

INDEPENDENCE DAY How Should It Be Celebrated?

To the Editor of THE JEWISH CHRONICLE Sir,—I am sure that there must be many who share my disappointment at the independence of our form of celebration of Yom Ha'Atzmat—Israel's Day of Independence.

I am certain that many of my contemporaries ask, as I do, why Yom Ha'Atzmat should enjoy less consideration than Lag B'Omer.

DISPOSSESSION OF ARABS IN ISRAEL

Treatment of Minorities

To the Editor of THE JEWISH CHRONICLE Sir,—Mr. Sarna complains that I used a column of your paper to draw attention to grievances of Arabs in Israel, and asks if it is conceivable that in the Arab world a single Arab would champion Jewish grievances in an Arabic paper.

To that "simple question" there are two answers. First, there is in Israel an Arabic paper which does pay attention to the treatment of Jews in Arab countries.

Secondly, Jews must hold to absolute standards in these matters. As you rightly remarked in the leading article which commented on my original letter, our history as well as our Judaism should make us particularly sensitive to discrimination against any minority group.

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NORMAN BENTWICK

THE CRUCIFIXION STORY Council of Christians and Jews' Policy

To the Editor of THE JEWISH CHRONICLE Sir,—Will you allow me, in reply to the Rev. Chaim Pearl's reported criticism of the Council of Christians and Jews in the course of a Passover sermon, to make the following observations which I hope may serve to reassure both Mr. Pearl himself, his congregants, and your readers, that this Council is neither indifferent to, nor inactive about, the problems to which the teaching of the crucifixion story give rise.

The basis of the Council's policy in this connection is set out in a document which has come to be widely known as the "Ten Points of Seelberg." This document, in the preparation of which representatives of the Council played an important part, was first published in 1947 following an International Conference of Christians and Jews held at Seelberg, in Switzerland.

It was only a section of the Jews in Jerusalem who demanded the death of Jesus; this statement affirms, "and the Christian message has always been that it was the sins of mankind which were expiatory by those who died for them, and not men share that brought Christ to the Cross." The document goes on to make detailed recommendations to the churches of ways in which preachers and teachers may avoid the dangers of misrepresenting, however unintentionally, the Jewish background to, and Jewish participation in, the events which led to the crucifixion.

This problem is also being widely discussed with theological students and teachers in training in the course of the increasing number of visits to colleges to the treatment of Jews in Arab countries. Secondly, Jews must hold to absolute standards in these matters. As you rightly remarked in the leading article which commented on my original letter, our history as well as our Judaism should make us particularly sensitive to discrimination against any minority group.

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THE SEARCH FOR PLAYING FIELDS Youth

To the Editor of THE JEWISH CHRONICLE Sir,—The provision of playing fields for the Jewish youth of Manchester and its district, presumably for Sunday play, is exercising the minds of many people. For many years a continuous search has been made for a suitable site to be developed for this purpose.

This problem of difficulties which best an annual effort. My own endeavours and those of my colleagues to find a playing field for Maccabi made me realise that a site was to be found, purchased, and developed, the cost of which would be beyond the means and ability of any one organisation.

For a long time no site within reasonable distance of the Jewish youth clubs could be found which would fulfil the requirements, but quite recently I have had information of a site which may prove adequate.

Let us hope that there will be a few more successes in Blackpool among those who have been ready enough to accept the professional services of these two men and then so ready to deny them the common right of all men to be heard in their own defence.

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DISCRIMINATION BY GOLF CLUB Jews Refused Membership

To the Editor of THE JEWISH CHRONICLE Sir,—The national press has given very wide publicity to the discriminatory action of the Blackpool North Shore Golf Club (consisting of five hundred members) in turning down the applications for membership of two Jewish professional men, who are also ex-Servicemen, for the reason that they are Jews.

This demonstration of intolerance and antisemitism is to be deplored and viewed with disgust. It is ironical that Blackpool's motto is "Progress" and, indeed, the Corporation is the actual lessor of the land to the North Shore Golf Club.

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THE RED SEA An Apt Description

To the Editor of THE JEWISH CHRONICLE Sir,—I am quite sure that more than one among your readers who has journeyed through the Red Sea will be able to confirm the correctness of its description.

Like מִצְרַיִם הַיָּם is not necessarily translated literally; and with equal justification had my friend, Mr. Herman, shared with me the delightful experience of seeing the waters of the Red Sea showing up a vivid red against the fiery-gold background of land, he would have surely said "Red Sea".

Incidentally, I have nothing at all to do with the Red Sea, although I have every reason to be grateful for his assistance in the productions I have staged for their festivals.

It is as we have benefited that all who have the Jewish interest of their club at heart can benefit, by taking advantage of this annual competition, and resolve that at least one play a year should contain the Jewish interest of Judaism.

I sincerely hope that as a result of this correspondence Mr. Gaunt's organisation will be inundated with applications and that the National Jewish Drama Festival will at last just fulfil its purpose.

MONTAGUE A. POMM, Ministerial Officer, Brady Boys' and Girls' Clubs, 55 Castlewood Road, N.16.

JEWISH DAY SCHOOLS Need for Secondary Moderns

To the Editor of THE JEWISH CHRONICLE Sir,—The time is, I believe, opportune for an appraisal by our authorities of the over-all educational organisation of Jewish day schools. It is a matter of great satisfaction that the day school movement, despite many difficulties, has had a continuous expansion during the past 25 years.

There can be no doubt that the community desires the extension of the day school movement and the progress possible. In looking to the future it is important to consider to what extent the prevailing educational organisation of our day schools is meeting the fullest educational needs of the Jewish children.

In the present period of educational development and change, a consideration of the above mentioned points, especially in relation to secondary modern schools, may well be useful to the Jewish day school movement as a whole.

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THE SALE OF CHOMETZ Biblical Injunction

To the Editor of THE JEWISH CHRONICLE Sir,—In his rather interesting article on the sale of chometz (in your April 16 issue) Mr. Gerber states that the Talmud in Pesachim reaches the conclusion that where chometz is held by a gratuitous bailee both the owner and bailee would not come within the injunction against chometz "being seen or found by you."

It is worthy of note that the Jews' Free School at the end of the 19th century provided opportunities for technical and vocational education for Jewish children. It is worthy of note that the Jews' Free School at the end of the 19th century provided opportunities for technical and vocational education for Jewish children.

Most astonishing of all, however, is Mr. Gerber's proposition that a sale to a limited company would be effective for our purpose. The idea of a company being a legal entity quite apart from its shareholders is, like many similar things, a British invention of the nineteenth century and has no basis whatsoever in Jewish law.

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TRAVEL NOTES El Al's Passover Record

Mr. W. B. Lachs, the Commercial Manager for the United Kingdom of Israel's national airline, El Al, told me in an interview last week, that his company's scheduled flights to and from Lydda over the Passover period reached record figures. Many cruise services had to be put on, and among prominent non-Jewish passengers were Lord and Lady Balfour, Lord Henderson, and Mr. Trevor-Roper, the author of articles on Israel in the SUNDAY TIMES.

On Monday next an El Al Constellation aircraft, on a regularly scheduled flight leaves London Airport for Lydda with 49 delegates of the Jewish National Fund on a special tour of Israel. The plane, which begins its flight from New York, flies to Lydda from London via Paris and Rome.

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EXCHANGE VISITS WITH ISRAELI STUDENTS To the Editor of THE JEWISH CHRONICLE Sir,—I am pleased to announce an exchange between English and Israeli students has been proposed by the Embassy of Israel and is being organised by the Inter-University Jewish Federation, in conjunction with them, and with the cooperation of the Union of Israeli Students. Students who are interested in exchanging hospitality with an Israeli, either for a year of study, or for a shorter course, are asked to get in touch with me immediately for full details. JURETH SLUTZKY, Foreign Secretary, I.U.J.F. 24 Lyndhurst Road, Didsbury, Manchester, 20.

CAREERS ADVICE Industry or Profession? (I) There has been considerable discussion in recent months on the question of whether boys leaving school should enter industry (which includes commerce—or train for a profession. It is therefore proposed to examine in this next week's note some of the implications which affect school-leavers. A Leeds survey, conducted among 168 industrial and commercial firms, mainly small ones, pointed out that in considering the school leaver, the employer should direct his thoughts to university studies. It would be useful if he interested a potential employer before coming to a decision. The employers—80 per cent of whom make use of youth employment offices, appointment boards, or are in direct contact with secondary schools—should recruit their staff from boys 16 to 17 years of age and expect them to have the General Certificate of Education. The general preference is for entrants to continue to university, to have a general rather than a specialised education. Since there are now better opportunities in the industrial field than before, it is suggested that boys should be encouraged to enter industry rather than study for professions on which there is an apparent over-concentration. (TO BE CONCLUDED)

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