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Mrs. A. Freedman Appointed Chairman of Women's Division

Campaign Chairman Outlines Needs to be Met by UJA Campaign

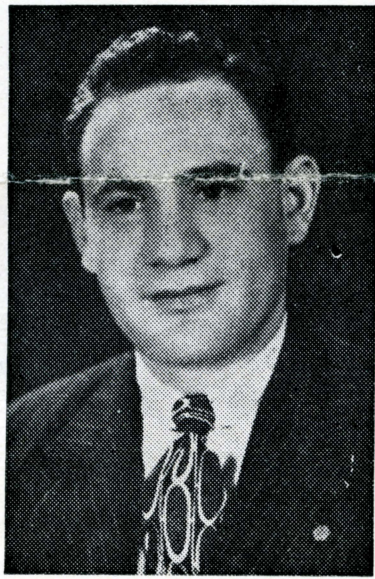
Mrs. Avraham Freedman, an outstanding leader in the community, has been named Chairman of the Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal Campaign in Bangor.

Cohen and Lown to Report On Israel at May 3rd Meeting

Dr. Zev Cohen, Israeli author and political expert, will speak at the Center on Wednesday, May 3 at 8:15 p. m. Mr. Philip Lown, President of the Maine Jewish Council, will also present a first hand report of his trip to Israel.

In Israel, despite his extreme active education and political studies, Dr. Cohen was active in Haganah. He was also one of the leaders of the Maccabi Sport Organization of Tel Aviv, in which he participated actively and Secretary of the National Council for the Hebrew Language. Perhaps, he is best known for his acute analysis of the hectic and chaotic days in the Middle East. He has been a contributor to many legal publications throughout Europe and in this country.

A special welfare program for the care and rehabilitation in Israel of immigrant Jews whose tragic experiences under Hitler have left them with severe physical and psychic disabilities was described by Dr. Howard Kominsky, Chairman of the UJA Campaign, as he outlined how funds raised here in Bangor on behalf of the nationwide United Jewish Appeal meet vital needs in various parts of the world.



Mrs. Freedman, a newcomer to the community, has been active in numerous affairs in the city.

In accepting the chairmanship of the Women's Division, Mrs. Freedman said:

"A special responsibility for American women is more than 60,000 Jewish children in Europe and Moslem areas who are dependent upon JDC aid. Thousands of these are orphans in institutions."

Discussing the role women will play in the local campaign, Mrs. Freedman said, "It is my hope that every Jewish woman in Bangor will become a contributor to the

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Dr. Cohen, a native born Israeli is a graduate of the Hebrew Gymnasium of Herzliah in Tel Aviv and the School of Law and Economics in Tel Aviv. He received his Doctor of Laws degree in the University of de Droit, Lyons, France. Furthering his education in preparing for entry into the diplomatic corps of Israel, he proceeded to the United States, where he received his LLM degree from Yale University and is now in this country concentrating his studies at Columbia University.

Mr. Lown, who has just returned from an extensive visit to Israel will present the first report of his trip to Bangor. Everyone is urged to attend this gathering to hear first hand reports on Israel. There will be no soliciting of any kind.

Dr. Kominsky declared that this special aid program is specifically designed for what he termed "hard core cases"—refugees in Europe who by reason of age, poor physical condition or psychic disability have been disqualified for emigration to any other country in the world.

Israel, he said, has opened its doors to these refugees in line with its general policy of accept-

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Copy for the next issue of the Community News must be in by May 4.

Mrs. Joseph Emple and Mrs. Myer Minsky were elected by the Board of Directors of the Jewish Community Council as delegates to the Women's Inter-faith Committee for two years.

You Helped Them Up — Don't Let Them Down

Special Gifts Meeting May 7: Kingdon is Speaker



THE RAINS CAME—Two Jewish women brought to Israel from Yemen with the help of the United Jewish Appeal ford stream at Beit Lid Immigration reception camp. Reception camps were hardest hit by torrential rains, blizzards and below zero weather that have given Israel its worst winter in more than 50 years.

Mrs. Freedman

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U.J.A. campaign this year. The problem of Israel is not a Jewish problem, but a world problem which must concern men and women alike.

"Israel is destined to become a leading democracy of the Middle East. The example of its high standard of living and sincere regard for the dignity of mankind will raise standards throughout that backward section of the world. We in America are concerned with such a program which emulates the best in America's democratic tradition."

GIVING BY WOMEN

Contributions by women must be on a "plus" basis, Mrs. Freedman said. Explaining that 85 per cent of America's retail buying is done by women, that women hold more than half of the nation's savings accounts and control the stock of the majority of the nation's biggest corporations, she said, "American women are well able to give

generously from their own incomes.

"In this case of the United Jewish Appeal, we ask the housewives to save a set sum each week from their household monies to contribute to the United Jewish Appeal. This money is called 'plus' not only because it is independent of a husband's contribution, but because it is money we cannot get from any source except the women of the community."

Dr. Kominsky

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ing all homeless Jews who wish to settle there without regard to the status of their health. The care and rehabilitation of these refugees is a joint operation of two agencies supported with funds raised in Bangor on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal. The two agencies are the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal.

Dr. Kominsky said that the program involves a minimum of 4,000

Dr. Frank Kingdon, noted journalist, author and radio commentator, whose last series of articles in the New York Post helped focus national attention on conditions in Israel, will be the guest speaker at the Special Gifts dinner, to be held at the Center on Sunday, May 7 at 1:00 p. m.



Recently returned from the new Jewish State, where he observed at first hand the overcrowded immigrant camps housing 85,000 newcomers to Israel, Dr. Kingdon's sympathetic and stimulating articles have spotlighted national attention on Israel's dire need for immediate funds to provide its new citizens with decent housing and other necessities of life.

disabled refugees, who with their dependents total 9,000 persons in all. Most are still in the DP countries of Germany, Austria and Italy, from which more than 200,000 other DP's have already been moved, chiefly to Israel.

"HARD CORE" TO ISRAEL

"To have sent these handicapped, aged and sick people to Israel without making certain first that they can be properly cared for and helped to re-establish themselves as useful citizens would have been an injustice to them and to the new State of Israel, whose people have already made extra-

The Winner of the Newspaper Guild Page One Award as the outstanding liberal commentator on the air, Dr. Kingdon began his distinguished career in public affairs after 20 years as a Protestant clergyman. Holder of the degrees of Doctor of Divinity and Doctor of Laws, he helped found the University of Newark and became its first President.

FIGHTER FOR DEMOCRACY

A veteran fighter for democracy, Dr. Kingdon was wartime special advisor to the Chairman of both the War Manpower Commission and the War Production Board, besides helping the late Fiorello LaGuardia found the Office of Civilian Defense. Instrumental in rescuing some of Europe's outstanding anti-Nazis from Hitler, he was awarded Denmark's King Christian award.

Dr. Kingdon is the author of four books, including his most recent "Architects of the Republic." Others are "That Man in the White House," "When Half-Gods Go," and "Our Second War of Independence." He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, a graduate of Boston University, and a former Jacob Sleeper Fellow at Harvard University. English-born, he came to this country alone at the age of 17.

The Special Gifts Dinner will include the Northern Maine region. Visitors will attend from many communities including Rockland, Pittsfield, Waterville, Calais and Presque Isle.

ordinary sacrifices," Dr. Kominsky declared.

"But to leave them to rot out their days in Germany, and in a Europe they hate, would be an equal injustice, for they are the people who bear Hitler's deepest wounds," he added.

"HARD CORE" FUNDS

The campaign chairman pointed out that the rehabilitation program for these "hard core" cases will cost \$17,500,000. The major cost of the program will be borne by Jews in the United States, who are being asked to provide \$272,455,800 this year to meet the requirements of the United Jewish

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Men's Fund Raising Meeting Takes Place on May 9



HOMES TO LIVE IN—Construction of 37,000 housing units in 1950 to speed the absorption of Israel's new immigrants is a major task to be met by American Jewry through the United Jewish Appeal. Here, modest homes typical of those being erected by the United Palestine Appeal agencies rise just outside Tel Aviv.



EYES TO THE FUTURE—Tadaous Scharf, 3, hugs his mother closely, but there is nothing for him to worry about. Tadaous and his mother are emigres from Poland. Funds contributed to the United Jewish Appeal brought them to Paris, where they are now under the care of the Joint Distribution Committee prior to their resettlement in Israel.

John Stanley Grauel, Christian Minister, who served as a volunteer crew member aboard the famous Jewish "illegal" refugee ship EXODUS 1947, and who has recently returned from an extensive tour of Israel, will speak at a community Fund Raising meeting to be held at the Center on Tuesday, May 9 at 8:00 p. m., in behalf of the 1950 United Jewish Appeal Campaign.

For the entire summer of 1949 Mr. Grauel, toured Israel and saw at first hand the unprecedented immigration which recently has reached such proportions that 85,000 newcomers must live in tents and barracks until funds are provided to house them in a civilized manner.

The historic United Nations decision creating the State of Israel was based in no small part upon the experiences of such men as Mr. Grauel who presented to a special U. N. Palestine Committee the historic report of the British naval attack upon the helpless Haganah immigrant ship loaded to the gunwales with 4500 Jewish DPs.

EXPLOITS DESCRIBED

Mr. Grauel, whose heroic efforts aboard the EXODUS were described in "Birth of Israel" by Jorge Garcia Grandos and in "Destination Palestine" by Ruth Gruber, contributed his own account of the vessel's tragic odyssey as writer, radio commentator, and



lecturer. His articles frequently appear in such publications as "The Churchman."

First becoming vitally concerned with the problem of the Jewish survivors of World War II when he joined the National Advisory Council of the American Christian Palestine Committee, Mr. Grauel joined the crew of the EXODUS as a deckhand in order to learn at first hand how he and others could best help solve the Jewish post-war problems in Europe and in Israel.

All the men in the community are urged to attend this meeting to hear Rev. Grauel report on the situation in Israel.

3. The Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency have just acquired use of a church hospital in Safed.

4. A Village for the Blind is being established at Gadera in southern Judea.

5. The Government of Israel is giving priority for the establishment of certain commercial enterprises to all cases that are ambulatory.

VILLAGE FOR THE BLIND

The campaign chairman cited the Village for the Blind as an example of what American funds can do. He said that the Village is being set up at an initial cost of \$125,000, including provision of \$85 a month for each family during the initial three-month rehabilitation period. The Village will have a grocery, general store,

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Dr. Kominsky

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Appeal for support of the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the United Service for New Americans.

Dr. Kominsky said that the following initial steps have been taken to meet the problem of the "hard core" cases:

1. A total of 375 beds at Tel Litwinski, former Army hospital, is being turned over for care of the chronically sick and for those who can be rehabilitated through surgery.

2. An additional 1,200 to 1,500 beds are being made available by setting up Nissen huts and prefabricated structures as extensions to existing tuberculosis sanatoria.

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Dr. Kominsky

restaurant, community center and 60 "auxiliary" truck farms. Six instructors have been recruited to train the blind settlers in brush making, ceramics and upholstery. The Village will have 100 blind newcomers.

Dr. Kominsky also cited the cooperation of the Israel Government. Through its licensing system, a handicapped person will be granted permission to operate a village grocery store for every 60 immigrant families placed in a settlement. For every 80 families, an invalid will be given the opportunity to operate a vegetable market. All soft drink stands will become the exclusive province of the handicapped.

The campaign chairman noted the specific contributions to the "hard core" program of the Israel Government, the United Palestine Appeal agencies, the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Jewish Appeal.

HOW UJA HELPS

The Government will contribute land, buildings and its good offices. The Jewish Agency will utilize funds from its general immigration, reception, housing and economic development programs. The Joint Distribution Committee will contribute to the program out of its total budget for overseas work. The United Jewish Appeal, which is the beneficiary of funds raised in this community, supports the work of the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal.

The Joint Distribution Committee, whose work has been chiefly in European and Moslem lands, was called upon to assist in the hard core program because of its

Refugee Needs Outlined By President Emple

More than 200,000 refugee Jews in Europe, North Africa and the Middle East must be transferred and resettled in Israel and the United States in the next eight to ten months, Mr. Joseph Emple, President of the Jewish Community Council told a gathering of volunteer U. J. A. campaign workers.



Mr. Emple stated that "the transfer of these homeless Jews must be carried out at once, because it's 'now or never' for many tens of thousands of them. Funds

more than 30 years of experience as the largest voluntary overseas welfare, social service and rehabilitation agency in the world.

Dr. Kominsky said that Israel was the only country in the world today that admits immigrants without requiring them to meet minimum physical standards.



Two girls recently arrived in the United States are assisted by the United Service for new Americans to find a haven of refuge in this country. The U.S.N.A. is a recipient of funds from the United Jewish Appeal.

raised in Bangor by the U. J. A. Drive will help make this possible."

"Many of these refugees," he said, "face disaster in the most literal sense because they cannot go on living in countries where they cannot sustain themselves economically, and where they are in constant danger."

PERSECUTION BY MOSLEMS

Mr. Emple said that in some of the Moslem countries of the Middle East "thousands upon thousands of Jews have been deprived of their means of livelihood through the imposition of boycotts, restrictive controls and other means. Jews in these countries are also menaced by increasing persecution and discrimination."

Some Jews in Eastern European countries, he added, are also suffering as a result of economic dislocations resulting from the new regimes there and the effects of the war.

He said that funds raised here through the U. J. A. Drive are transmitted immediately to the United Jewish Appeal to support the programs of its operating agencies: The Joint Distribution Committee, United Palestine Appeal and United Service for New Americans.

200,000 REFUGEES NEED AID

Mr. Emple said that of the more than 200,000 homeless Jews waiting to leave Europe, North Africa and the Middle East, a minimum of 150,000 must be brought to Israel, with some 25,000 others anxious to settle in the United States. The remainder, he said, (Continued on Page 5)

Candle Lighting Time (Daylight Saving Time)

May 5	7:25 P. M.
May 12	7:33 P. M.
May 19	7:41 P. M.
May 26	7:48 P. M.

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HALF WAY HOUSE—Mother and child wait in one of Israel's temporary reception camps for new housing to be built before they can be absorbed and started on the way to a new life. Of the 360,000 homeless brought to Israel with help of United Jewish Appeal funds between May, 1948 and December, 1949, more than 270,000 were settled and absorbed. Today, 90,000 are still in camps.

Land Settlement Urgent To the Welfare of Israel, Says Vice Pres. Schiro

Israel is today witnessing the drama of a land settlement program that in many ways parallels the phenomenal settlement of the American West made possible by the Homestead Act of the last century, Sidney Schiro, vice president in charge of Fund Raising, said in explaining how funds raised here on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal are used in Israel, Europe, North Africa and the United States.



This new program is populating the Jewish State with thousands of new immigrants brought there with the aid of United Jewish Appeal funds, Mr. Schiro said. One hundred and twenty-seven new settlements were established in 1949. Another 125 must be set up in 1950 to receive new immigrants.

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regard of its own welfare and with such great devotion to the ideal of gathering in the victims of homelessness and misery from every point on the map.

"We in Bangor must exert all our energies to obtain the maximum sum for Israel through the United Jewish Appeal in 1950. Only in that way can we lighten the burden of the people of Israel. Only in that way can we as Americans and as Jews give the greatest support to a government that is striving to build a new nation on the highest principles of democracy and human freedom.

Mr. Emple

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are waiting to be resettled in countries of the British Commonwealth and in Latin America.

The President of the Council stressed that "we are conducting our 1950 drive in a race against time. In many areas, time is limited and precious."

He cited a recent decision by the Polish Government granting Jews permission to emigrate from that country before August 15. After that date, he said, the Polish Government will close its borders. "We must have the funds to get our people out."

Mr. Emple estimated that a total of 15,000 to 25,000 Jews will leave Poland for Israel before the August 15 deadline if funds are made available by American Jewish communities through the United Jewish Appeal.

The Jewish Community Council President said that a similar situation exists in Yugoslavia. At least 3,000 Jews expect to leave that country soon for Israel.

NO DEADLINES

Mr. Emple pointed out that

"there can be no waiting for deadlines to expire. We must move 48,000 to 50,000 persons out of the Moslem areas and Eastern Europe in the next four months. 18,000 displaced Jews must be brought to the United States before the expiration of the DP Act on June 30. For all of them, it's now or never. Funds must be forthcoming at once."

OUR RESPONSIBILITY CONTINUES

Mr. Emple emphasized that "our responsibility to these people does not end when we move them to Israel. Some 85,000 recent newcomers to Israel are living in temporary reception camps, the great majority of which are nothing but tent cities. They have been in these immigrant camps for as long as three to six months. Depending on the immigrant flow into Israel, the camp population often rises sharply, and stood at 110,000 several months ago. Today, the 85,000 in these camps constitute an absorptive problem that must be solved if the 150,000 waiting to enter this year are to do so without serious difficulty.

"The problem of maintaining the new immigrants is the key to the economic and social future of Israel. It is a burden which the Jews of Israel cannot and must not carry alone. They would not have to give up all luxuries and many necessities, if they did not wish to share every morsel of food and every comfort with their brothers from all corners of the world.

HEROIC UNDERTAKING

"It is a heroic undertaking beyond the imagination of even the most ardent supporters of Israel that the Jewish State has committed itself to take in a minimum of 500,000 Jews in the period from May 14, 1948 (the date of the establishment of Israel) to the end of 1950. American Jewish aid is vital for the fulfillment of this immigration program. Without adequate dollars from us, it will mean even greater sacrifices for the people of Israel and long and bitter months of suffering in tents for the new immigrants.

"Nowhere else in the world has a people or its government approached its responsibilities with such complete dedication and dis-

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The most important aspect of this plan, he said, was that it provided an opportunity for newcomers to settle on the land without any previous agricultural training. As a result, many new immigrants have been able to be moved out quickly to points of settlement and have been spared months of waiting in the immigrant camps where thousands of men, women and children are living in overcrowded barracks and tents in misery and idleness.

Mr. Schiro disclosed details of the plan as the U. J. A. Drive got under way here to help meet needs in Israel, Europe, North Africa and the United States totalling \$272,455,800. He cited the program as evidence of this community's success in helping the United Jewish Appeal solve Israel's immigration crisis.

SUCCESS DEPENDS ON CAMPAIGN

He noted, however, that the continued successful settlement of large numbers of immigrants will depend on what Jews in this and other communities contribute to the United Jewish Appeal in 1950.

When a total of between 80 and 100 families have been enrolled for settlement, Mr. Schiro explained,

they are moved out of the camps to the site on which their new village is to be built. With funds contributed by Jews in this and other American communities through the United Jewish Appeal, the United Palestine Appeal agencies give each family head \$850 to tide him over the first year.

For all of the new settlers, it is a rigorous experience in pioneering not only in the building of a new life for themselves but in the upbuilding of their new country.

LAND GIVEN TOO

In addition to receiving a monetary allowance from the United Palestine Appeal agencies, which derive their funds from the United Jewish Appeal, each family is allotted up to one-half an acre (1/2 dunam), depending on the size of group, Mr. Schiro explained. The family is also given a cow, 50 chickens and can draw on tractors and other farm machinery provided for the settlement as a whole by the UPA agencies.

To help the inexperienced new settler, Mr. Schiro pointed out, veterans of older villages are enrolled as special instructors to guide the new immigrants through the first year of their work on the land. Many of these instructors, who today have their own successful farms and comfortable homes,

are the pioneers of a generation ago. They are leaving everything behind them for a year to begin a second phase of pioneering in order to help adjust and integrate the newcomers.

In the latter connection, Mr. Schiro said that "this is merely one phase of the many sacrifices which the people of Israel are making to keep the doors open to every Jew who needs a home."

WOMEN HELP

Women, too, he said, are brought out of the older settlements to teach the wives of the new immigrants how to manage their households, how to plant gardens, how to arrange their diets, and how to overcome the initial difficulties of pioneer life.

The most important first task facing the new immigrant, Mr. Schiro pointed out, is the building of his new home. Until this is completed, he and his family live in a tent on their own land. In addition to his original financial allowance, he is paid three dollars a day while his home is going up. When completed, the home consists of a large all-purpose room

and a kitchen. The main room, which serves as a living room, dining room and bedroom is fourteen feet by twelve, while the kitchen is six feet by twelve. The entire building is made of concrete and has tiled roofing.

PROVIDES INCOME

Mr. Schiro stressed that one of the most valuable aspects of the settlement plan "is that it provides the new settler with an income long before his land is ready to produce. Without these resources, which are made available through our and other campaigns, Israel could not carry through this dramatic settlement, development and upbuilding of the Holy Land."

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To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lipman on the birth of a daughter, Eleanor Mae.

To Dr. and Mrs. Leo Stollar on the birth of a son, Ira Louis.

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