

**FROM MY DESK.**

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the Admiralty. Apparently the finest achievement by the British Navy during the year and its most pressing responsibility was to intercept 14 floating hulks carrying Jewish immigrants to Palestine and to prevent them from reaching their long-awaited destination. What a travesty of justice! Those on board the little ships were the miserable remnants of millions who had been crushed beneath the Nazi heel—tortured and annihilated by the enemies of the British Empire. If I had been the Financial Secretary, I would have been so ashamed that my Government's policy had forced the Navy to stoop so low that I would have passed over this painful episode with as few words as possible, instead of boasting about it. Apparently tastes differ!

**Heard This One?**

Mrs. Minkowitz was entertaining a gentleman friend to dinner. She was very proud of her "Blintzes," and they seemed to find great favour with her guest.

After he had helped himself liberally, she pressed him to take some more. "Thank you very much," he said, "but I have already had six or seven."

"You've already had eleven," replied Mrs. Minkowitz, "but who counts around here?"

**Immigration Certificates for Displaced Jews.**

Jerusalem.

One thousand two hundred and forty certificates have been sent to the Control Commission in the British Zone of Germany for distribution among Jewish D.P.'s of whom the first party of 400 are leaving Marseilles aboard the ship "Providence" on 5th April. They represent the quota for December to March.

**Habimah to Visit U.S.A. and England.**

London.

Mr. Zvi Friedland, of Habimah, is now in London with the purpose of arranging for London's Old Vic Company to visit Palestine, after which the Habimah will come to London early next year.

These exchanges are the result of a recent visit to Palestine of Tyrone Guthrie, the head producer of the Old Vic, who produced "Oedipus Rex" for the Habimah, and was greatly impressed by its work and artistic standard.

Before going to England, Habimah will visit the United States of America.

Bucharest.

Fratai Zoltan, a Transylvanian Hungarian, has been arrested by the police in Bistritza for smashing the local memorial to Jews who were deported to extermination camps. He will be tried by court martial in Cluj.

Baba Rogoian, former supervisor of the Baia Mare ghetto, has been arrested by local police under a charge of having tortured Jewish women and girls whilst searching them for hidden valuables. She will be tried by the tribunal in Satumare.

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**Seder Evening at Zionist Hall.**

UNIQUE PROGRAMME ARRANGED FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH.

As previously announced, the Western Province Zionist Council is holding a "Third Seder" on the evening of 6th April in the Major Zionist Hall. The function will cater for all tastes and a novel programme has been arranged. There will be four questions on appropriate subjects. Replies will be given in serious vein by Dr. A. Birnbaum, Dr. J. Mibashan and Mr. A. M. Melamet, and in lighter mood by Mr. G. Laden. Stage presentations include a Youth choir, a tableau and songs by Mr. Harry Rabinowitz, the well-known baritone. There will also be organised community singing. Light refreshments (strictly Pesachdik) will be provided, and an enjoyable evening is assured.

As guests will be seated at tables, accommodation is rather limited, and those desirous of attending are advised to book immediately. There is a charge of 2/6 per head to cover catering. The plans are open at the Zionist Office, 85, Plein Street, Cape Town.

The Council has also suggested that similar functions be arranged by Zionist societies throughout the Western Province and a number of these are at present being prepared.



Hilda Sacks, the young Cape Town pianist, who went overseas for further study and experience, was recently awarded a 94 per cent. pass as solo performer in the Licentiate examination of the Royal Academy of Music, London.

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