

## The New Biology Building at the Hebrew University.

The need for a new Biology building at the Hebrew University has been felt for some time. The present accommodation for the Departments of Botany and Zoology is far from adequate to meet the requirements of the students in these subjects, and in recent years it has been impossible to accept all those who applied for admission.

The problem of accommodation will become yet further acute when the Undergraduate Medical School is opened next year, since studies in natural science will constitute the curriculum during the first two years of the medical course. The need for the new Biology building, therefore, has become imperative.

The building (a report of the groundbreaking ceremony was published last week) will occupy an area of 2,000 sq. metres, will have three floors, and the total floor space will be 5,500 sq. metres. Facing east, it will command a magnificent view of the Desert of Judaea, the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea, and, in the distance, the hills of Moab.

### DESIGN FOR THE BUILDING.

The design for the building was selected out of 36 entries submitted in a country-wide competition held recently. The winner was Mr. Joseph Klarwein, an architect from Germany, who is at present a lecturer in the Haifa Technical Institute. In drawing up his plans, Mr. Klarwein allowed himself to be guided not only by the purpose to which the building will be devoted, but also by the character of the site and by the buildings already established in the vicinity. He has rigorously avoided anything that might destroy the effect of an organic unity, and the style of the new building, which will be carried out in stone and concrete, will be in keeping with that employed in the Ratnoff Building (Post-Graduate Medical School), the Rothschild-Hadassah University Hospital and the Henrietta Szold Hadassah School of Nursing.

The plan provides for three distinct wings to the building: one to house the Department of Botany, another for the Department of Zoology and the third to meet the common requirements of both departments. It will contain a large lecture room to accommodate about 200 students, three large laboratories, each of which will accommodate between 40 and 50 first and second year students, a number of smaller laboratories for more advanced students and accommodation for botanical and zoological collections.

The wing for the Department of Botany is being erected with funds out of the munificent bequest of the late Mr. Isaac Ochberg, of Cape Town, which is the largest ever received by the University. It will be known as the Isaac Ochberg Memorial Wing, and the department it houses will bear the names of Isaac and Pauline Ochberg, as will also the scholarships for research students and scientists in the department.

Another contribution which has made possible the erection of the building is that of £P.10,000 from the Bernard Baron Fund (England). Since part of the building will be used by students of the Undergraduate Medical School, one-third of the costs will be defrayed from the proceeds of the joint 4,000,000 dollar Hadassah-University drive in the U.S.A.

It is expected that the new building will be completed within a year, when it is planned to open the Medical School.

### DEATHS.

GERVIS.—Passed away peacefully our dear friend Rabbi I. M. Gervis of Johannesburg. Deeply mourned by Mr. and Mrs. M. Jankelowitz and daughters, Retreat.

## British Friends of Hebrew University.

### ANNUAL MEETING.

London.

The British Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem have, in the first nine months of the financial year 1946-47, collected £67,000 for the use of the University, which is twice the total amount raised during the last financial year, it was announced at the annual meeting of the organisation. It was stressed, however, that half of this sum consisted of funds earmarked for endowments and special purposes.

The main speaker was Professor Selig Brodetsky, who reported on the recent meeting of the Board of Governors of the University, held in New York. He expressed the hope that the proposed Medical Faculty will be able to open its doors in the autumn of 1948.

Professor Brodetsky pointed out that the Hebrew University was the only one of its kind in the world which was dependent for its existence on thousands of contributors scattered all over the world. "The University has no Government behind it," he said. "I look forward to the day when it will have a Jewish Government behind it, but that is not yet a reality." He declared that the Yishuv did not pay sufficient attention to the needs of education in Palestine, explaining that the number of Jewish students was too small.

Viscount Samuel, who presided, said that when the United Nations investigating committee comes to Palestine, "we shall be able to present for its inspection one of the finest pieces of constructive cultural activity to be found in the modern world."

Professor Norman Bentwich, Chairman of the organisation, said he had expected the students to carry out protests and strikes against British policy in Palestine, but they were so intent on studying that they kept the University free from political activity. He said that the University was undisturbed during the past year by the troubled conditions in Palestine.

## Jewish Cultural Centre in London.

London.

The construction of a £300,000 Jewish cultural centre in London will begin shortly, Mr. Nathan Beitler, chairman of the New Yiddish Theatre said on Tuesday. It would be a memorial to Jews who died in the war.

Budapest.

Leaflets calling on Jews to "assert themselves" and to "build up Judea in Hungary" have been circulating in the city of Debrecen and the surrounding townships, it was reported here. Jewish leaders have branded the leaflets a forgery and expressed the opinion that they were issued by groups seeking to provoke anti-Semitic disturbances. Police are investigating the origin of the literature.

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DORSHEI ZION ASSOCIATION.

A SPECIAL

### GENERAL MEETING

will take place at the

ZIONIST HALL,

Hope Street,

on

TUESDAY, 3rd JUNE,

at 8.15 p.m.

Agenda: Election of delegates and adoption of resolutions for forthcoming S.A. Zionist Conference.

## A Message to the Jewish Public.

### 1947 J.N.F. Campaign to Start in June.

The Western Province Jewish National Fund desires to draw public attention to the announcement, made in recent weeks, that Dr. and Mrs. Granovsky and Mr. Harry Levin, who will head the 1947 campaign, are due to arrive in South Africa early in June.

Local contributors and others interested are cordially invited to a workers' meeting to be held at the Zionist Hall, Cape Town, on

MONDAY, JUNE 2nd, 1947,  
at 8.15 p.m.

At this meeting the campaign in the Western Province will be formally

initiated and the campaign executive constituted. The inaugural campaign receptions are scheduled for the beginning of July with the arrival in Cape Town of the official delegation.

From Johannesburg, where the opening dinner is due to take place on June 11th, comes news of active and enthusiastic preparations, and the Western Province committee is confident that the same eagerness to assist will be manifest here.

It is hoped, therefore, that there will be a record attendance on Monday night.

## No Special Jewish Department within I.R.C.

Lausanne.

The plan for establishing a special Jewish department within the International Refugee Organisation has been dropped because demands for creating similar departments dealing with the specific problems of Baltic, Ukrainian and Polish refugees unable or unwilling to return to their respective countries, had been raised by organisations generally considered to be of a Fascist character. Instead, relief organisations doing field work, will obtain a special status enabling their close co-operation with I.R.O. officials in the various zones.

The Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Committee of the International Refugee Organisation, Mr. Arthur J. Altmeyer, announced that the I.R.O. Constitution has now been signed without reservation by Iceland and Australia. This brings the total number of signatories to 16. Contributions by these countries, according to the share allotted to them, would cover 75.28 per cent. of the operational budget.

## Jewish Newspaper Correspondent Among Passengers of S.S. "Hatikvah."

Jerusalem.

Although the Palestine Government has denied that any Americans on board the s.s. "Hatikvah" have been arrested, it was learned here that among those arrested is the correspondent of the New York "Jewish Morning Journal", Mr. Shmuel Izban, who boarded the refugee ship at the place of embarkation and accompanied the refugees on their voyage. He is now being held in Haifa prison and has appealed to the American Consul in

## Death of S.A. Pianist in London.

London.

Mr. Hyman Sachs, the well-known South African pianist and broadcaster was found dead in bed at his home on Tuesday. He had apparently died in his sleep on Saturday night. He was 45 years of age.

Mr. Leonard Sachs, the actor and producer, telephoned his brother on Sunday and receiving no reply, assumed that he had gone away for a long week-end.

Jerusalem to effect his release.

The American Consul allegedly replied "this is a peculiar situation for an American citizen to be in," but promised to take up the matter with the Palestine Government.

## Former Deputy Commandant of Vilna Ghetto Executed.

Lodz.

Antoni Taraszkievicz, former deputy police commandant of the Vilna ghetto, was hanged here following his conviction on charges of directing the torture, deportation and murder of thousands of Jews.

During his administration of the Vilna ghetto, two of its bloodiest pogroms occurred. He was also responsible for the organisation of mass deportations of Jews from the ghetto to concentration camps in the vicinity of Kaunas. The only Jewish witness to appear against him was Hannah Zlotnick, who recognised him in the streets of Lodz and informed the police. After the Red Army overran Vilna, he escaped into the Soviet Union and later returned to Poland as a "repatriate."

In the streets of Wroclaw, a Jewish doctor recognised and caused the arrest of Joseph Gorniewicz, who had murdered 11 members of his family. Gorniewicz was the Gestapo chief in charge of the Baranowice ghetto, whose liquidation he supervised. It is estimated that some 20,000 Jews died during the liquidation.

## Belgium Returns Property to Jewish Refugees from Germany.

New York.

The Belgian Government has enacted legislation providing for the return to German Jewish refugees of property seized under the laws of 1944 and 1945 impounding the property of "enemy nationals," it was disclosed here by the World Jewish Congress, making public a letter of appreciation sent to the Belgian Ambassador in Washington.

The newly-enacted law frees from sequestration property of Jews, former enemy nationals, who were deprived of their German citizenship under Hitler. Jews who can prove that they were victims of German aggression will regain their property. Jewish holders of certificates proving non-enemy affiliation, or those who themselves or a member of whose family served with the Allied armies or in one of the Allied resistance movements, automatically come within the scope of the new law.