Asia and Africa. The debris of the successive civilizations which have occupied the site form a thickness of about 150 feet. We have so far removed only a few of the top layers."

Dr. Fisher said there was evidence that Ramses II. had introduced the Philistines into Bethshean, which was held by them until it was taken by David at about 1000 B. C. "The Philistines seem to have come from the north of Greece and made their way slowly around the Mediterranean," he said. "Ramses used them among the mercenaries of his army, together with men from Sardinia, Cyprus, Rhodes and elsewhere. When Egyptian power gave way it is probable that the Philistines of his army at Bethshean welcomed the Philistine immigrants to the city. We are gaining information about the mercenaries in the Egyptian army at Bethshean from excavations in a cemetery of the Egyptian and alien burial customs and burial objects."—New York Herald.

Hollywood Temple Beth El Dedication Will Be Held Next Sunday With Appropriate Exercises

AFTER MUCH STRUGGLE AND HARD WORK A SUITABLE SYNAGOG HAS BEEN ERECTED IN THIS IMPORTANT SECTION OF LOS ANGELES

(Special to B'nai B'rith Messenger.) Temple Beth El of Hollywood will celebrate the dedication of its new building Sunday, March 3, at 2 o'clock at 1508 North Wilton place. Elaborate ceremonies befitting the occasion, at which time the entire rabbinic and representative men and women of the community will be present to participate in a special program has been arranged for the occasion.

The completion of the Temple Beth El's new building and the dedication of same, is another link added to strengthen and perpetuate the faith of the Jewish fathers, and to advance the ideals, hopes and human advancement which Judaism stands for.

Invitations have been forwarded to hundreds of friends and members of the congregation, inviting them to present and to participate in the festivities on this joyous occasion.

Many of the cinema stars of Hollywood's filmland, headed by Miss Carmel Myers, will also be present to add a bit of enjoyment to the program.

It was on October 5, 1921, that Temple Beth El was organized with 17 charter members, with Ed Wise, president; J. Miller, vice president; and L. Kirstein, secretary-treasurer. Services and Sunday school was held in a rented bungalow at 1414 North Wilton place, where these few members met often, and while encouragement was slow to their effort in organizing a temple for the northwestern part of the city, yet their enthusiasm could not be dampened. Real estate values were then in-

creasing rapidly, and these few pioneers, realizing the urgent necessity of securing a piece of ground centrally located that would be suitable for a synagogue and social center, much effort was put to work in securing the present location. The lot is now worth double the original purchase price.

After the property was purchased and secured, the matter of building was being agitated. Regardless of the fact that the money for this project was not in sight, a building committee was appointed. This committee comprised financiers who had unbounded faith in their purpose and a contract for the present building was given to S. A. Brown, who was the builder and architect.

Now that the building has been completed and the dedication services are being planned for this Sunday, the ardent workers of the congregation, who boast of a feeling of accomplishment, considering their number and very limited means, nevertheless feel a sense of thankfulness and responsibility, and they will see to it that all those good and kind people who have responded to this cause at various times will not be forgotten, in addition to the feeling of satisfaction that a duty has been well done.

Much credit for the success of the congregation can be given to the splendid work accomplished by the Ladies' auxiliary of the temple. This organization of hard workers has been its mainstay, and the success achieved by the parent organization can be accorded to the women who

have given their time to making various social events financial successes.

"Much thanks is due to the officers and members of Sinai temple," said L. Kirstein, chairman of the dedication committee, the other day "for the splendid co-operation and moral support that they accorded on every occasion. Especial thanks is due also to Rabbi Edgar F. Maginn of Temple B'nai B'rith, for his kindness and interest on various occasions."

The present officers of the Temple Beth El are Ed Wise, president; Bernard Minsky, vice president; Joseph Miller, treasurer; L. Kirstein, financial secretary, and E. J. Peiser, recording secretary.

Officers of the Ladies' auxiliary are: Mrs. L. Kirstein, president; Mrs. S. Kress, vice president; Mrs. E. Wise, treasurer; Mrs. S. Schwartz, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. L. Lewis, financial secretary.

One of the successful features in connection with the Temple Beth El is the Sunday school, service held under the direction of Jacob Weinstein, who is the cantor for the congregation. Cantor Weinstein has a fine corps of assistants, who also deserve special mention for their splendid efforts to make the Sunday school services a success.

The committee in charge of the dedication services Sunday afternoon, March 2, are as follows: L. Kirstein, chairman; Messrs. Bernard Minsky, Ed Wise, Howard Liechtenstein, L. Weinstein, M. H. Rappaport, S. Feldman, Louis Lipsey, A. Horowitz, M. Chasson and H. Altman.

Children's Bureau of Council Inaugurate Class for Study of Child Training Under Noted Psychiatrist

The Children's bureau of the Council of Jewish Women held a meeting Tuesday at 618 Junior Orpheum building, to hear Dr. Ernst Hoag in his explanation of the plan for a university extension course, which will be started under the auspices of the bureau early in March.

Dr. Hoag is a psychiatrist and writer of note, among his books being "The Health Index of Children," "Our Fear Complexes," "Crime, Abnormal Minds and the Law," "Health Work in the School."

The course planned, which will be under the Children's bureau of the council, which has arranged with the university extension department for it, will include a discussion of the child and its training, consideration of early mental hygiene, heredity, training, physical conditions, home hygiene and school problems, the causes of instability of children, the measurement of intelligence and the problems of delinquency.

This course will begin Tuesday, March 4, the session to be held at

11 o'clock a. m., at room 616, Junior Orpheum building. The fee for the course will be \$6.00, with a class limit of 25.

Anyone desiring information regarding this course, please call the office of the Children's bureau, 883-890, or phone 435-896.

The regular meeting of the Children's bureau will take place Tuesday morning, March 4, room 616, Junior Orpheum building, at 9:30. The various chairmen of departments are requested to bring their monthly reports.

B'NAI B'RITH MESSENGER PRESENTS COUNCIL NUMBER OF DE LUXE

The B'nai B'rith Messenger takes pleasure in presenting with this week's edition the February or Council of Jewish Women's number of the De Luxe edition of The Messenger, which shows something of the importance and value, as well as the nature of the work being done by the Los Angeles section.

A careful perusal of these pages will arouse a feeling of pride and surprise on the part of those interested in the Los Angeles Jewish community and its work.

Some of the finest bits of civic and social work have been successfully undertaken by the representative Jewish women who make up this section and have attracted the attention and secured commendation from all cognizant of it.

The Messenger commends to the attention of its readers this issue, and endorses most fully the splendid work of the fine representative Jewish women responsible for it.

JEWISH AID SOCIETY DOING HEROIC WORK

Brings Together People Who Need Jobs and Jobs That Need People

The annual report of the Federation of Jewish Charities shows an appalling increase in dependent families and individuals in Los Angeles during the last few years. The great influx in population is bringing in a more than proportionate number of sick people who become dependent upon public relief. The Family Welfare department of the federation is doing heroic work under the circumstances.

There are at present a number of good openings for housekeepers, cooks and other domestic help listed with the Federation Free Employment bureau. The State Employment bureau and the employment bureau of the County Charities have been co-operative in referring to the Federation Free Employment bureau calls for Jewish housekeepers. The bureau is glad to be able to help any Jewish woman desiring employment in a private home. Write this person at 242 North Bunker Hill avenue to file application.

THREATEN TO CLOSE SCHOOLS

The Turkish minister of education issued an announcement to all schools which are under the supervision of foreign organizations that unless provision is made in them for religious instruction the schools will be closed.

Rabbi S. M. Neches of Congregation Beth Israel Requests Los Angeles Jewry to PRAY FOR RAIN

In accordance with our custom I do hereby request all Jews of Los Angeles to say the special prayer at the end of the daily prayers, for rain, which is much needed now. I hope that the Lord of Israel will listen to the words of His servants and bless us bountifully.

RABBI S. M. NECHES.

Esther Baum Memorial Scholarship Founded At Medical College

WILL BE AWARDED ANNUALLY TO SOME JEWISH WOMAN DESIRING TO STUDY MEDICINE

The fund of \$5,000 sought by the women of the Jewish community of Philadelphia to found a scholarship at the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, Twenty-first and North College avenue, Philadelphia, in memory of the late Miss Esther Baum, well-known Jewish charity worker who was devotedly interested in the education of girls, has been completed. It was announced yesterday by Dr. Martha Tracy, dean of the college.

The scholarship has been named the Esther Baum Memorial scholarship and is to be awarded annually to a Jewish woman student who desires to study medicine. The scholarship is not to be limited to persons living in Philadelphia or Pennsylvania, but is open to any woman student in the United States. A committee will be appointed shortly to pass upon applicants for the scholarship, which will be awarded for the first time for the school year of 1924-25.

Mrs. S. Belle Cohen, chairman of the committee which raised the fund, announced that \$4,200 had been contributed by the Women's Federation of Synagogue Organizations. Subsequently amounts subscribed privately brought the total to within \$200 of the goal sought, and Albert M. Greenfield, in honor of his wife, gave the sum which completed the fund.

Presentation of the fund to Dr. Tracy will take place with appropriate memorial exercises, at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, March 2, at the Knesseth Israel Alumni building, Philadelphia.

The Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania is the only institution in the United States in which women exclusively are trained for the medical profession. It was founded in

Jewish Situation In Europe

DR. FREY WRITES FROM NICE

Tells of Jewish Community in Famous City of Southern France—Personal Viewpoint Concerning Important Happenings

The following articles from the pen of Dr. Sigmond Frey, who with his wife and son is now sojourning at Nice, will be found of especial interest by many friends here.

Dr. Frey writes that the family is all enjoying excellent health, although Mrs. Frey and son, Bert, were ill and under hospital care.

Says Dr. Frey: "The weather here is fine, no indication of snow. All the hotels are crowded."

The travelers expect to leave soon for Naples and also expect to visit Tompego, the city that was covered by the lava from Vesuvius in the year 70.

The Freys wish, through the columns of The B'nai B'rith Messenger, to be remembered to their many friends here, whom they have not forgotten.

By Dr. Sigmond Frey NICE

Nice is the Eldorado of people who can afford to satisfy the desire to avoid the winter season and to spend the months that bring snow, ice and cold in general, in a sunny, warm climate. Nice is the same latitude as Los Angeles, and though our city is much nearer for many Americans than this city in the south of France, a great number of visitors that are here hail from our country. One might say every state in the union is represented. It may be unnecessary to add that many Jews are here from abroad.

Here is a congregation that numbers 260 members. They have a nice temple that is about 70 years old. Services are conducted every day, according to the S'phardic Minhag. Organ and choir on the Sabbath and holidays. Week day services have a pretty good attendance, also ladies that recite the Kaddish, but on Saturdays every seat is occupied. I noticed a few ladies were seated with their husbands while a great number of women were in the synagogue.

Saturday a full ceremony place. After the Torah was read, young mother brought her baby up to the altar and the rabbi made the child and pronounced a blessing. The mother's face was shining and betrayed her innermost emotions. Such a ceremony, which may appear insignificant to many, bears evidence that Judaism is still very much alive. A marble tablet in the interior of the temple informs the visitors that 24 members of the Jewish community lost their life defending their country (France). In every Jewish house of worship in Austria, France, Germany, Italy, etc., you find these monuments of Jewish heroism and their sacrifice and yet our good friends dare to proclaim that Jews have no fatherland and that they are cowards. There is no B'nai B'rith lodge here. At the services I met Jews from New York and Cincinnati, from London, from Paris, Budapest (Hungary) and from Warsaw, Poland.

The congregation intends to build (Continued on Page Six.)

Judaism Today

We must take heed lest we make idols of such terms as "system," "efficiency," "saving time" and some of the other catch words that have burst forth out of the shell of a commercial and material civilization. Man was made for something more than business. He must look to his livelihood but not make it his entire life. —Rabbi Edgar F. Maginn.