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Palestine’s Secret Weapon

By Israel Merinfski

“...For the first time in my life I have felt the sensation of walking on real Jewish soil, on soil tilled by Jewish workers, by workers bound together with a strong sense of mutual responsibility to each other and to the Jewish people as a whole. During my recent furlough I had a chance to visit the friendly cooperative Histadrut settlements, and never did a soldier get a warmer welcome... I saw enough to convince myself that what there is in Palestine could only be created by Jewish blood, sweat, and tears.”

Thus wrote Corporal Edwin Shamsky, of New York, now stationed “somewhere in Palestine” with the American Air Force. Previously completely ignorant of what was transpiring in the Jewish National Home, Corporal Shamsky, as well as scores of other American Jewish soldiers, not to mention thousands of non-Jewish American and United Nations forces, have, by a queer twist of the war, come upon the wondrous achievements of the Jewish pioneers in Palestine. Palestine has become a pivot of the democratic forces in this war. Tens of thousands of United Nations troops are concentrated there, receiving their final training before going into front line action in the Middle East theater. From Palestine links extend to Egypt on the south, to Iraq, Iran and the Caucasus on the north. Palestine’s 580,000 Jewish inhabitants are filled with all the aspirations of the United Nations. The Jews, returning to a life of productive labor on the soil, have turned the old-pew land into a center of miraculous achievements during the past 25 years. The Yishuv, which grew in inter-bellum days from 56,000 to 530,000, has come to grips with the full tragedy of the war, but with no sense of despair.

We suffer greatly from the fact that many officials of the mandatory government follow appeasement policies toward the “neutral Arabs”, and minimize the devotion and self-sacrifice of the Halutzim in the service of world democracy. The mandatory government does nothing to further the enlistment of additional tens of thousands of Jewish soldiers and technicians, or to make possible the use of the potential manpower of excluded Jewish refugees now languishing on the borders of Iran, Iraq, and Turkey.

Criticism has been expressed of the callousness of the British restrictive measures which prevent the doubling of Palestine’s agricultural output, the four-fold multiplication of her industrial and military production. The Yishuv, however, does not relinquish hope for better treatment, for it has come in contact with a new England—the army of the British common people, the armies of America, Fighting France, Greece, Belgium, Holland, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa—legions of freedom whose sympathy for the Jewish settlements in Palestine is unbounded. The Yishuv rests its faith with the best that democracy is capable of.

What is the “secret weapon” of the Yishuv? What forces operate to win the confidence of the people and bolster their self-reliance? What urges the Jews not only to guard their existing possessions but to push forward to total freedom, to a full measure of accomplishment economically, culturally, and militarily? It is the unquenchable will of the Jewish people to live, and the will of the Histadrut to create a free Jewish commonwealth.

Twenty-two years ago the Histadrut numbered 4,000 pioneering men and women. They came from Europe as individual workers and from America and England as members of the Jewish Legion. Today, 133,000 men and women belong to the Histadrut. Together with their families they number 215,000 persons, or 46 percent of the Jewish population in Palestine.

Does the strength of the Histadrut lie in its numbers? No. It draws its power from its dynamic efforts during the past 22 years. It has labored ceaselessly, as an integral part of the Yishuv, to build and defend the homeland. It draws its strength from the fact that it is the only labor movement in the world whose concern is not only the workers already living in the country, but the millions of Jews who will enter Palestine to become full-fledged partners in its cooperative endeavor. The Histadrut adheres religiously to the principle of Jews working themselves, without exploiting others, without injuring the natives, without seeking profits or unwarranted individual benefits.

Model for Future Planning

Wherein lies the strength of th Histadrut, whose fame has spread far and wide, whose worth is proclaimed by Tory and liberal alike, by a Sir Arthur Wauchope, former High Commissioner of Palestine, and a William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor? These two representatives of widely divergent social views have pointed out the Histadrut as a model for future world planning, as a working example of mutual aid and equality in peacetime and in war.

The Histadrut does not aim to be a model for others to follow, it does not preach a New Order. Rather it fulfills the principles of social justice by its everyday deeds. Spurred on by the desire to conquer barren wildernesses, charged with the responsibility of providing a home for countless uprooted Jews, the Histadrut is building a new world based on the prophetic teachings of Israel. These teachings of the prophets, the vision of the French Revolution of 180 years ago, the achievements of the New Deal in our own day in America and the dynamic collective and cooperative colonization of Palestine, are expressions of the same human striving for a world of freedom and equality.

Here Are the Facts

It is not my purpose here to evaluate the role of the Histadrut during peacetime, or tell the epic story of its growth from Tel Hai to Haifa, from the Aliya of a handful of visionaries to the mass migration of Jews during the past decades. Let us review only facts.

Of the 133,000 Histadrut members, 20,000 are serving under the British command in the Middle East. These are all volunteers, as there are no draft laws in man...
dated Palestine. These 20,000 Histadrut members are part of the 25,000 Jewish volunteers under the British flag. In other words, while constituting 40 percent of the Jewish population, the Histadrut has provided 80 percent of the recruits, or twice its proportionate share. These are our skilled warriors, most of whom acquired their experience during the Arab disturbances of 1938-39, during the terror that was inspired and led by agents of the Mufti, Hitler and Mussolini.

These men and women are between the ages of 18 and 45. They have come from factories and cooperative and collective agricultural settlements—they left their workshops and fields to take up arms. 27 percent of the military age group in the labor settlements have given up their plows for guns, firmly believing that the weapons will soon be beaten into plowshares for the further development of the free land of Israel.

There is no objective justification even during wartime for keeping Jews out of their homeland. There is no reason for depriving them of the right to pour their strength into the democratic war effort in the Middle East, where friends of the United Nations are only too few. But since immigration is so restricted and there is a shortage of manpower, a number of orders were issued at the recent Histadrut convention, to mobilize every single one of its members. Each has his task—fighting on the battlefields, raising food on the farms, training in the Home Guard, working in the war industries—each has his place in the defense of the homeland.

Factories have 10-hour shifts producing goods for the military forces. The wages paid for the tenth hour are given to a special fund for helping Jewish immigration during the war, and for families of Jewish soldiers, who receive less pay than British soldiers. This fund also helps families of pioneer workers, truck drivers, aviators, sailors, highway pavers, fortification crews and airport builders throughout the Middle East, since the government pays Jewish workers the Arab scale of one dollar a day.

The labor settlements in the Jordan Valley, Emek Hefer and Emek Jeruseel, have welcomed the families of soldiers. Wives replace their husbands on guard duty and at work; their children are enjoying full privileges in the schools and nurseries of the settlements.

Representatives of the Histadrut in neighboring countries lend a hand to stranded immigrants seeking to reach Palestine. They keep alive their bonds with the Halutz groups in the ghettos. Many have found temporary refuge in Soviet Russia, and are awaiting permission to enter Palestine. The Histadrut gives 83 percent of its dues to mutual aid institutions that benefit not only its own members but newly-arrived refugees and the families of soldiers and others doing their share for the homeland.

The Histadrut, which has been training seamen and port workers for the past ten years, has placed its best men at the disposal of the British navy, including its crews from the Haifa and Tel Aviv ports, and its miniature merchant marine, which boasts of 18 motor boats plying the Palestinian coastline.

Every Histadrut member in military service is given a pocket Bible. Lectures, travelling libraries, concerts and theatrical productions are provided for workers in military camps. Refugee rabbis who have been rescued by the Palestinian rabbinate are granted full benefits by Kupat Holim, at reduced rates. Wives of soldiers may purchase supplies at 30 to 40 percent reductions in Histadrut co-operative stores, although the general cost of living has risen 25 percent since 1939.

Whether preparing gravel for construction work or operating quarries, whether building airports from which to attack Hitler or establishing new settlements, such as Moledeith or Gates and Dorot in the Negev, whether drilling for water or aiding middle class farmers to buy raw materials or sell their agricultural products through Histadrut cooperatives, whether organizing for defense of the Yishuv or establishing healthy economic and social relations with the Arabs—and the list could go on indefinitely—the Histadrut stands out as the central dynamic factor in the rebuilding of Palestine.

LABOR PALESTINE CALLS:

"The War Must Be Won—Our Work Has Just Begun!"

Great as has been the contribution of the Histadrut to the war effort and to the preservation of Jewish life, it is conscious of the fact that only a beginning has been made. Histadrut calls to American Jewry to give it the means with which to do the job ahead:

To help immigration during wartime
To prepare for mass post-war immigration to the Jewish Commonwealth
To aid new consumers', industrial and transport Co-operatives
To provide work for families of wounded Histadrut members
To provide medical care, food and clothing for families of soldiers and pioneers
To train youth for a life of creative labor
To strengthen Jewish self-defense

Where one Jewish worker stands today, a hundred must come—
Where one Jewish soldier fights, a score must make their stand—

Let us all as one strengthen the hands of the builders and defenders, the soldiers and pioneers of Jewish redemption.

The Tragedy of the Modern Maranos

The tragedy of the modern Maranos who embraced Christianity for the sake of immigration permits, is told in the service figures of the HIAS-ICA affiliate in Buenos Aires, Argentine. The figures show that during the past year, Argentine admitted 1318 Jewish refugees and immigrants, of whom 738 came from the Nazi-occupied lands, mostly Southern France.

The figure 738 is the total number of refugees who registered with the HIAS-ICA office when they applied for various kinds of guidance, aid and cooperation, although the official government figures show that only 102 Jewish refugees came to Argentine from Vichy, France. The divergence is explained by the fact that 645 of the new arrivals had become converted to Catholicism or Protestantism before leaving Europe but have returned to Judaism.
Greetings for the GEWERKSHAFTN CAMPAIGN
from
MRS. ARCHIBALD SILVERMAN
Providence, R. I.

Just a few words from new Jewish communities that have only recently been reawakened by the call of Zionism.

In Panama and in Colon, a committee for Keren Hayesod was organized. (I was to include Guatemala, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, San Salvador, Honduras, Trinidad, Colombia, British and Dutch Guiana, but I had to curtail my trip in order to make preparations for flying to England to launch the Keren Hayesod Campaign there.)

Yes, it was my privilege to discover new “lost” tribes of Israel in these places where I found some of the oldest Jewish communities on the Western Hemisphere. Jamaica (British West Indies) with Kingston as its capital, has a Jewish population of 1,500 — only one-tenth of one per cent of the entire population of one million and a half inhabitants, of which over 80% is black.

These Jews, most of whom trace their ancestry over 300 years on the island, have been isolated and neglected, Jewishly, throughout the decades. Rarely, if ever, were they visited by Jewish propagandists, and seldom did the news of the Jewish world pierce the wall of silence that grew steadily more formidable and impenetrable. So that World War I with its aftermath of Jewish misery and homelessness, left them untouched and unmoved — they were not disturbed from their death-like calm and obscurity by either the cry for War-Relief or Palestine Restoration that rocked the rest of the Jewish world to its very foundation. And, so, too, during the ensuing twenty-five years when the prologue of World War II was being enacted throughout the European countries, this handful of Jews went their normal way, somnolent and self-sufficient. No one came to arouse them from their lethargy; no one came to awaken their Jewish loyalty and responsibility. They were in the world but not of it, and they themselves did not realize how pitifully lost they were.

However, today this community of Kingston Jamaica is at one with all Jews who live and strive for our great idea! After a twelve-day visit amongst them, I can report the following: A permanent committee was organized for Keren Hayesod — this committee functioned as the Campaign Committee and raised close to 2,000 pounds. A women’s organization, “Wizo”, was solidly entrenched — a committee for the Jewish National Fund is ready to work, and in addition, a Hebrew class was inaugurated with a refugee doctor as instructor. So much for Kingston.

Curacao, Dutch West Indies, has a similar story to tell. Here I found relatives of many of the old Spanish families I had met in Kingston. I visited the oldest Synagogue on this side of the ocean, and I read names and dates on headstones in the oldest cemetery, dating back four hundred years and more. And to me, the overwhelming wonder of it all was that this remnant of Jews I met, it is interesting to note that at one meeting of seventy persons, in Colon, I was told there were thirty countries represented. Amongst them were Iraq, Iran, Turkestan, Egypt, Caucasus, Poland, Syria, Russia, Austria, Lithuania, Czecho-Slovakia, Rumania, Bulgaria, Morocco, Tripoli, Tunisia, Hungary and America.

So, here, too, in Panama and in Colon, permanent Keren Hayesod committees were organized, for the campaign and for regular collections, and Jewish National Fund work will be initiated.

As a result, today, these three new-born Jewish communities join with all other loyal responsible Jews in greeting the Yishuv in Palestine during the Pesach Festival. Together with all believing Jews they join in the prayer of the ages — the prayer of hope, of faith, of deliverance, “Lechamo habo berushelayim!”

PALESTINE

The Old-New Land of Jewish Independence

sends tidings to the Jews in the European Ghettos and to the Jewish soldiers in the battle lines of the United Nations!

Like the Americans at Guadalcanal, like Englishmen at the Thames, Serbs in the rocky fastnesses of Yugoslavia and Russians at the Volga — so stand the Jews on watch over the Jordan.
The "Children of Teheran" Arrive in Palestine—Jewish Pioneers Greet Jewish Refugees

By NAHUM GUTTMAN

The odyssey of 858 Jewish children has come to its rightful end. Amid unbounded joy and limitless ecstasy, the remarkable pilgrimage of boys and girls to Palestine was consummated on February 18th, when they were embraced by the eager arms of the Yishuv. They ranged from two infants born enroute from Teheran, to sturdy 19 year olds, scions of the wandering Jew. Exactly nine years to the day, after the first contingent of German Jewish youth arrived, this newest group of homeless waifs entered the portals of the Promised Land.

The first part of the story is well known, how the group converged on Teheran, leaving their war-torn Polish homes, crossing thousands of miles of Russian territory and entering the northeastern gateway to Palestine, Iran. Here they were stalled for months, as the pleas of the Jewish Agency and the requests of Great Britain and the United States were rebuffed by the pro-Nazi government of Iraq. For Iraq refused to grant the children transit to Palestine. So, from Teheran the caravan went to India, thence across the Indian Ocean and Red Sea to Suez, under British naval convoy. Here, where their ancestors once had escaped from bondage, the children saw their voyage nearing its end. At Suez, a company of Jewish Royal Engineers organized by the Histadrut's Council, saluted the homecomers. At the head of the caravan was Zippora, wife of Moshe Shertok, Political Chief of the Jewish Agency, now visiting America.

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At the welcoming end was gray-haired Henrietta Szold, "Grandmother of the Youth Aliyah", who greeted her flock as the train rolled in. Eight of them were babes in arms; there were 119 boys and 96 girls between 2 and 10 years of age, 304 boys and 331 girls of 11 to 19. In addition the refugee group included 100 men and 309 women. Dressed in a panoply of colors and varieties of clothes, some barefoot and bedraggled, others slightly better clad, their feet touched the holy soil of Palestine. Guides and nurses accompanied the youngsters, and 10 buses of the Histadrut cooperative "Hever", awaited them. A guard of honor composed of the older members of the group ap-
The War Challenge To Hospital Administration

By MAURICE STOLLERMAN Superintendent, Miriam Hospital, Providence, R. I.

Hospitals are at this time engaged in a vigorous and determined effort to maintain proper standards of service in spite of the numerous problems precipitated by the war. Stirred by a sense of responsibility and humanitarian ideals; hospitals, through the medium of devoted employees, are taxing their resourceful ingenuity to realistically face and to meet a social challenge.

The challenge to hospital administration, occasioned by the war, is not alone addressed to those who are charged with the professional responsibility for the administration of hospital affairs, but is equally and basically a challenge to the social consciousness and vision of the community.

The problems presented in the administration of a hospital are numerous, varied and complicated. They present many factors for consideration and interpretation, preached Miss Szold and expressed their gratefulness.

Arrangements had been made by the Youth Immigration Department, the Committee to Aid Polish Jewry, the women's organizations and many volunteers for their comfort. Beds with clean linen were on hand, each being decorated with a sign "Bruchim Habaim". Two kitchens, for dairy and meat, were in readiness. Complete sets of clothing of all sizes were laid out. The village of Hedera had provided fresh citrus fruits and milk. But first came hot showers and baths, and a change of clothes. Off with the rags of exile! On with the dress of freedom! 732 of the children were orphans, their fathers and mothers either known to be dead or lost somewhere in the jungles of Poland. The rest arrived with their parents.

Amazement was written on all their faces as they passed the throngs that waved to them. "Are these all Jews? Is that policeman a Jew?" The tired wanderers felt only that they were among real friends. After a good rest in the cooperative settlements, when they have regained their strength, they will be able to study and work. The terrors of their ordeal will become blurred, but not forgotten. The cry of one 14-year-old at Athlit came from indelible marks on their souls: "We are here, but where are our parents?"

The 858 are but the vanguard of those thousands of Jewish boys and girls who have been forgotten by the United Nations. Palestine Jewry has not forgotten them. Palestine Jewry will do all it can to rescue them. When Palestine sent 60 adults to Teheran to take charge of the children's caravan, it demonstrated that it was ready to do the same again and again, until every last child, until every adult too, is brought back "home".

The Histadrut, the general federation of Jewish workers, has taken a leading part in this rescue program. It has proclaimed that it will make a room immediately for 10,000 children, even "if every adult in our settlements must be moved out to the tents indefinitely". The children who will be placed in the Kvtzet will be equals with the children born there. They will be trained to live a productive life in the cooperative manner of the heroic pioneers who have built the country despite vast obstacles for many decades. These children have returned to their own borders. Unlike their parents, this generation will have a homeland to defend, for they touch not alone upon medical service, but equally matters of sociology, psychology, economics, legislation and education.

While this challenge calls for a process of social engineering, it equally presents unique opportunities for greater and more effective social enterprise. In justice to those who seek the services of a hospital, it becomes at once necessary for a clarification of the true function of a hospital. War or peace, there can be but a single principle in the formulation and execution of a hospital program for the care and treatment of patients; and that is, what are the specific needs of a patient and how speedily and effectively can the hospital meet the patient's needs.

Hospitals may be relied upon to meet the war-time challenge — they are meeting it every day. Hospitals are no strangers to difficulties, trials or tribulations, for their early beginnings were marked by incessant struggle. It was only by virtue of their social vision and enterprise that they gained the fortitude even in peace time, to grow from humble beginnings to towering citadels of health. The self-same integrity, vision, loyalty and application can be relied upon to carry the hospitals through again. True, there are burdens, but these burdens can grow lighter when the hospital administration experiences a feeling of reassurance that the community shares these burdens. Tasks impossible to perform alone can be done well when we work together with the thought that when victory comes we shall be better prepared to make the most of it for the good of all humanity.

It is not the burdens of hospitals which weigh down its personnel; it is not the effort required to properly perform their tasks. Hospital employees want to have a feeling that they have a sense of worth and weight in the scales of human esteem and destiny and this can be brought about only through the medium of community education and community recognition. There exists, therefore, a challenge for the trustees, administrator, physician, nurse, non-professional employee and the members of the community to strengthen each other, to help each other and to understand each other's problems. The flow of interest from hospital to community and from community to hospital will create a bond that strengthens hospital service and in this way much can be done to meet the strain and stress of war time.

The real war-time challenge to hospital administration is to stand alert and to constantly have the awareness that programs cannot remain static. They must undergo constant revision and changes, for they are influenced by the emerging needs of patient population and general world events.

In war as in peace — the strength of a hospital, social agency, a state or a nation, lies primarily in its moral structure and in its understanding, and in its will to preserve the well-being and the integrity of individuals. Only too well have we learned from historical lessons that the most powerful structure can crumble when morale, understanding and vision from within are lacking.

The continued and continuing success and progress of hospitals shall require first and foremost a sympathetic and understanding personnel inspired with a deep sense of devotion to perform their sacred duties — for the
The Work of the Providence Army and Navy Committee of the Jewish Welfare Board

By J. I. COHEN

One of the most important Jewish groups organized in Providence in the past year is the Providence Army and Navy Committee of the Jewish Welfare Board.

The National Jewish Welfare Board is one of the six great agencies composing the USO which concerns itself with the spiritual and social welfare of men in the Armed Forces. Throughout the width and breadth of this country the National Jewish Welfare Board organized Army and Navy Committees which represent the Jewish Welfare Board in their respective communities.

The Providence Committee, therefore, has an important obligation to do its share in looking after the interests of Jewish men stationed in and around Providence, and also to cooperate in community projects for men in service.

About thirty Jewish groups in Providence are represented in this Committee through accredited delegates. The delegates meet periodically and plan the work of this Committee.

The following are some of the important projects initiated by this Committee:

1. A weekly bulletin is issued which lists all social and recreational activities for men in service in this area.
2. This bulletin is mailed to all military posts nearby. The programs offered to service men are organized by the Jewish Community center and youth groups at Temple Beth El, Temple Beth Israel, and Temple Emanuel.
3. Religious services have been organized at the Congregation Ahavath Sholom and are held every Sunday morning.
4. A sleeping dormitory has been established at the Jewish Community Center which is open on weekends to servicemen.
5. A Jewish service has been organized at Camp Edicott in Davisville. Providence Rabbis take their turn each week to conduct these services.
6. A year ago in 1942 the first Passover of the War was not too great a problem. This year with several hundred Jewish men stationed nearby the Committee is facing a real challenge. Therefore, a Seder will be held at Davisville and a Community Seder in Providence. Men stationed in Davisville will be invited to private homes during the first and second nights, and in some cases for the entire week.
7. Many personal services are being rendered such as finding weekend accommodations for men and their wives, obtaining leaves for men for special occasions such as illnesses in the family or for other important family events.
8. KIt's supplied by the Jewish Welfare Board and containing stationery, a prayer book, and a mezuzah are distributed regularly to men stationed in this territory. In some cases menus were given tefilin, skull caps, and yarzeit lights.
9. For this year's Passover, although the expense of the local sederim will be borne by the Providence Committee, the National Jewish Welfare Board is supplying us with 225 pounds of matzohs and 150 hagadahs.
10. The most recent project of the Providence Committee is what is commonly known as "Serve-A-Camp" Committee, conducted by Jewish women's groups in the city. The Jewish women in Providence have adopted Camp Benning, Georgia, 1500 miles from Providence, as its special project. Articles of value to men will be sent to that camp monthly.

The Work of the Providence Army and Navy Committee of the Jewish Welfare Board are at the Jewish Community Center which generously opened its doors to men in service, Jewish and non-Jewish. The weekly attendance of servicemen at the Center is now almost 400. All facilities including game rooms, writing rooms, and lounge rooms are open daily. Social activities are arranged by various groups.

The Providence Committee is also represented strongly in the operation of the Providence USO Club at 148 Washington Street. There are two Jewish members on the Board of that important body. The Committee also cooperates with the Mayor's Defense Recreation Committee and all other civic bodies which carry on programs for servicemen.

Some of the organizations on the Committee such as the Providence Fraternal Association, B'nai B'rith, Men's
March 30, 1943

Dear Alter,

You asked me to write you and give you the facts, not fiction, of what the Army does in wiping out prejudice among the men of all faiths. First, it is not so much what the Army does as what the men themselves do. It is a common expression that "living in the Army you are living in a goldfish bowl." If you are in a barracks you live with 50 to 80 other men in dormitory style. Of course, if you are a non-commissioned officer of sufficient rank, you may have a room with another non-com in the building but usually you are with the boys. As a result you soon learn that you must respect your neighbor.

It is not at all uncommon to see in these barracks a Jewish boy arising just before reveille and putting on his phylacteries, quietly pray; and to see a Greek or a Catholic in the next bunk saying his beads. No one, not even a Jew, will make fun of a boy putting on an "Artab-Kanof" and surprisingly no one asks "what is that?". What the man is mainly interested in, is not your religion, but "are you a man"—"can we depend on you"—"Are you a worker or a shirker?"

Formal religion is usually left to the chaplain and the Chapel. Each religious group is encouraged to hold its own service. I recall a year ago this season one Friday night, when I was privileged to conduct the Jewish Friday night service, to see one of the Catholic boys silently come into the chapel, kneel, cross himself and say a few prayers and silently retire. Meanwhile I was leading the congregation in the singing of "Ticho Dodot". As soon as we were through with our services, the Catholic Chaplain took over and conducted one of his Lenten services.

Another interesting experience I had in this regard was a year ago October, pre-Pearl Harbor. I was delayed in returning to the base for the Friday night service; the service was scheduled for 7:30 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. arrived and I was not there. None of the other boys felt like conducting it, so the Chaplain's assistant, an enlisted man, a non-Jew, called up a Reverend with a Jewish sounding name to please come over to the camp to conduct the service. The Chaplain, himself, was not available. I arrived at 7:30 to find a Lutheran minister asking the boys how he should conduct the Jewish service. I conducted.

They tell a story about a Polish boy who died and the only chaplain available to conduct the burial service was the Jewish chaplain. He did. Later he spoke to the Catholic chaplain and told him that he had conducted the service and asked what he should do. The Catholic went with the Jew to the burial place and said "as you were" and then conducted his service. So everyone was satisfied.

March 30, 1943

THE PIONEER WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

Since 1925 our organization has worked hand in hand with the women of the second and third Aliyoth who helped lay the cornerstone of the Jewish homeland and set its social pattern. These Palestinian pioneers were then few in number. Today the working women in Palestine are counted by the thousands and are led by the "Moatzath Hapoaloth" (Working Women's Council) of the Histadrut, one of the most influential and active instruments in the reconstruction of Palestine.

The PIONEER WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION gives its members an opportunity of strengthening Jewish life everywhere and sharing the great work of building our Homeland. It helps give the Chalutz, refugee and working woman an opportunity for fulfilling her historic task in Palestine.

Every thinking Jewish woman will find a place for her energy, spiritual growth and development in the Pioneer Women's Organization.

At the present time the Pioneer Women's Organization of Providence has launched a special CHILD RESCUE CAMPAIGN in the month of March and it will last for two months.

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Following are the Officers of the Pioneer Women's Club of Providence:

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A LETTER TO A FRIEND

Dear Friend:-

Once more I believe you will be disappointed for my not giving you all the information you desire and for not answering all the questions you ask. You must remember that we are at war now and we must economize for the duration as much as possible. Therefore, I shall answer only those questions which are most important to all of us — and only facts — and I leave it to you to be the judge.

1. To your question, if there is such a thing as Jewish anti-Semites, or Jews who are Jew-haters, — I shall say that there is neither one of them at the present time. All that we have now are ignoramuses who are trying to be smart "Alec's".

2. You are told of a certain young man who had the audacity to come into an Orthodox synagogue and to criticize the Jewish people for not being 100% Americans. You are interested to know what I would consider a young man of such a type. Would I call him an anti-Semite or Jew hater? "No", is my answer. I would simply call him an ignorant, stupid, irresponsible person, because if he would be familiar with all the work which is being done by the Jewish Welfare Board, Temple Beth-El group, Temple Beth Israel group, Ahavath Sholom Synagogue, and others; for the boys in service; if he would be familiar with all the work which has been done, especially in the past several months, by the Jewish fraternal organizations and religious groups for the selling of War Bonds; if he would know all the work our Jewish women are doing for the Red Cross, he would know better than to make such foolish remarks.

3. You are told that Camp "Jori" is opening its doors once more for all needy children in our community and you are wondering why it is not supported by all factions in our community. You are trying to tell me that Camp "Jori" is the most beautiful spot in Rhode Island, that the management is excellent and that the atmosphere is such that the children feel as if they were actually in their own homes, under Jewish environment; and if so, why do these people send their children to another camp once more and give the women a job of going around "shnitren"? Furthermore, why not consider where the children would be better pleased? After all, it should be our duty to consider them first. It seems at present that the children are only a by-product, not the important factor in all the undertaking. Isn't that pitiful? ...

4. You are interested to know what became of our Jewish Federation, Community Council, and KAHIllAH which was in formation in our community; why it died a miserable death without even a resoulution of dissolution, and without giving the courtesy to all those who supported such a movement of being notified of the dissolution; why it died without even saying goodbye to all those who supported it. My answer is merely that to some of our so-called leaders, AMALGAMATION and UNITY (no matter how intelligent they are, and they are inteligent), means that others should give up all their ideas and organizations but not they — their own. And it so happens that these same gentlemen are always preaching "Community", "Council", "Community Unity".

Are we ever going to have a united community? Not until everyone will share in giving up some of the glory and not ask only others to do it; and the interest of the community will come first — only then shall we have a united community. I believe this will have to be sufficient for today.

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