

Book Reviews of Current Interest

The Armed Prophet: A Biography of Ben-Gurion. By Michael Bar-Zohar. Arthur Barker. 45s. Reviewed by Jeremy Robson in The Jewish Chronicle.

Any biography of David Ben-Gurion must encompass the tragedies, triumphs and recurring tribulations of Jewish history in the past 80 or so years. To have understood and often anticipated the course of these events—and to have redirected it—is Ben-Gurion's supreme achievement. Throughout his long and fervent life he has been both a visionary and a tank, and this detailed but always lively account of his manifold battles—originally published in France, and appearing now in an excellent translation—makes compulsive reading.

The battle began in the Polish village of Plonsk, where the young Ben-Gurion (or rather, David Grin) was quick to respond to the call of political Zionism which had recently gone out from Herzl at Basle—and which reached him through his Zion-loving and surprisingly liberal-minded father. He was quick also to note and regret how his fellow-Jews were reacting to the pogroms and oppressions then sweeping across Eastern Europe from Russia. As he saw it, action not words, ally to Palestine not emigration to America, was the one answer.

New Settlers Even in Palestine he was immediately startled by the "ghetto" mentality of many of the Jewish traders who had settled there, and by Jewish landowners who would employ only Arab workers. His battles for Jewish labour, for the creation of a Jewish defence force

(Hashomer), for the formation of a confederation of workers (Histadrut) are well known; it is a sad reflection that some of the bitterest enemies he had to face then (as later) were his re-religionists.

For Ben-Gurion always has been, and—regrettably, perhaps—still is, at war. Some of the most illuminating sections of this book deal in depth with conflicts and differences between him and many others—e.g., Weizmann, Jabotinsky's revisionists, Sharet, the American Zionists (whom he called "gold purses"), and the British Government. He was after the impossible, and he would never compromise or give way to the more cautious or polite of his colleagues. His eyes were on the jack-pot, a Jewish State, and he would settle for nothing less. His provocative reaction to the Balfour Declaration was typical: "Our future does not depend on what the Gentiles will say, but on what the Jews will do."

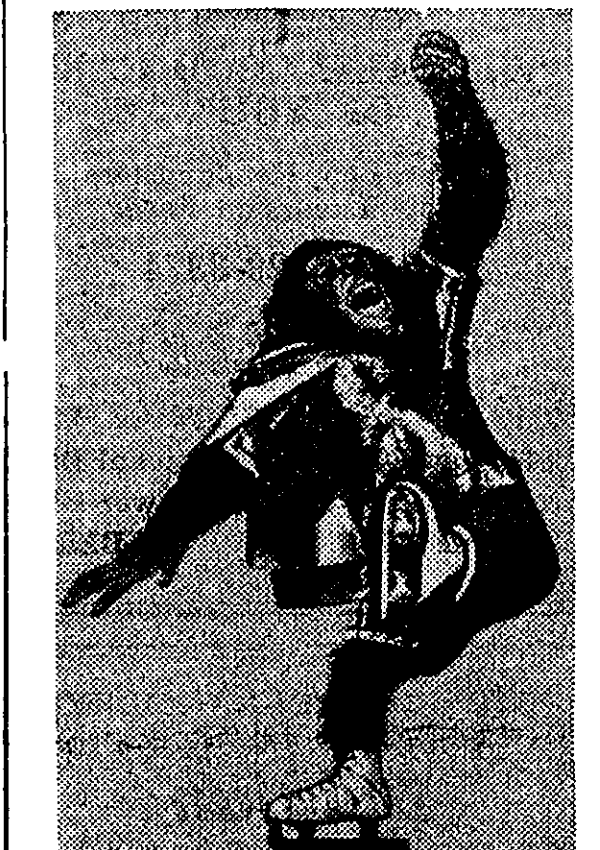
Fresh Trails Of course, Ben-Gurion made mistakes; and many of the trails he blazed were unpleasant, if necessary, ones. He was ruthless and uncompromising, and he left acrimony and broken friendships behind him—but great devotion and affection also. Since he is the charismatic hero of this book, the viewpoints of others sometimes remain understated, just as the roles and exceptional qualities of others are given less than their great due: they fade into the shadows. One would have liked to have seen more, too, of the emotional, history-loving charmer we are only told about. It should be added that Mr. Bar-Zohar is not uncritical, especially of Ben-Gurion's

recent political excursions. Without Ben-Gurion, the man who dared, the State of Israel would not have been proclaimed in 1948. That is the message of this timely and absorbing book.

Ace of Spies, by Robin Bruce Lockhart. Hodder & Stoughton, 30s. Reviewed by David Ginsburg, M.P., in The Jewish Chronicle.

The British Secret Service is compelled to remain modest about its heroes. Sidney Reilly is certainly an exception: although his career ended in darkness and silence, he managed in his prime to bestride the scene with remarkable flamboyance. Reilly was born in Odessa into the Russian minor aristocracy; he was, however, the natural son of

Ice Capades at Winnipeg Arena



SPANKY, JR.

The 27th edition of Ice Capades which comes to the Winnipeg Arena Feb. 6 to 11 has something for everyone. Lavish, fast moving expertly skated, Ice Capades is completely new from start to finish. The show brings to audiences innovations that are truly "firsts" in ice showmanship.

Front projection from an electronically controlled machine allows the use of a large motion picture screen for the integration of live and filmed performers. This process, called "Magic Screen," achieves effects never before seen on ice. There are six production numbers, interspersed with solo and comedy performances.

The array of star performers is the finest in the world—World Professional Pair Champions, Guy Revell and Gertrude Desjardins of Canada; 1967 North American Champion, Don Knight, also of Canada; Mitsuko Funakoshi; Japanese Champion, Sashi Kuchiki; Janet Runn; Richard Callaghan; statuesque Gisela; youthful Charlene McLaren; graceful adagio duo, Alain and Margaret, and Michael Garren.

Comedy is supplied by British clown, Terry Head and the daffy duo of Bussey and Meuller. Specialty acts are given by Dave Pitts and Spanky Jr., the chimp champ and the Three Toddy's. Ice Capades will present five evening and three matinee performances on Saturday and Sunday.

a Jewish doctor, and on learning of his origins, he assumed his true father's name—Sigmund Rosenblum—and left home and Russia.

From this unusual background he derived both great talents and a sense of destiny, combined with insecurity and inferiority. He was motivated by a deep sense of patriotism for his adopted country, Britain, yet his concern for the country of his birth, Russia, never left him.

Mysterious Exploits He played no mean part before the First World War in uncovering the secrets of the German armament program. More overtly dramatic was his role in the acquisition by the Anglo-Persian Oil Company (today, BP), with British Government participation, of the South Persian oilfields. This is a complex story, with the French Rothschilds beaten to the signature by Reilly, posing as a French curé on the Rothschild yacht and persuading Thomas D'Arcy, the concessionaire, to do a deal with the British Government.

Reilly was clearly a virtuoso performer. His First World War exploits remain shrouded in mystery—Bruce Lockhart has done well enough, in spite of a substantial security screen—but it is known that Reilly killed a colonel on Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria's staff and managed to impersonate him at conferences of the German High Command.

He saw himself as the Napoleon of espionage, capable of determining history by his actions, and this bravura led him to take on the Russian Revolution, in the end almost single-handed.

As the emissary of the Secret Service he conceived the idea, fantastic as it may sound today, when a confident Russia celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Revolution, of kidnapping Lenin, Trotsky and the other Bolshevik leaders and of marching them through the streets of Moscow in their underwear. He came surprisingly near to success.

In 1925, Reilly, disillusioned by the ineffectiveness of the White emigrés, returned to Russia to make contact with what he thought was a genuine resistance organization in Soviet society. He was mistaken: he walked straight into the hands of the G.P.U., and was never heard of again. It seems that even today Russian authorities are reticent, possibly uncertain of his ultimate fate.

Emancipation and Adjustment, by David Rudavsky. Diplomatic Press. \$6.95. Reviewed by D. R. Frisch in the American Jewish World.

This is the dramatic story of the Jew's intellectual encounter with the liberalizing forces that impelled his move out of the ghettos, physical and intellectual, that he had come to inhabit as a response to gentile bigotry and insecurity.

Virtually all the movements that dominate Jewish life in this century had their origins in that encounter, including the Reform, Conservative, and neo-Orthodox sects, Zionism, diaspora nationalism, and the various forms of socialist revolutionary idealism which so attracted the young Jewish activist. Nor have the elements of traditionalism, including the Hasidic movement, been unaffected.

The implicit bargain of the Western emancipation, unmasked by Napoleon, was that "the Jew must

trade his national identity for equal citizenship. Today, to most of us, it sounds like an agreement so preposterous as to preclude consideration, but to the Jew of the ghetto, who might easily associate his Jewish identity with an unbearable restrictiveness imposed both from within and without, did not necessarily find it so.

The Reform movement in Germany arose as the religious side of a positive response to this bargain, while the Historical School of Judaism, root of the Conservative movement, reflected the intellectual response of Nachman Krochmal and others to the equally attractive philosophical school in Germany dominated by Hegel.

Both these movements were carried to America by the nineteenth century wave of Jewish immigration and took root here, as did the Zionist movement, somewhat later. That movement was a response, in its Western form, to the failure of the Gentile world to keep its side of the bargain, and accept the Jew as a citizen in fact as well as in law.

"Emancipation" outlines the ideas of a long array of Jewish thinkers, including among others Mendelssohn, the Besht and his followers, Krochmal, Samson Hirsch, founder of neo-Orthodoxy, Leopold Zunz, Abraham Geiger, Isaac M. Wise, Solomon Schechter and Joseph Soloveitchik. As Prof. Abraham Katsh points out in his preface: "It is to the credit of Judaism that it can indulge in several ideologies, and embrace them in an overarching unity."

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Obituaries

PIONEER PASSES



Mrs. Sonia Sucharov, aged 91, passed away Thursday, Jan. 25, 1968, at the St. Boniface Hospital after a brief illness. She came to Springfield, Man., with her family in 1912, where they operated a farm, and moved to Winnipeg in 1926.

Mrs. Sucharov was an ardent member of the Winnipeg Chapter of Hadassah, Talmud Torah Muter Ferein, Golden Age Club, and one of the first worshippers of the former Beth Judah Synagogue. She was predeceased by her husband, Gershon, in 1936; a son, Joe, in 1927; Flying Officer Maxwell Samuel, who was killed in action in 1944, and a daughter, Freda Mass, in 1966. She is survived by her sons, Aron, Myer (Moe), and daughters, Mrs. Abe (Rae) Zipursky, Mrs. Jack (Rose)

Bay, and Mrs. Sam (Bess) Maslovsky; also 13 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services took place Friday, Jan. 26, at 11:30 a.m. from the Chesed Shel Emes with interment at the Hebrew Sick Benefit Cemetery. Rabbi M. Schwartzman and I. E. Witty officiated. Pallbearers were her grandsons, Saul Bay, Gershon Sucharov, Al Walder, Bernie Sucharov, Dr. Garry Mass and Joel Maslovsky.

MAX RABER

Max Raber, son of Mrs. Rivka Raber, 293 McAdam Avenue, Winnipeg, Man., and the late Kiva Raber, passed away suddenly in Toronto on January 16, 1968. He was formerly of Melville, Sask., and Winnipeg.

Mr. Raber is survived by his mother, Rivka; a brother, Ben, of Toronto, and a sister, Mrs. Leo (Bea) Lewis, of Medicine Hat, Alta. Funeral services were held January 18 from Chesed Shel Emes Chapel, Winnipeg.

WILLIAM GRANOVSKY

On Thursday, January 26, 1968, at Winnipeg General Hospital, Mr. William Granovsky, aged 66 years, beloved husband of Katie Granovsky of 21 Royal Crescent, West Kildonan. Funeral service was held at Chesed Shel Emes. Rabbi P. Weizman officiated. Interment at B'nai Abraham Cemetery.

Mr. Granovsky worked for McDonald Consolidated. Besides his wife Katie, he leaves to mourn his passing his daughters, Rae Cohen and Mirium, and sons, Les, Harry and Harvey; sisters, Lil Cera, Bessie Pressman, Tena Kare, Bertha Klady, Rae Rittberg and eight grandchildren. Shiva to be held at 21 Royal Crescent, West Kildonan.

Card of Thanks

Mrs. Rivka Raber and family wish to offer sincere thanks for the many kind expressions of sympathy extended to them during their recent bereavement in the loss of her son and their brother, Max Raber of Toronto.

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In Memoriam



In loving memory of a dear husband and father REUBEN DIAMOND who passed away on the 5th day of Shevat, 5715 Thirteenth Yahrzeit "He was the salt of the earth"

—Ever remembered and sadly missed by his wife Fanny children and grandchildren

In memory of our beloved SOPHIE KANEE

who passed away January 21, 1967 (English Calendar) 10 Days in Shevat (Hebrew Calendar)

Her life was a beautiful memory Her death a silent grief

—Ever remembered by her loving Husband, Children, Parents and Brothers.

CLUB NOTES OF INTEREST

B'NAI ABRAHAM SISTERHOOD will hold a dinner meeting February 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Rae Hirt, 480 Burrin Avenue.

MASSADA CHAPTER, PIONEER Women, will hold a general meeting Monday, Feb. 5, at 9 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Myrna Kreef, 46 Kimwood Bay, Garden City.

STUDY GROUP OF PARENTS' Association of the I. L. Peretz-Folk School will meet Friday, Feb. 2, at 9 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Singer, 90 Vanier Drive, in Garden City. Mr. J. Bar El will lead the discussion.

REBECCA SIEFF CHAPTER OF Hadassah will meet on Monday, Feb. 5, at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. M. Grysman, 421 Enniskillen Ave. Mrs. S. Unrode, president of the chapter, will report on the Hadassah Convention recently held in Montreal.

AVIVA CHAPTER OF B'NAI B'rith Women will meet Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 8:15 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Henry McClellan, 954 Beaverbrook Street. The program is on Anti-Defamation League and the hostesses are Mrs. J. Buchalter, Mrs. S. Rosenhek and Mrs. I. Yamron.

HATIKVAH CHAPT., PIONEER Women's Organization, will meet on Monday, Feb. 5, at 9 p.m. at the home of Mrs. I. Garfunkel, 7 Mari-gold Bay. A group discussion will be held and plans finalized for the Israel Supply Tea.

MANITOBA CHAPTER OF B'NAI B'rith Women will hold an executive meeting Tuesday, Feb. 6, 8:30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Jack Diamond, 375 Matheson Avenue. Plans for the annual Spring Tea will be finalized.

HEBREW FRATERNAL LODGE will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 8:45 p.m. at the Hebrew Fraternal Lodge, Main at Machray. A film on the "Six-Day War" will be presented. Refreshments will be served.

KINNERET CHAP., HADASSAH, will meet Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Louis Fisher, Apt. 1819 Regency Towers, 411 Cumberland Ave. There will be a speaker from Montessori School.

LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE Brandeis Lodge will hold their annual "Lady of the Year" dinner and dance at the Fort Garry Hotel on Saturday, Feb. 10, honoring Mrs. Abe Roher who will be the recipient of the S. Hart Green, Jr., Award.

GARDEN CITY CHAPTER OF B'nai B'rith Women will meet on Monday, Feb. 5, at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. T. Greenberg, 757 Airlines Street. Elections will be held and a film entitled "Let My People Go" will be shown.

LADIES AUXILIARY, GENERAL Monash Branch No. 115 of the Royal Canadian Legion held a joint installation of the new slate of officers for 1968 with the men's branch on Monday, Jan. 22, at their clubrooms: Miss E. Love, president; Mrs. J. Weinberg, 1st vice-president; Mrs. J. Nezon, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. B. Shatsky, treasurer; Mrs. J. Kraitzberg, secretary. The committee elected included: Mesdames A. Paul, H. Chochinov, A. Shechter, M. Kluner, A. Handelman, H. Green, J. Berlin, M. Cohor, M. Gilman, A. Silver. Mrs. H. I. Hirsh is past president.

A PUBLIC LECTURE WILL BE held on Friday, Feb. 2, at 8:30 p.m. at the Hebrew Sick Benefit Hall, 239 Selkirk Avenue. The speaker will be Annette T. Rubinstein, Ph.D. Her topic will be "The Alienation or Affirmation in the American Jewish Novel." Everyone is invited to attend. Admission is \$1.00.

BOWLING SCORES

Gateway Mixed Ten Pin League highs last week were: Max Duchon 511, Harry Yanofsky 516, Lorne 501 (203), and Shirley Pauley 454 (177).

Glendale Mixed 10 Pin League high three game scores last week were: men — George Gershman 564, Jerome Cohen 543 (215), Sam Slotin 536, Jake Karlinksky 526, Morley Bell 520, Abe Keenbergs 516, Zivy Guberman 514, Jake Karlinksky rolled an all spare game of 182 on Jan. 21 and Zivy Guberman rolled an all spare game of 183 on Jan. 22. Ladies — Lil Burke 484, Ev Gladstone 454, Gert Bokofsky 452.

B'nai B'rith Mr. and Mrs. 10 Pin highs last week were: Mitchell Schachter 549 (202), Stan Silverberg 530 (223), Lou Green 525 (200), Dan Brody 524 (183), Ben Green 522 (196), Jim Bermack 521 (180), Nate Gutkin 519 (200), Dave Abosh 518 (193), Alex Snukal 515 (215), and Jack Cohen 513 (181). Ladies — Ruth Shenback 495 (186), Gertie Silver 487 (178), Louise Kowall 486 (177), Libby Greenfield 467 (170), Marsha Singer 464 (181), Barbara Brody 454 (167), Bernice Levine 448 (172), Min Fromkin 443 (161), Sybil Plosker 432 (153), Lil Cohen 427 (151).

Maple Leaf Mixed 5 Pin League highs Jan. 24 were: Bert Glow 758, Sam Martin 727, Frank Hrychik 726, Charlie Derbitsky 715, Bill Shinwald 700, Estelle Hershfield 698, Lee Chochinov 678, Anne Kneller 614, Rita Swire 604, Freda Driben 556. Team high for the evening was K. Terhoch with 3237 pins.

Hebrew Fraternal Ladies' 10 Pin highs last week were: Cecile Sodomsky 517, Anne Yutman 483, Carole Wolf 451, Ruth Klapman 443, Harriet Broun 435, Rita Vine 413, Doreen Rubinfeld 411.

B'nai B'rith Ladies Northgate 10 Pin Bowling League high singles last week were: Dolly Itzkow 154, Phyllis Laveman 152, Simmie Etkin 149, Lil Cohen 146; high triples — Evelyn Snider 490, Shirley Pauley 484, Belle Schom 440, Kay Sera 440.

Wonder Mixed 10 Pin highs last week were: Men — Ben Grushko 502 (194), Morley Rypp 485 (184), Herb Halprin 472 (170); women — Edde Werier 444 (157), Ethel Chochinov 417 (167).

Lady Gayers high games for January 29 were: Betty Akman 523, Eva Abosh 488, Fay Stedman 445, Joyce Diner 443, Claire Dveris 440, Edie Pearlman 432.

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