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**Hias: 90 Years of Help**

For the devotees of the French aphorism, "The more things change the more they stay the same," the history of the United Hias Service is a good case in point. The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society was formed in the 1880's to help Jews fleeing from the oppression of Czarist Russia. Now as United Hias Service celebrates its 90th anniversary it finds that once again the majority of its work is dealing with Jews emigrating from Eastern Europe to find a new life elsewhere.

The work of Hias does not need any introduction to American Jews. There are few Jews living in this country whose parents or grandparents, if not they themselves, or some other relative, was not helped by Hias. There can be no more moving sight than the one viewed by Hias personnel frequently of families being reunited after years of separation. Hias' great work was during the years before the immigration quota was enacted in the United States and during and just after the Nazi period. But its work continues throughout the world and last year it helped resettle 3688 Jews and this year it plans to help 5000 find new homes as well as aid some 50,000 others.

Gaynor I. Jacobson, executive vice-president of Hias, pointed out during the organization's anniversary meeting in New York recently, that Hias is prepared this year for a continued large-scale immigration of Soviet Jews, for the possibility of Jews being allowed to leave the Arab countries and for the eventuality of an upsurge of activity in Latin America.

Hias' president Carl Glick noted that "the history of the Jewish people is the history of migration...As long as Jews have the need to move, Hias will be there to help them migrate to freedom."

But continued support of Jews for Hias is not a matter of philanthropy. It is just the case of former immigrants helping the immigrants of today.

**Pressure**

by RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

So the National Religious Party finally did join the cabinet of Golda Meir.

Assuming that the cabinet is still intact as of this reading, the agreement of the religionists to sit with Golda Meir is some thing of a miracle.

The pressures on the Israeli religious forces to say no to Golda was enormous. Most of the pressure interestingly enough came



ROSE E. MATZKIN, NATION PRESIDENT OF HADASSAH, WITH JERUSALEM MAYOR, TEDDY KOLLEK WHO IS READING BALM IN GILEAD, THE STORY OF HADASSAH BY TIME MAGAZINE'S MAN-IN-JERUSALEM, MARLIN LEVIN.

from the U.S.

The most detailed blow-by-blow account of how U.S. Orthodox leaders importuned their Israeli counterparts to stay out of the government is to be found in a fascinating Yiddish weekly called Der Algemeiner Journal (The General Journal.)

Edited by Dr. Gershon Jacobson, himself an ordained rabbi, the Journal describes in detail the manner in which many renowned Orthodox leaders exerted influence upon the Israelis. The central issue, of course, was the validity of conversions by non-Orthodox rabbis.

The devout ones wanted Israel to rule that a person brought into the fold by a Conservative or a Reform rabbi cannot qualify for instant citizenship as is the case with a "kosher" convert.

It should be pointed out that many Orthodox leaders here did not take part in this interference with the politics of Israel.

But many did. The many included the president of the Rabbinical Council of America, Rabbi Louis Bernstein; the famous Rabbi Moshe Feinstein; the equally famous Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik; and the celebrated Lubavitcher rebbe, whose role in the matter evoked the comment by Golda Meir that people were trying to run her government from Brooklyn.

For days and weeks, the Americans burned up the telephone wires in a systematic lobbying effort to get the pietists in Israel to say no to Golda.

Indeed, one of the lobbyists told Dr. Jacobson, "With the money we spent on transoceanic phone calls we could have bought a Phantom Jet."

Wow!

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**TELL TALES**

"One Man Plus The Truth  
 Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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Little is known of Abe's ring record, except that he fought in the 110 pound class.

One of Abe's best friends through the years turns out to be Monsignor McDougall of the Cathedral of the Madeleine in Salt Lake City, where Abe ran the best "speak-easy in town. It was during the prohibition era and Abe catered to the best people, including the Captain of Police Vice squad.

Each year Abe sent the Monsignor the biggest of Christmas cards and on one occasion the mail brought a dinner plate embossed with a picture of Pope Iius II giving a blessing. A Mass was offered for Abe by the Monsignor, who ended his letter with: "God bless him. His name is inscribed in my heart."

Abe continued to make friends and spread happiness even after his death. His entire estate, except for \$10 to a distant relative, was bequeathed to Jewish causes.

Sammy Cohen, named executor in Abe's will, sent the final checks out last week. After all personal and burial bills were settled, the remainder amounted to \$7271.00. This was distributed proportionately to Rabbinical College, Kol Torah, \$1816.00; Hadassah Medical Relief Assn., \$1089.00; City of Hope, \$1089.00; National Jewish Hospital, \$1089.00; National Jewish Fund, \$1452.00 and Temple Beth Sholom, \$725.00.

Sammy's final words about Abe are: "He was a little man with a big heart."

To which we add "Amen."

**PASSOVER FEATURE**

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later, Jews the world over are deeply concerned with the problems of its future security and development.

As we read the Passover Haggadah at the Seder service, and commemorate the ancient Biblical Exodus from Egypt, we rededicate ourselves anew to do everything possible for the country that has given new and modern meaning to the cause of Jewish liberation and freedom. This effort in behalf of Israel takes many forms: financial aid through the support of the United Jewish appeal and the Israel Bond campaign; aliyah to give added depth and strength to the Homeland reborn; and positive expressions in behalf of the justice and righteousness of Israel's cause as a freedom loving member nation of the human family.

We are thankful that there is peace today in the Middle East, as tenuous as it may be. We are grateful for the role played by the United States government in providing aid and sustenance to Israel at the time of its greatest need. We are proud of the nation of over three million Jews that has developed in the twenty-six years since the State of Israel was proclaimed.

As we observe Passover this year, it is appropriate also to recall that this November marks the beginning of the year of the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Israel's first president and for many years leader of the World Zionist Organization. There can be no greater tribute to Dr. Weizmann than the reaffirmation of our faith in Zionism as a valid program of liberation. The philosophy of Zionism has made possible not only the Jewish State, Israel, in giving a new life to the many thousands of Jews emigrating from Russia and the Arab states in North Africa and Asia, is a dramatic manifestation of the miracle of the modern-day Exodus that in years to come will be a part of a Passover story that continues to be written daily.

PHILADELPHIA: -- Dr. Solomon Zeitlin, Distinguished Professor of post-biblical literature and institutions at the Dropsie University, was inducted a Fellow in the Jewish Academy of Arts and Sciences in recognition of his contributions and accomplishments in the field of arts and letters.

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