

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### PALESTINE HOUSING PROBLEMS.

Jerusalem.

Tens of thousands of dwelling-rooms are needed by the Jewish population in towns and villages, including 20,000 rooms in Tel-Aviv alone, to relieve the housing shortage. After the war the need will undoubtedly rise with the return of those men and women now serving in uniform and the admission of newcomers. With a view to exploring the building problems in Palestine both during and after the war, the Association of Engineers and Architects in Palestine is holding an exhibition during June in the Hebrew Technical Institute grounds in Haifa, in order to demonstrate the increased use of materials to be found or developed locally. Designs submitted by Palestinian Jewish architects and engineers on the best type of housing suited to local climate and other conditions are also to be on view.

### PALESTINE INDUSTRIES.

Jerusalem.

Palestine Jewish industry at present employs 23 per cent. of all the wage-earners in the Yishuv. The value of their production is over £20,000,000 sterling compared with £8,000,000 production in 1937. This statement was made in connection with the Jewish Agency's enumeration of industries now starting. There are 2,000 industrial establishments in urban and rural areas.

### CONVALESCENT HOME FOR CHILDREN AT NETAYIM.

Jerusalem.

Buildings belonging to the Jewish Agency at Netayim, outside Rishon le'Zion, are to be used, under plans now being formulated, for an all-the-year convalescent home for school children, under the auspices of the Central Parents' Educational Committee of Tel-Aviv. A company with a special share capital is to be established to conduct this sanatorium, and similar convalescent homes planned in the vicinity of Jerusalem and Haifa. The cost for the Netayim convalescent home is expected to be £P8,000 to £P10,000 in the first year, when some 3,000 children will be catered for. The Tel-Aviv Municipality will contribute 60 per cent. of the sums needed; the others will come from individual fees.

### PALESTINE ORCHESTRA.

Jerusalem.

After completing their "foreign" season, consisting of four tours to Egypt and two tours to the Lebanon, the Palestine Orchestra returned to Tel-Aviv after a few days' stay in Beirut.

### MEDICAL CONFERENCE AT BEIRUT.

Jerusalem.

Some 30 Jewish physicians from all parts of Palestine will participate in the Beirut medical conference organised by the Fighting French Physicians' Association. The party of Jewish doctors will be headed by Prof. Arieh Feigenbaum, of Jerusalem, who is going in his capacity as Dean of the Hebrew University Medical Pre-Faculty.

### HADASSAH-GUGGENHEIMER PLAYGROUND FUND.

Jerusalem.

A playground in Jerusalem's park on King George Avenue was formally opened on June 2nd by the Hadassah-Guggenheimer Playground Fund, which provides swings, seesaws and other attractions at a cost of several hundred pounds.

### VALUABLE DOCUMENTS FOUND.

Jerusalem.

The entire records of the first Agricultural Workers' Federation in Judea, when it was founded in 1912, have come to light, and valuable documents have been found by the Labour Movements Archives and Museum in Palestine, in 190 office files of the Merkaz Chaklai of the Histadruth, now handed over to the Archives.

### SCHOLARSHIPS AT HAIFA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

Jerusalem.

Three new scholarships have been endowed at the Hebrew Technical Institute in Haifa.

The sum of £250 was bequeathed by the late Mr. Lazarus Mirkin, of Port Elizabeth, South Africa, to Dr. Weizmann, "for any purpose in Palestine, preferably an educational object." Dr. Weizmann decided to allocate the money to the Technical Institute.

### JEWISH ARTISTS' EXHIBITION.

Jerusalem.

"From Oppenheim to Chagall" (Jewish Artists, 1814-1914) is the exhibition now on view at the Bezalel Museum. More than 200 works are shown.

"The Society of Friends of the Jewish National Museum, Bezalel," has just issued its first lithograph, "Prayer," by Abraham Goldberg. A series of similar lithos and etchings by Palestinian artists is in preparation.

### PALESTINE FISHING.

Jerusalem.

According to provisional estimates, the fish catches are expected to be double that for the preceding year. During the five months ending February, 1943, the increase was 80 per cent., most as a result of deep-sea trawling from the southern ports of Palestine. The yield by artificial ponds rose by only 20 per cent.

### SWIMMING LESSONS IN PALESTINE SCHOOLS.

Jerusalem.

The Jewish Maritime League of Palestine is now sponsoring the introduction by the Vaad Leumi Education Department of compulsory swimming lessons in all of its schools. A special committee has been appointed for the purpose. In 15 places where there are swimming pools, systematic instruction is beginning at once, whilst plans are being drawn up to construct swimming pools for children elsewhere.

### "UNITY AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM LEAGUE."

London.

Two thousand people attended an inter-denominational mass meeting arranged by the "Unity Against Anti-Semitism League." Father Reny who presided urged that they should redeem the debt they owed to the genius of the Jewish people. Miss Eleanor Rathbone rejected the claim that the admission of more refugees would cause anti-Semitism. Mr. Hannen Swaffer praised the high standard of Palestine Jewry as proof that there would be a chance for Jews in a better world. Mr. Driberg, M.P., urged the combating of anti-Semitism by law and decreased alarm and despondency.

### WORLD CONGRESS OF FAITHS.

London.

"The Jewish people will survive because it has an ideal," said Mr. R. A. Butler, M.P., addressing the World Congress of Faiths, which was attended by two thousand delegates under the presidency of Lord Samuel.

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## The Tea with the BEST FOUNDATION



While war conditions have reduced the quantity available, nothing will ever induce us to lower the quality of "Five Roses" Tea.

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He declared that the Government intended to give all children the opportunity to be brought up in the faith of their parents. Chief Rabbi, Dr. J. H. Hertz, criticised world reaction to the extermination of Jews and said that only organised religion clearly and loudly denounced the foul crime in history.

### AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S SYMPATHY

Melbourne.

The Australian Government is sympathetically considering the Emergency Committee's memorandum advocating the rescue of European Jewry. Members of the Cabinet have publicly expressed their sympathy. Minister of Health, Mr. Holloway, said we must fight until freedom was obtained for everyone irrespective of race and religion.

### WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.

New York.

A three-day conference of the National Women's League of the United Synagogue passed a resolution demanding free immigration to Palestine under the control of Jewish Agency, also a Jewish Commonwealth.

### ORT TRADE SCHOOL OPENED AT HAVANA

New York.

The Governor and the Mayor of Havana representatives of the Ministry of Education, the American Consul and ambassadors of other foreign countries, as well as representatives of Jewish organisations, were present at the opening ceremony of the first Ort Trade School in Cuba, which provides technical courses in electrical work, in the manufacture of leather goods for men and dressmaking for women. The school is proving a godsend to the large number of refugees at present in Cuba. The authorities have been very sympathetic and, according to Dr. Boris Aizowitz, who was one of the prime movers in the establishment of the school, the Governor of Havana has consented to assume the title of Hon. President of the Cuban Ort.

שבת

The Beth Din announces that Sabbath Commences on June 18th at 5.23 p.m. and ends at 6.11 p.m. on June 19th.