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B.30 p.m. at New Synagogue Hall, Forty

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

Classic Jewish Theatre Group. Three One-Act Plays. Toynbee Hall Theatre. For further details see Forthcoming Events. Narmony Club. "Open House." Dancing, Snooker, Table Tennis, etc. Memads. An Inter-Club Debate with the Medina Society. The Cranbourne, Great Newport Street, W.C.2. 8 p.m. Visitors sincerely welcome.

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TALMIDA HACHAMA

Grammatical Form

the Editor of The Jewish Chronicle Sir.—Dr. Slotki—perhaps misled my using "means" in the sense of means literally "-appears to have missed my point, which was surely grammatical one. Nobody would denv that, in order to qualify for the appellation talmid hucham, a man must be learned himself, and not merely the pupil of a learned man; but the fact remains that the word talmid in the expression in question is in the construct state. If were in the absolute state, the plural of the expression would obviously hachamim, and not, as it actually is, talmidei hachamim. It seems to me to follow that a feminine talmid hacham, be she even as wise and learned as Rabbi Akiba himself, should be called

talmidat hacham. "Kingereth."

7 Briardale Gardens, N.W.3.

Six.—The phase talmid hacham means neither "a sage disciple" nor "a sage's disciple." It is an idiomatic expression and as such has lost the literal meaning of its component parts and acquired a meaning entirely of its own: a scholar (learned man) of great humility (Sotah 5a) and unblemished character (Sh. Hash, Rabba 4). His erudition and memory are well-nigh phenomenal: "Who is a Talmid Hacham? He who can readily quote any law chapter and verse" (Shabbat I14a freely translated). But accumulation of knowledge is not enough; he must make his own intellectual contribution to the advancement of learning: "A Talmid Hacham who has no opinion of his own is worse than a b'hemah" (Tanna d'bei Elivahu 86). As to the grammar of the phrase, which is the real bone of contention between Mr. Slotki and Sir Leon Simon. I confess that not until I read Mr. Slotki's

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the rooftaps of Soho to the Continental music, makers, Ray Gregory and his Music. Fully lic. cocktail lounge and coffee bar. Members 6/6, guests 7/6. (If wet, dancing in the Mirror Baltroom as usual.) Last Sunday a capacity crowd of the friendliest over-25s had a wonderful evening at Anglo-lawry's only derful evening at Anglo-Jewry's only open-air ballroom.
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half of the future, the luxurious Marques, 165, Oxford Street, W.1, where the more discerning and mature set meet in luxurious surroundings. You cannot fail to appreciate its unrivalled decor, charm, and sophisicated atmosphere. Tonight not just a band but a complete evening's entertainment, in person Mayfair's foremost vocal and multi-instrumental group, Ted Taylor and his Music. 7.30-11.30 p.m. Espresso Coffee Launge & Buffet. Members & Guests 7/6. This dance is for the older set. Rights of admission strictly reserved. strictly reserved. The International Set

annuunce that once again they taken over the luxurious, air-conditioned "Mayfair Room" at Selby's, Hanover St., Regent St., W.I., for their fourth function. Enjoy summer dancing in the best conditions in a beautiful ballroom with modern air-conditioning, no need to stifle in those over-crowded, stuffy cellors. This "Midsummer Ball." is for the older and more discriminating set, who have made dancing at Selby's so successful. Swing & cway to the exciting and pulsating music of TV & record star Peter Ricardo and his "Musique Tropicale." We always welcome Continental & provincial visitors to meet friends, old and new, at this Mecca for discerning dancers. Ms. & Gs. 7/6. 7.30 to 11.30. 27s to 45s Sunday Club. Tonight, as usual at the Shaftesbury Hotel, Monmouth St. Dancing to Max Lewis, in person, and his Band and Leslie Childs to welcome you. Dancing 7.30 to 11 p.m. Admission 8/6,

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

Club El Tere. Donce in London's cooles club, with the week-end atmosphere, 253, Finchley Road, N.W.3.

Club Vicens, 209, Baker St., Grand Dance tanight at your fav. mid-week rendez-ous. Members 2/6 before 9 p.m., 3/6 after.

Mr. M. Pered, Assistant Economic Counsellor to the Inradic Rantacary, discussed the situation in Inradic after the Sinal campaign at a meeting of the Stamford Hill broads of Ajex, at

Creat Russell Street.
London, W.C.J.

HILLEL HOUSE letter did I envisage the possibility of there being two opinions of the etymology of talmid hacham. Mr. Slotki asks for

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an authority for Sir Leon's assertion that

talmidim hackamin and not talmide

equalty conclusive by itself, is the alter-

native usage of talmid hachanim in the

same idiomatic sense as talmid hacham (Yerushalmi Sueca 53a).

The proposed innovation of talmida hachuma offends the ear and eye of any-

one familiar with Hebrew, whereas Sir

Leon's version of talmidat hacham is the

only form true to centuries of Hebrew

In the fourth line of Dr. Slotki's letter.

published in our issue of last week, the

word Hacham should have read Hochama.

GOOD RELATIONS

Activities of Zionist

To the Editor of THE JEWISH CHRONICLE

article, "Good Relations" (in your

June 7 issue), is to have the effect

desired it must also reflect more fully

and accurately the present modus

operandi used in the struggle for the

creation of good relationship between

In the course of your analysis you say

a serious deficiency at present is the

lack of a lecture bureau in London that

could supply lecturers for provincial

organisations . . . not for fund-raising

purposes. . . . There is a constant flow

of lecturers from Israel but there is no machinery for linking them with provincial audiences." Yet a glance at

the columns of your esteemed journal shows that an efficient machinery already

exists in London for this purpose, organised by the Central Jewish Lecture

Committee which co-ordinates lectures on

Israel with the Public Relations Com-

mittee of the Zionist Federation. No audience, either Jewish or non-Jewish

has gone wanting for a speaker on the

subject of Israel, and within my know-

ledge there has never yet arisen the problem of "expenses" or "fee."

Since "Sinai" (October, 1956) the

Federation alone has provided speakers

for 115 non-Jewish organisations, both

large and small, and well over 50 per

cent of them in the provinces. Apart from moments of crisis, the Federation, through the affiliated bodies in the pro-

vinces, is in constant contact with local

societies and no opportunity is lost for organising provincial tours for eminent

lecturers from Israel
While it is not a central point in your theme, there exists an implication that

modically and without much co-ordina

tion." Your readers might like to know

that since March, 1956, the Federation has regularly published, wen the assistance of other interested organisations, a

comprehensive catalogue of Israeli films

and other audio-visual material, so that

a potential borrower is not put to

indue trouble.
The systematic development of friend!

elations between Israel and Britain and

he promotion of Israeli culture in

Britain is the main concern of the Zionist Federation's Public Relations Committee.

The Committee, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Barnett Janner, M.P., and the Vice Chairmanship of Miss B. J. Bar-

well, maintains constant contact with the press: initiates letters to the press on Zionist-Israeli issues and answers hostile letters; maintains contact with

those centres of informed opinion—the

popular opinion—sound radio and tele-vision; keeps its Zionist circles in the provinces and London fully au fair with

the latest position in Israel; organises annually (this year 500) film shows for non-Jewish and Jewish organisations both in London and the provinces; provides speakers for innumerable local-

bodies such as Rotary Clubs. Women's institutes, and political groups, and pro-

vides speakers also for many week-end conferences on the Middle East arranged

by various organisations, so that the case

Committee also has the task of counter

acting the propaganda of many of the Arab Embassies in London which is being circulated in the universities.

I have referred at length to these

activities of the Zionist Federation

order to show that the development public opinion in Israel's favour is

one engaged in this work can afford

be lethargic or rest on his laurels. Much is being done, much more can be done. The Jewish Chaonicle is to be

complimented for focusing attention on

this matter and for advancing a number of excellent suggestions. In this the

Zionist Federation is prepared to glay

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Public Relations Officer.

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Israel and Britain.

Another authority, which

hachanim, which proves beyond shadow of a doubt that Sir Leon

To be Closed for Three Months

To the Editor of THE JEWISH CHRONICLE

the phrase consists of two nouns in the construct state. He (Mr. Slotki) is apparently unaware that he himself has supplied the authority in his quotation from Hullin: "He who serves Talmidei Hachamim." The plural of talmid hacham is the only means whereby its true grammatical form can be ascerstudents from home and overseas who use Hillel House regularly informed that major building repairs make it necessary for this centre to tained. If these two words were, as Mr. close for three months on July 1. Slotki alleges, a noun and an adjective respectively, their plural would have been Thanks to the friendly understanding

of our difficulties shown by the Women's First Lodge of the B'nai B'rith, the United Synagogue, and Jews' College, certain limited facilities will be available students in Woburn House during this period.

The office of the Foundation will be housed temporarily on the sixth floor of

Woburn House, where our usual student service for personal help and accommodation will continue. A common room will be provided, and rooms will be available for the several grades of Hebrew classes and lectures which are such a prominent feature in the student programme of Hillel House. Full details will be published for their members b the London Jewish Students' Association and the University of London Jewish Union Society. College notice boards will also have detailed information

displayed.
Unfortunately, it has been impossible to arrange alternative dormitory accom-modation or any kind of regular meals service during the next three months, nor have we been able to make any provision for a continuance of the Onegei Shabbat sooks which attracted so many thousands of students and graduates from all parts of the world to Hillel House during the past two and a half years.

However, for those young men and vomen who would like Subbath hospiality in private homes, every effort will be made to introduce them to suitable families, and I would invite them to get in touch with me at the Foundation's empotary office. The new College year begins on

about October 1, by which time repaired and renovated Hillel House will he ready to receive all old friends as well as Freshmen from whichever pat of the country they come. Perhaus. indeed, during this interval we might even find a much-needed larger building for our activities.

HENRY SHAW. Director

Hillel House. ...L. Endsleigh Street. W.C.I.

EDUCATION IN ISRAEL

Overcrowded Classes Danger

To the Editor of The Jewish-Chronicle clapsed between the writing of my on "" Israel's Educational and its publication in your Crisis " lune 7 issue. Meanwhile, there have

been further developments in the field of Israel's secondary education which make it necessary to rectify certain oints raised in the article in order The findings of the Zeltner Committee on secondary education have been pub-

ished and in principle accepted by the The Committee's recommendations are (1) The Ministry of Education and I

ocal authorities throughout Israel are to bear 40 per cent of the cost of secondary education, the remaining 60 per cent is o be shouldered by the parents of the

(2) Henceforth, the maximum fee to e charged at secondary schools is 16360 (3) Only such grammar-school pupits whose intelligence and aptitude are found

suitable for studies of an academic bias ire to be helped out of public funds, The Ministry of Education has accepted hese recommendations in 1010, though, as far as the coming school year is con-cerned (1957-58), only pupils of the first form of secondary schools (age group 14 to 15) will pay reduced fees.

As soon as these recommendations are fully implemented, the burden of financing secondary education, which has so been borne by the paren's alone, will be considerably lessened. At the same time, Israel's secondary education will recome increasingly selective. It must, however, be pointed out that

(i) The recommendations of the Zeltne Committee fall short of the original Government plan for secondary education, which seems to have envisaged free secondary education for all,

(2) According to the financial com-putations of the Zeltner Committee the payment of the maximum is of 1£360 per pupil will make a class self-supporting if it comprises at least 38 pupils, As headmasters may wish to raise the income of their schools above "subsistence level" it may be assumed that they will accept up to 40 and even more pupils per class. The advantage of ocreased selectivity may thus be offset the disadvantages of overcrowded

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Points from Letters

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YOUNG NEWLY-WEDS CLUB

The attention of your readers in the Forest Gate urea is drawn to the fact that there is a Young Married Couples Club named The Thursday Nighters which meets in the synagogue, Earlham Grove, every Thursday night. We now have room for a few more members, and if any reader is curious to know what it is all about—a telephone call to me at Maryland 5095 will bring all the information wanted,—A. FREEMAN, Hon Secretary, 31 Know Road, Forest Gate, E.7.

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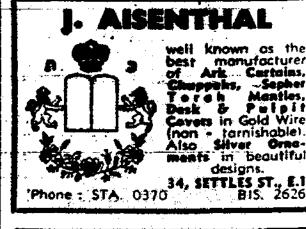
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bankruptey, and Mr. Valentiner

regards this as no more than a curious

coincidence. But what are we to make

the same phenomenon—that the indi-

vidual creators had to be fitted into the

greatest works in his youth and had to

die young. Vermeer was born on October 31, 1632. Spinoza only a month

later, on November 24. He survived

Vermeer only a little more than a year,

great epoch regardless of the span

their lives. Thus Spinoza, born in same year as Vermeer, created

"In all these other fields we encounter

of this (the italics are mine):

teenth-Century Holland. By W. R. The year 1656 saw both Spinoza's VALENTINER. Phaidon Press. 21s. excommunication and Rembrandt's

Reviewed by LEON ROTH

Mr. Valentiner's book is an essay in the "feel" of history. It seeks to show that creative minds manifest currents which are flowing in the spiritual tide of the age; and as examples of this thesis, after a preliminary glance at Descartes and Franz Hals, it settles down to a comparative study of Rembrandt and Spinoza represents in Mr. lalentiner's view the rationalistic trend in Dutch culture of the seventeenth century

intuitive: and the comparison between them is pursued in a series of interesting essays illustrated by reproductions of contemporary works of art. The last chapters draw some general conclusions and, after contrasting Rembrandt and Vermeer. discuss the uniqueness and value of genius. Mr. Valentiner's

Rembrandt the

thesis, when taken lightly, is suggestive, and gives the reader an opportunity of reviewing some old facts in a new light. The trouble is that Mr. Valentiner seems at times to lay too much stress on it and to treat it, not

as a loose descrip- Rembrandt: Portrait of a young Jewish student (Spinoza?) tive formula in the ineirsting to note, for example, that Leeuwenhoek (the microscopologist) was born and baptised in Delft on the same day as Vermeer; but is that be, for all I know, true. But I submit

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tradition of Hazlitt's enlightening passing away at the age of forty-four on "Spirit of the Age," but as an articulation of historical necessity. It is inetersting to note, for example, that The facts are facts and Valentiner's explanation of them may

for it. It is a statement of the type which can be denied as easily as it can be affirmed, and it is therefore (to speak gently) unhelpful. And it

Rival Philosophies

agree; and I should ask him, further, on to inquire whether foreign to the primacy of emotion being the distinguishing characteristic Germans who rediscovered and almost divinised Spinoza; and understandnot in obliterating emotion (which is impossible) but in finding its proper

Again, it was Spinoza who said that the more we know individual things, the more we know God; and it was this saying of Spinoza which, together with the famous "He who loves God should not strive that God should love him in return," was venerated by Goethe. In these two sayings we have surely the basis of the world-viewwhich is attributed by Mr. Valentiner to Rembrandt and which would seem to be expressed in the combination of particularity and infinity which charac-Continued in next column

fiction.

is throwing a serious responsibility on a theory to make it cut short men's

On this major point, therefore, Mr. Valentiner and I would seem to disconsider whether the opposition between rationalism and intuition he so much relies on is a real one. Is it not rather the fact that it is just, Soinoza who (after Plato) gave the classical account of the passing of the one into the other? And I might go "rationalistic" ideas are indeed so signalled out by Mr. Valentiner as of Rembrandt. He should recall that it was just the Romantics among the ably, because it was Spinoza who nsisted that the salvation of man-lies

LAND OF PROMISE

Considered purely as fiction "The

Last Temptation" is excellent, can't-

put-it-down reading. Debbie and

Victor Marmorek, assimilated lews

The Last Temptation. By JOSEPH VIERTEL. Hammond and Hammond. British Traditions in the Administration of Israel. By EDWIN SAMUEL. With a Foreword by H.E. the Israeli Reviewed by MEIR GILLON Ambassador. Published for the Anglo-

Reviewed by Professor

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L. F. RUSHBROOK WILLIAMS from Vienna and Czechoslovakia. arrive off the shores of Mandated Palestine in a "hell-ship" at the When the writer-of this notice was Israel a short while ago, several of height of the post-war "illegal" immigration. The story of their integration his friends remarked, half jokingly and into the Promised Land, of Victor's half seriously, that they must now set to and learn French. It is true. settling down in a British Government ndeed, that many Israelis believe department and his relationships with his Jewish colleagues and British that France is showing today a superiors, are excellently done. The juster appreciation of Israel's immediate needs and future potentiality appalling experiences of the couple than can be discerned, even by the during the Jerusalem siege carry the riendliest eve, in current British story to dramatic heights; although policy. In such a situation, this t is a pity that Mr. Viertel had to essay is particularly timely; for it is alter the background and detail of good that the peoples of Britain and the famous Hagana Treason Court Israel should be reminded of the fact Martial, which is a case when truth that in a very real sense the State of is infinitely more convincing than Israel is the tangible result of a partership between them. In spite of all But the trouble with "documenhe friction between Zionist nationatary" novels is that they are apt to ism and British conservatism which be judged on two levels—as fiction marked the closing years of the and as history. For anyone familiar Mandate, the Israeli Ambassador is pages long. with Mandated Palestine and its ully justified in remarking, in the evolution into the State of Israel, course of his admirable foreword, that "The Last Temptation" has irritating it was the thirty years of the Manminor inaccuracies. datory period which exercised the most important influence, alike on The Immigrants the Yishuv's constitutional concepts. and on the instruments it developed

This is a great characterisation and extremely good. Viennese childhood and her hunted life in wartime Rome come through more convincingly, perhaps, than her vears in Jerusalem, possibly because the minor characters—her father, her mother, the Italian who befriends them in Rome-are more clear-cut than those later in the book. Debbie herself, pretty, silly, ineffectual and charming, is very real, and her growth into maturity under stress i very well done. Her son David i a little boy to remember, but Victor, seen entirely through his wife's adoring eyes, is less alive.

Mr. Viertel's Palestine, and later Israel, are essentially those of the post-1933 immigrant from Central Europe. Sabras. "old Yishuv." British, and Arabs are misty backsomehow equally hostile in all cases; no doubt, to the character of the book, that is how the rest of the country would have appeared. "The Last Temptation is a very readable novel about a few individuals and the problems set them by life in the Jewish National Home; within its limited canvas is excellent. Those who are still waiting for an Israeli epic on the scale of Tolstoy or Ehrenburg or Dickens can only go on hoping; is early days yet..

Continued from previous column terises the most famous of Rembrandt's paintings. I do not say that this suggestion is any more, or any less, valid than Mr. Valentiner's. only say that the subject as such i too tenuous for the basing on it o confident conclusions.

Mr. Valentiner is to be congratu-

lated on having assembled for our delight and instruction so many examples of the painters' and etchers art. But the last word goes to the Phaidon Press for its never-to-besufficiently-admired beauty of design which covers here, as always, binding typography and page-setting, as wel as reproduction of plates. One could have wished them in colour but, as Aristotle said long ago, perfection is not for mortals. But why, O why, did not Mr. Valentiner ask them to reproduce the miniature first published Schaarschmidt nearly a hundred years ago, and which shows Spinoza not as the rarefied scholar-saint of the Wolfenbettel portrait but as the plive - complexioned, curved - nosed round-faced Sephardi youth he credibly reported to have been? fear that in matters of Spinoza scholarship (on this as on other points) Mr. Valentiner did not always find the right guides,

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for their implementation. As the

present writer noticed in the course

of his visits to Israel, it is far easier

for an Englishman to understand the

structure and working of the State

of Israel than it is for any other

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BRITAIN AND ISRAEL

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