

**BOOK REVIEW.**

"Judaism and Christianity: The Differences."  
By Trude Weiss-Rosmarin, Ph.D. The Jewish Book Club, New York.

The premise of this authoritative, yet popular, study of the basic character and the teachings of Judaism and Christianity is that religious "good will" should not and must not be confused with raising all bars and obliterating or denying the differences between Judaism and Christianity. Accordingly Dr. Weiss-Rosmarin states in the introduction to her book that "the notion that Judaism and Christianity, to maintain harmonious relations, must level their distinctive characteristics, is really a totalitarian aberration. For democracy is predicated on the conviction that dissimilarities and differences are no cause or justification for inequality. The democratic solution is that those of different views and beliefs respect the dissimilar views and beliefs of their neighbours."

Marshalling an imposing array of pertinent material from Jewish and Christian ancient and modern literature, Dr. Weiss-Rosmarin shows where and how Judaism and Christianity differ in their interpretations of basic religious concepts, such as the God idea, miracles and other supernatural phenomena, "free will," sin and atonement, "original sin" and reward and punishment. Of particular interest are the chapters "Attitudes to Asceticism" and "Faith vs. Law" in which the author inspiringly delineates the optimistic this-worldliness of Judaism and its healthy, yet by no means materialistic, realism. There is a lengthy chapter dealing with the misinterpretations of Judaism by Christians which should go a long way in correcting and doing away with painful prejudices. Another important section of Dr. Weiss-Rosmarin's latest book is devoted to the founder of Christianity, whose teachings and character are objectively probed and proved to be contradictory to the basic convictions of Judaism.

The bulk of the present volume was published as a series of articles in "The Jewish Spectator" magazine of which Dr. Weiss-Rosmarin is the editor. Hundreds of letters from readers suggested that this authoritative and popular treatment of one of the most important problems of modern Judaism be made available in book form. "Judaism and Christianity: The Differences" is a volume which no intelligent Jew can afford to miss. It combines the traditional approach with scientific objectivity and presents a happy synthesis of scholarship and popular presentation.

**Obituary.****MR. HYMAN POLSKY.**

The death took place in Johannesburg of Mr. Hyman Polsky, the well-known Yiddish journalist, at the age of 73.

The late Mr. Polsky came to South Africa from London in 1910, and in the following year assumed the editorship of the Yiddish weekly "Der Afrikaner." He filled this position with distinction for twenty-three years, and his work became well known throughout South Africa. Outside of the Union, articles, short stories, novels and sketches from his pen appeared in leading Yiddish periodicals in Europe and America.

Shortly before the war a committee was formed, under the chairmanship of the late Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau, to bring out a collected edition of his stories and sketches. The volume was printed in Warsaw, but the whole consignment was lost when the ship which carried it was torpedoed by a German submarine.

The late Mr. Polsky is survived by his wife, two daughters and two sons, one of whom is in the army.

Resolutions of condolence with Mr. Polsky's family were unanimously adopted by the Executive Council of the S.A. Zionist Federation, and at the monthly meeting of the Board of Deputies.

**LATEST CABLES.**

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**New Sportsfield on Mt. Scopus Opened.**

Jerusalem.

The inauguration was held on 28th June of the new sports field on the Hebrew University grounds on Mount Scopus. A sports tournament followed the official ceremony at which the Rector, Professor Mayer, Mr. Norman Lourie, President of the Balfour Park Association, Johannesburg, and the Administrator of the University, Dr. Senator, spoke. The sports field was donated by the Balfour Park Trust which aspires at cementing friendly relations between peoples and races by means of sport.

Mr. Lourie stated that the South African Balfour Park Trust was planning to establish a physical training centre and sports club on Mount Scopus for all races.

**Free Port in Libya for Refugees**

New York.

Mr. Stettinius, Under-Secretary of State, addressing a dinner tendered to Mr. Sol Bloom, Chairman of the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee, on the occasion of the planting of a Bloom forest in Palestine, said that Britain had agreed to establish a free port in Libya for refugees from Italy and Yugoslavia, and predicted that other nations would also open their doors to refugees.

Dr. Stephen Wise attacked the Republican Palestine plan under which Pres. Roosevelt is charged with being insincere in his pledge for the fulfilment of the Balfour Declaration.

**American Consul's letter to Husseini Party.****REPLY TO MEMORANDUM TO PRES. ROOSEVELT.**

Jerusalem.

The American Consul here has sent a letter to the Husseini Party in reply to their recent memorandum addressed to Pres. Roosevelt. The letter states that Palestine is a British Mandatory territory, and that the British Government is responsible for the administration of the country. The American Government, the letter added, thought that no fundamental change in the Palestine mandate should be made until a more appropriate time.

At the same time, it concluded, all Governments responsible for re-establishing peace and maintaining law and justice in the post-war world, would strive to obtain full agreement in finding a solution of the Palestine question, and would consult both Arabs and Jews.

**Refugee Musician Conducts Palestine Orchestra.**

Jerusalem.

Mr. Leo Mirski, the well-known musician, who is a refugee from Yugoslavia, and who recently arrived in Palestine from a camp in Ferramonte, Italy, very successfully conducted a concert of the Palestine Symphony Orchestra on 3rd July in Tel-Aviv.

New York.

The American Jewish Conference has postponed its session in Chicago in accordance with a request from the Office of Defence and Transportation. Two or three months' delay is expected.

New York.

The United Jewish Appeal, which is seeking £8,000,000 for rescue programmes, announced that its constituent organisations had spent £5,150,000 in six months to aid Jewish war victims.

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Washington. Congressman Dickstein introduced a resolution expressing the sentiments of Congress that persons spreading anti-Semitic and racial propaganda are playing Hitler's game. The resolution was referred to the House Representatives Judiciary Committee.

Jerusalem. Mr. Schwarz, the European chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, arrived in Palestine en route from Italy, described the activities of the J.D.C. in sphere of help for refugees and rescue at a press conference in Jerusalem on June.

Jerusalem. £1,250,000 was expended by the Y. for education in the year 1943/44. A million pounds came from tuition fees and levies on the Yishuv. The remainder came from Jewish Agency and the Government. Figures were given by the Vaad Leumi.