

# BALFOUR DAY

7th NOVEMBER, 1948

Pay your tribute to the Defenders and Builders  
of the State of Israel by planting

## The "Fighters of Israel" Forest

Commemorate those who have fallen in the  
defence of Israel by planting a

# MEMORIAL WOOD

Within the Fighters of Israel Forest

BUY TREES on SUNDAY  
November 7th, 1948

### THE COST OF TREES

One Tree	6/-
A Garden of 100 Trees	£30
A Grove of 1,000 Trees	£300
A Forest of 10,000 Trees	£3,000

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Attend the opening of the Sea Point  
Israeli Bazaar, Monday, 15th Novem-  
ber, at 8 p.m. by Mr. H. M. Bloch,  
K.C.

(Continued from Fourth Column.)  
"Tell me," he said to his wife,  
"how do I finish a letter to the  
Chevra Kadisha. Yours truly or  
Yours faithfully?"  
"Neither," said his spouse, "the  
best way would be yours eventually."

# From my Desk

... By ...

**HASOFER**



### Dr. J. L. Magnes.

The passing of Dr. Judah Leon Magnes removes from our midst a man with whom many disagreed, but whose genuineness and sincerity of purpose, even his bitterest opponents never doubted. Magnes will be remembered for his work on behalf of the Hebrew University long after his unflinching pacifist activities will have been forgotten, and when all talk of a "bi-national" parity will be a mere historical record. It was significantly fitting that he, and Dr. Chaim Weizmann, should have been the first two Jewish leaders to be "capped" at the Hebrew University as Doctor of Philosophy "*Honoris Causa*".

### For Old And Young.

In the spate of functions and events organised for the Israeli Campaign, it is seldom that both youth and age have been catered for as they will be at a function to take place in a fortnight's time. Miss Riva Sakinofsky, assisted by a group of zealous workers in Tamboers Kloof, has arranged a braaivleis cum dance, cum what-you-will, to take place on a farm not too distant from Cape Town. Apart from the actual braaivleis there will be dancing in one of the barns to music supplied by a Malay orchestra. The older people will be able to find their amusement in a nearby cottage which has been set aside for card games, and other entertainment. Incidentally, I understand, that one of the difficulties is trying to get the Malay Orchestra to learn the intricacies of a Horah.

### My Kingdom For A Horse.

As is customary at such affairs there will be numerous games and competitions. The most novel is the one for which the prize is a real live four-legged horse. I shall most certainly enter this competition with the hope of winning. What Jew ever goes in for a competition without that hope. My only worry is that if I win the horse where, in a modern flat, will I be able to keep it? In any case I'd still like to win the horse. Imagine my "friends" saying about me "hêr hot saichel vee zein ferd."

### Communal Centre.

My last week's reference to a communal centre has evoked a comment from Mr. I. Hickman, Chairman of the Jewish Ex-Service League. It would appear that the League is desirous of finding a place suitable for erecting a memorial tablet as a tribute to those who paid the supreme sacrifice in the last war. A communal centre would have been the ideal building for this. Here, it would appear, is yet another opportunity for a concerted communal effort. I can hardly conceive of a more worthy way of paying tribute to those who, without thought of self, offered their lives, than by the establishment of a Memorial Centre or Club. In connection with Rosecourt I omitted to mention that the Ort Oze hopes, when space becomes available, to erect properly equipped workshops, for training as for entertainment.

### On Wills.

It is strange how careless most people are about so important a matter as a will. Now-a-days, it is true, most people do draw up wills,

but some of the institutions which they mention are virtually non-existent. The proper designations of many of our charitable and other organisations are so garbled, and the instructions given to the attorney so vague, that difficulty is often encountered in establishing which institution it was desired to assist. Whilst on Wills, I recently learnt a very interesting fact. It would appear that it is not quite legal for a parent to make a bequest to a child conditional upon the legatee not marrying out of the Jewish faith.

### An Odd Story.

D. L. Meckler, Editor-in-Chief of the "Jewish Morning Journal," a Yiddish daily, tells the story how a German youth with a beard and peeth recently came to Rabbi Shapiro, head of the J.D.C. religious department at Munich, with a request that he be converted to Judaism. The surprised Rabbi looked at the youth, who from all appearances seemed Jewish. The young man told him in a Galician Yiddish that his parents lived on the outskirts of Berlin when Hitler rose to power. His father was a Jew, his mother a Christian. The mother became a Nazi and informed against her husband, who was "liquidated." When the mother learned that her son was planning to escape to a neutral country, she betrayed him to the Nazis, who threw him into a camp. When the war ended the troubled youth was toying with the idea of telling the story about his mother to the officials. But he could not get himself to inform against her, realising she might perhaps receive a death sentence. Instead he joined a religious Kibbutz at Bomberg, where he was taught Hebrew and learned how to speak Yiddish. While there he raised a beard and peeth! When he came to Rabbi Shapiro, the Rabbinic organisation decided to make an inquiry into the youth's past for fear that his intentions might not be honourable. Pleased by the results of the survey, and the numerous interviews with the youth, the rabbinical body decided to convert the young man with all the traditional ceremonies.

### Visitor.

An interesting visitor whom I met this week is Mr. Montague Abbey, National Vice-Chairman of the Canadian Jewish Congress. Mr. Abbey is also the Chairman of the Western Division of the Congress. The Congress attends to all aspects of Canadian Jewish communal effort. The Canadian Congress is a representative organisation, and speaks in important matters for the whole Canadian Jewry. Amongst other of its manifold activities it controls Hebrew education throughout the whole of Canada. Incidentally, Mr. Abbey told me that we in South Africa have a difficulty in common with Canadian Jewry. The dearth of good Hebrew teachers is proving a terrific "head-ache" but despite this shortage there is no lack of interest or support for Canadian Hebrew education.

### The Solution.

Cohen was writing a letter to the Chevra Kadisha and had all but finished.

(Continued in Second Column.)