CONSENT OF TRANSJORDANIA TO DEAD SEA GRANT CAUSES DELAY, COMMONS HEARS
Amery Says Negotiations Conducted With Transjordanian Government
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Dec. 13—The consent of the Transjordanian Government to the draft of the concession to exploit the salts of the Dead Sea was delayed. This is the reason for the delay in granting the concession, declared Colonial Secretary Amery in reply to a question raised in the House of Commons by Major Glyn.

Major Glyn asked the Colonial Secretary to state why the granting of the Dead Sea concession was delayed, whether the company would be British and also whether the right of possession and a share in the royalties are being reserved for the benefit of Palestine.

In his reply, the Secretary stated that negotiations are now being conducted with the Transjordanian Government, from whom a reply is now awaited concerning the details raised in connection with the draft concession submitted. Discussion with another government involves inevitable delay. Col. Amery emphasized that he hopes for an early decision. He repeated his statement of last year that the concession has been granted to Moses Novomejski and Major Tullough, subject to terms satisfactory to both governments concerned being agreed upon.

The question was asked the Colonial Office whether negotiations on the Iraqi Haifa oil pipe line had been settled. The Secretary replied in the negative, stating that the matter has not been discussed between the French and English governments. Negotiations are being conducted by the Anglo-Palestine Oil Company, a private enterprise uncontrolled by the British Government.

Col. Wedgwood also asked whether the Werko tax for rural and urban districts in Palestine had been abolished. Col. Amery replied that it is still levied in rural districts. An urban property tax will be levied next April, he stated.

ELECTIONS PASS WITHOUT DISORDER IN ROUMANIA; MANIUI REGIME UPHOLD BY GREAT MAJORITY

Single Anti-Jewish Act Reported from Bessarabia; No Anti-Semitic Danger Threatens Jewish Population, Was Last Pre-Election Assurance of Government Members
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, Dec. 13—With the exception of a single anti-Jewish act reported from a Bessarabian town, no anti-Jewish disturbances occurred during the elections resulting in an overwhelming majority for the National Peasant Party and the Maniu cabinet.

Neither the Czustis, the anti-Semites, nor the Communists, succeeded in electing any representatives. The Liberal Party, the chief opponent of the Maniu government, elected only 10 representatives. The vote, as nearly as can be determined at this moment, was above 85% in favor of the Maniu government. The parliament has 376 members. Although final returns or lists are not available, it is almost certain that all Jewish candidates on the lists to the government parties were elected. It is not known yet is whether Dr. William Felderman, leader of the Union of Roimonan Jews, is among the 100 Liberal representatives elected.

A single anti-Jewish act was reported today by the “Adevarul” from the city of Arad. The synagogue was invaded and the Torah Scrolls desecrated. The Minister of the Interior telegraphed immediately to the local authorities to institute an investigation and apprehend the criminals.

Assurances that the Jewish population in Roumania is not threatened by any anti-Semitic danger in case the Maniu government is upheld, were given by various members of the cabinet in pre-election speeches delivered Tuesday night. Particularly emphatic was Minister Madgearu, who declared that the Jews of Roumania have nothing to fear. Even the student body, the most turbulent factor in the anti-Semitic movement in years gone by, is now returning to peaceful studies. Measures have also been taken by the Ministry of Education to clear the atmosphere in the secondary schools of anti-Semitic viruses, he stated.

“IT is quite natural that the abolition of censorship and the suspension of martial law gave freedom of the press, to our regret, also to the Communists, as well as to the anti-Semites, who have taken advantage of the privilege. However, the government, which wishes to establish freedom in the country, is strong enough and determined enough to prevent the slightest attempt at disturbing the peace,” Minister Madgearu declared.

The member of the Maniu cabinet then polemized in strong terms with assertions reported to have been made by Dr. William Felderman, Liberal candidate in Bucharest. “It is unfair to spread rumors that the accession of the Maniu government to power has revived the anti-Semitic movement. It is deplorable that Dr. Felderman did not condemn such assertions, although he knows that the regency as well as the government have at their disposal effective means and are earnestly determined to punish not only those responsible for acts, but even intentions, to disturb the peace of the country and citizenry,” he declared.

PALESTINE ORANGES TO BE IMPORTED TO CANADA
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Montreal, Dec. 13—Jaffa oranges from Palestine will shortly be placed on the Canadian market for the first time. A shipment of three hundred cases of oranges from his plantations near Jaffa has just been received by Asher Pierce of Montreal and is being distributed to Montreal and Toronto dealers.

The oranges were shipped from Palestine to Halifax, the Canadian port city. The oranges were sent from Halifax to Montreal by rail. The oranges were packed by a special process and have not suffered in transit. The question now being asked by those interested in promoting Palestine-Canada commercial relations, is whether this orange, which is recognized on the European market as the best, will take with the Canadian consumers. If this shipment of Mr. Pierce's proves a success, it will be the forerunner for a new market in Canada for regular shipments of Jaffa oranges, it was pointed out.

WARSAW AUTHORITIES CONFISCATE BOYCOTT ORGAN
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Dec. 13—The pre-Christmas edition of the “Roswoj,” organ of the boycott organization, was confiscated by an order of the Government Commissioner of the City of Warsaw.

The reason for the order was the publication of an appeal to the Polish population not to purchase Christmas articles from Jewish stores. “Buying from Jews is treason to the Fatherland,” was the inscription over the appeal.
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LAVANBURG HOUSING FOUNDATION TO GET $1,146,722 RESIDUE OF ESTATE

The estate of Fred L. Lavanburg, who gave liberally of his fortune during his lifetime for the building of homes and to many other philanthropies, was appraised at $3,024,471 net by Maurice A. Stephenson, Deputy Commissioner of Taxation and Finance. The Fred L. Lavanburg Foundation, a housing project, which he founded with an endowment of $750,000 a year more before he died, on August 5, 1927, receives the residue of his estate, amounting to $1,146,722. The residuary estate was reduced by debts of $2,197,481, some of them on stock brokerage accounts.

Mr. Lavanburg also left $500,000 to the Manhattan Lavanburg Home, an institution for girls, which he founded in memory of his mother, and to police women's association of hospital training schools for nurses $3,000 each.

Ms. Sarah L. Straus, sister, widow of Oscar S. Straus, former American Ambassador, received $302,355. To Louise Hecker, of Stamford, Conn., a friend, Mr. Lavanburg left $250,000, jewelry valued at $7,005 and the income for life from a trust fund of $150,000. Bequests of $100,000 each were left to two nieces and a nephew, $10,000 each to ten grandchildren and grandnieces. Fifty-eight employees received $352 each.

Commissioner Stephenson's appraisal showed that besides the legacies to the Fred L. Lavanburg Foundation and the Manhattan Lavanburg Home the testator in 1926 and 1927 gave to the foundation $335,566 and 5,000 shares of the New York Transportation Company, and to the home shares valued at $601,941. The Metropolitan Museum receives a Flemish tapestry valued at $4,500.

The will of Hyman B. Rubin, filed in the Surrogate's Court yesterday, creates trust funds and makes specific bequests aggregating $345,000. Mr. Rubin, who died on November 30, bequeathed $25,000 to Beth Israel Hospital, and $5,000 each to two free loan associations.

Mr. Rubin's largest outright bequest was one of $100,000 to his parents, Morris and Ida Rubin, of 131 West 110th Street. He created a trust fund of $25,000 to be divided into equal parts among any first cousins who, by their testamentary bequest, established their relationship within one year after the probate of the will.

Palestine Appeal at the Hotel Pennsylvania on Sunday, December 16. The annual meeting of the contributors to the United Palestine Appeal in Mount Vernon will be held on Monday evening, December 17.

Morris Rothenberg, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the United Palestine Appeal, will speak on "The Romance of Zionism" tonight at the Unity Temple, West 79th Street, New York.

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SEMINAR ON RELATIONS BETWEEN CHRISTIANS AND JEWISH LAW HELD JANUARY
Federal Council’s Committee on Good Will Issues Call

A joint gathering of representative Jewish, Catholic and Protestant men and women at which reliable material and information upon points of conflict and cooperation of Board of Cooperhill may be presented and discussed, and the findings made available for public use, is being planned by the Committee on Goodwill Between Jews and Christians of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. The Seminars will be held at Columbia University, New York City, on January 30th and 31st, 1929, the Rev. Everett R. Clinchy, secretary, announced.

The membership of the conference is to consist of fifty people from each religious group. First so many Catholics and Protestants will be represented equally; and secondly, so that the Seminar may be kept to such a size that group discussion and mutual acquaintance may be given the fullest opportunity, the committee stated. Men and women will be addressed as members of the Seminars, as representatives of their particular group, upon the basis of their interest in this subject, their previous experience in inter-racial and inter-religious contacts, and their power and willingness to further the interests of the group. The meeting will be held in these areas. Applications for membership should be sent in immediately so that those who are constituted as members may receive the preliminary information and data.

Three major topics will be discussed. Each of the three will be led by an authority in that field, with two other associates, so that the three groups will be represented by leaders. These topics are: (1) Vocational adjustments for minority groups; (2) Religious miseducation; (3) Community projects in which religious groups are not a cook-fillet, but in which they may cooperate.

A large public dinner in one of the New York hotels, at which speakers of national prominence will be present, is planned for the evening of January 31. Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, Martin Conboy, Louis Marshall, Professor Harrison S. Elliott, and Dr. Charles E. Jefferson will be among the speakers. Other experts in the special field will be announced later.

Applications for membership in the Seminars, and questions relating to it, should be sent to Everett R. Clinchy, Secretary of the Committee on Goodwill Between Jews and Christians, 105 East 22nd Street, New York City.

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ROSENWALD MAKES $1,200,000 GIFT TO CHICAGO UNIVERSITY
May Be Raised to $2,000,000 If University Raises Larger Amount

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Chicago, Dec. 13.—The gift of $1,200,000 by Julius Rosenwald, a member of the board of trustees of the University of Chicago and one of the university’s leading benefactors, was announced today by President Woodward of the University of Chicago.

The gift was made by Mr. Rosenwald towards a $3,000,000 building program which probably will be expanded to $5,000,000. If the University itself raises an additional $3,000,000, Mr. Rosenwald said he would increase his gift to $2,000,000. Construction of dormitories for men and women will be started as early as possible in the spring.

In making the announcement, Acting President Woodward predicted the development of a finer type of student life with the majority of the students, graduate and undergraduate, studying in quadrangles on university land.

It was stated that the Board of Trustees is prepared to take full advantage of Mr. Rosenwald’s offer, assuring the $5,000,000 program eventually, although only the $3,000,000 of building has been authorized.

OTTINGER PRESENTS CHASSIDIC RABBI WITH TORAH SCROLL

Attorney General Albert Ottinger, former Rabbi, will present a Scroll of the Law, which he ordered written by a European scribe, to the Congregation Kehilath Moshe, the Bronx, of which Rabbi Moses Epstein is the spiritual leader.

The presentation exercises will be held Saturday night, December 15, in the house of worship of Congregation Ain Jacob, 1426 Minford Place, where the Torah Scroll will be brought from Congregation Kehilath Moische, 1532 Hoe Avenue, with impressive ceremonies. Three thousand guests and representatives of various New York Jewish organizations and congregations have been invited to attend. They will witness the Siyum HaTorah (the completion of the Scroll).

Rabbi Epstein, a Chassidic leader known as the Borochov of Kishinev, “Rabbi of Ozerow” (Poland), is a descendant, as is the Attorney General, of Rabbi Meir of Rothenburg, thirteenth century sage and martyr. It is as an expression of esteem for Rabbi Epstein that the Attorney General presented the present presentation. Rabbi Epstein and Mr. Ottinger will speak at the exercises.

JUDAH D. B. NEWS LETTER

Conflict Between Rabbis and Cantors Over Marriage Statute Brought to Court

By Our Boston Correspondent

Boston, Mass., Dec. 12.—Judge John Duff issued summonses for the appearance in the Boston Municipal Court of 12 cantors next Wednesday when before the Chief Justice of the Boston Municipal Court, the cantors will be tried for illegally performing marriages. The bitter controversy between the rabbis and cantors here that has raged for more than a year will now be decided in the courts. Under the Massachusetts statute as interpreted by the Secretary of State, cantors cannot perform the marriage ceremony.

The state authorities have the backing of some of the leading Orthodox Rabbis who charge that self-styled rabbis are performing the ceremonies without the authority of the Jewish religious or State laws. The cantors that will be in court next Wednesday are affiliated with some of the leading congregations.

Every effort to settle the question out of court to date has failed. Conferences of the Association of Jewish Congregations and of the Association of Cantors have continued for some time but no agreement has been reached. Leading rabbis, including Rabbi M. S. Margolies of New York, and Rabbi B. L. Levinthal of Philadelphia, have been asked to appear here in order to back up the authority of the State.

The cantors as defendants will face the rabbis in open court when Judge Bolster, a non-Jew, will interpret the existing law. At no time in the history of the Jewry of Massachusetts has there been precedence for such a case. The efforts on the part of many who are neutral in the matter to take the case out of the courts and have it settled by a fair jury failed. Brod, editor of the “Boston Jewish Advocate,” has been asked to try to bring about peace.

Legislation in behalf of the cantors to remove the strict interpretation of the statute with a view of giving relief to the cantors was introduced at the last session of the Massachusetts House of Representatives but failed. As objections to the bill were made just at the closing of the session. There is divided opinion among both lawyers and rabbis as to the legalities of the question of who is entitled to perform the marriage ceremony. This will be the principal issue that the court will be asked to determine.

A year ago the matter came up before the Secretary of State and after a conference with all of the parties, the registrar told the rabbis and cantors to settle the matter among themselves. A statement was later issued by Secretary of State Cook, defining what is a rabbi. This definition was decided upon among the Orthodox and Reform alike. The definition read “a rabbi is one who is a graduate of a (Continued on Page 4)
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the association changed to the League for Inter-religious Good Will.

The Rev. Dr. Peter Ainslie, pastor of the Christian Temple, was elected temporary president; William H. Gideon, a Jew, was elected temporary treasurer, and William H. Claire, a Christian Scientist, was chosen temporary secretary.

Jews attending the meeting were Jacob Epstein, Dr. Harry Friedenwald, Rabbi Edward L. Israel, of the Har Sinai Temple; Reuben Oppenheimer, Dr. David E. Weglein, Superintendent of the Public Schools of Baltimore, and Mr. Gideon.

The board of managers will be composed of nine men from each of the three main groups. In addition to the executive committee, six standing committees will be appointed to deal with education, social service, program, publicity and publications, entertainment and extension.

In election of officers the president and the two vice-presidents will represent the three different groups.

Many prominent leaders of religious life in New York participated in a goodwill meeting held last night at Temple Emanu-El under the auspices of the Men's Club.

Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, the Rev. Francis P. Duffield, Dr. David de Sola Pool, the Rev. Henry and Chandler Robbins, Dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine; Justice Arthur S. Tompkins, John G. Agar and Dr. Nathan Krass were among the speakers.

RAI HOFFMAN TO DIRECT CORNELL HILLEL FOUNDATION
(Jewish Daily Bulletin)
Utica, N. Y., Dec. 13—Rabbi Isidor B. Hoffman, for the past three years rabbi of Temple Beth-El, Utica, N. Y., will become director of the Hillel Foundation of Cornell University next month. He will be advisor to several hundred Jewish students at the University. This is the first B'nnai Brith Hillel Foundation established in the East.

URGE NATHAN SWEEDLER AS CITY HOSPITAL COMMISSIONER

Nathan Sweedler, Brooklyn attorney, is urged as one of the commissioners under the new plan for the reorganization of the hospitals of the city, by two Brooklyn papers, the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" and the "Brooklyn Daily Times.

"Mr. Sweedler, because of his intimate knowledge of conditions, his high standing in the community and his unselfish devotion to such service, would be an admirable selection for the position of deputy commissioner of hospitals under the new form of organization," the 'Eagle' declares.

There are influential factors in Brooklyn's social and political life which would view with interest and pleasure the appointment of Mr. Sweedler to one of these posts. If energy, executive capacity and business

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rabbinical or a member of a national rabbinical body, or one who has been privately or purposely ordained according to Jewish law."

Under this interpretation most of the cantors were barred from performing the ceremony as they are not ordained members of any seminary. The cantors made a strong protest but the State authorities told them that only a change of the present law can bring about relief. The marriages which have been performed by the cantors are not invalidated by the interpretation, it was made clear by those who are in authority.

Major Walsh, a prominent non-Jewish lawyer, will appear for the complainants, and a Hurburgh has been retained by the cantors. The cantors upon this case as a test case and in the event the lower court does not reach a decision, the case will be appealed to the highest court, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

An array of rabbinical leaders including Rabbi L. L. Silber of Springfield, Mass.; Rabbi Israel Rosenberg, president of the Union of Orthodox Congregations, Rabbi M. S. Margolies, Rabbi B. L. Leventhal and others are among the authorities summoned.

The law as it now reads states: "a marriage may be solemnized in any place within the commonwealth by a minister of the Gospel, ordained according to the usage of his denomination who resides in the commonwealth and continues to perform the functions of his office. It is only the Jewish faith duly licensed by a congregation, said faith established in the commonwealth, who has filed with the clerk or registrar of the town where he resides, a certificate of the establishment of the synagogue, the date of his appointment thereto and of the term of his engagement."

The philanthropic endeavors of New York Jewry were praised by Mayor Walker Tuesday night in an address at the dinner of the Home of the Daughters of Jacob held at the Hotel Astor. The occasion was the thirty-second anniversary of the founding of the organization, which was celebrated by one thousand men and women who paid $100 a plate at the banquet, the funds realizing being applied to the $300,000 maintenance fund which the institution requires annually for its support.

Philip Weismain, chairman of the Committee in charge of the arrangements for the dinner, was toastmaster.

Mrs. Peter J. Schweitzer, president of the institution, spoke of the part played by women in the development of the organization, Col. Herbert H. Lehman, Lieutenant-Governor of New York, Rabbi M. Margolies, Albert Goldman, Commissioner of Plant and Structures, Mrs. Rebekah Kohut, Judge Otto A. Sinning, Sheriff Charles Bulken, and Aaron Sapio, also addressed the gathering.

ability constitute the touchstone for success in such an undertaking, Mr. Sweedler unquestionably possesses the needed qualifications," writes the 'Times.'

CONCERT OF ORIGINAL COMPOSITIONS by A. W. BINDER
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that without religious education no boy or girl can ever grow up to be either a true American citizen or to the American people, or to those of the Jewish faith. He has fought the battle of the minorities fearlessly and courageously.

"Three State Constitutional Conventions have seen him one of its members. Due to his own tireless and indefatigable efforts, his name as a lawyer of honor and distinction has spread to all the four corners of the earth. He has not never differentiated as to the hour of the day when he could render service to our country or to the cause of mankind. The history of the Jew in America for more than thirty years past, shows him always at the front line fighting for what he has deemed right."

Issac A. Gusdorff, for many years a leader in Baltimore Jewish life, died Tuesday night.

Prior to his retirement several years ago, he was president of the Eutaw Place Temple for eleven years. He also was interested in philanthropic work among both Jews and Christians, his name being associated with organizations interested in charitable causes.

Rabbi Samuel Schulman says:

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