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## Strasbourg encounter

Vladimir Zhirinovsky buttonholed the bemused yeshiva student 'I don't hate Jews – only Zionists'. The bocher replied 'I'm Orthodox, I'm also against Zionism'.

What grates most about this encounter between snake and rabbit is the latter's naivety. Hearing the hoofbeat of the apocalyptic horsemen Zhirinovsky, Schönhuber, Le Pen and Fini – while the Isle of Dogs catches racist rabies – Jews cannot, in the last resort, be other than Zionists. Besides Hertzl's – as distinct from Kahane's – Zionism is an honourable and humanitarian creed no one needs apologise for espousing. □

Poisoned springs of Vichy water

## Antecedents and ramifications of the Touvier case

Nowadays "human rights" is a key phrase in international discourse with the free world frequently censuring countries like China for breaching human rights. We owe the concept of universal rights to France, whose revolutionary assembly passed a Declaration of the Rights of Man just over two centuries ago. Not long after, French troops entering the Rhineland pulled down the Ghetto walls (an event which left a lifelong impression on young Heinrich Heine).

But there is, alas, another, darker, France – a France of reaction rather than revolution, of obscurantism instead of Enlightenment and of bigotry in place of cosmopolitanism. This other France displayed its frightening strength a hundred years ago in the Dreyfus Trial, which not only sparked the creation of Europe's first Fascist movement (the *Action Française*) but also showed that such pillars of the French state as the army, the church, the civil service and the judiciary were antisemitic – and therefore antidemocratic – to the core.

The anti-Dreyfus forces were not merely fighting against a scapegoat Jew and his fellows. What they were aiming at, in a trial of strength that dragged on for a decade, was the re-establishment of an *ancien régime* based on lineage, rank and Catholic piety. They lost – but never gave up. Then, some forty-odd years after the Trial, the French military and moral collapse in 1940 afforded them a second opportunity to turn the clock back with a vengeance. The collaborationist Vichy regime rested on the very same pillars as the erstwhile anti-Dreyfusard bloc: officer corps, clergy, bureaucrats and rightwing politicians. The veteran *Action Française* leader Charles Maurras (sentenced for collaboration after the war) shouted "This is the Dreyfusard revenge" from the dock.

The fault-line in French public life opened up by the Dreyfus *affaire* has, in fact, endured for close on a century.

As the Touvier case, which has only now come to court, shows, a genocide operative wanted for crimes against humanity could count on sections of the

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**THURSDAY 2 JUNE, 1994,  
AT 7.30 p.m.**

#### AGENDA

Annual Report 1993  
Hon. Treasurer's Report  
Discussion  
Election of Committee of Management  
Followed by a talk by Dr David Cesarani entitled  
*Commemorating the Past or Celebrating Amnesia?*  
All questions for the Chair should be submitted  
to the Director at  
1 Hampstead Gate, 1a Froggnal, London NW3 6AL  
by 26 May, 1994.

### A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Will be held at 15 Cleve Road,  
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on

**THURSDAY 12 MAY, 1994, AT 7.30 p.m.**

#### AGENDA

Revision of Rules of Association of Jewish  
Refugees in Great Britain

A draft of the proposed revised rules is included with  
this issue of *AJR Information* and members wishing to  
submit amendments should do so  
in writing to:

The Director, AJR, 1 Hampstead Gate,  
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to reach him by Monday 9 May, 1994.

Church, not only to plead forgiveness for war crimes, but to shelter and finance him while on the run for over 40 years. *Incredible dictu* these elements in the Catholic hierarchy thought that Touvier deserved help, not despite – but because of – having killed Jews. To those bigoted clerics Jews are still both Christ-killers and, jointly with atheists, Freemasons and communists, enemies of Catholic France – the France of St. Louis and Jeanne d'Arc.

This poisonously hostile image of the Jew is also being kept active by sections of the officer corps. An article on the centenary of the trial by the head of the army archive threw doubt on Captain Dreyfus' innocence, and alleged that he owed his acquittal to masons, pacifists, radicals and Jews who were, and still are, bitter enemies of the French army.

Happily, Defence Minister Leotard dismissed the writer of the article on the spot. The case of Paul Touvier is, however, more complex. Even if he receives his just punishment – despite inevitable weasel-words about it all having happened so long ago – the question of his helpers remains unresolved. And let us remember, those who helped Touvier, in one way or another, were not “only” heads of religious houses, but France's head of state, the amnesty-granting President Pompidou.

France still needs to come to terms both with its wartime and postwar past. Both the Touvier trial, and the official designation of the anniversary of the Parisian round-up of Jews in 1942 as a day of mourning, point in the right direction. □

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## Profile

### Serving the age range



Marianne Hasseck.

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Though, outwardly at least, Marianne Hasseck exudes tranquillity, she has led a life of not inconsiderable personal drama, in addition to the public drama we all experienced. Berlin born in the 1920s, she acquired a step-father after her mother's divorce and remarriage. This led to a move to the countryside, followed by a return to Nazi Berlin where she attended the Kalinsky School. Leaving the school at 15 she enrolled in an agricultural college, acquiring knowledge that stood her in good stead after coming to Britain, where from 1939 onwards she trained Land Army girls. During the war she married a left-leaning fellow refugee. The young couple already had a small child when, in 1946, they emigrated to East Germany. There they were briefly engaged in training youth leaders, but the husband died while still in his twenties. Having a British-born daughter and a step-father who ran a Scottish saw-mill made it possible for the young widow to return to the UK.

Back in Britain Marianne remarried (starting another family) and undertook an emergency teacher training course. Having obtained her “pressure-cooker” qualification at Trent Park in thirteen months, she entered primary education. Here she stayed for thirty-two years (mainly in Inner London), eventually rising to the position of Headmistress. During that period she witnessed amazing population changes in such inner-city areas as Islington. Originally white, working-class neighbourhoods became increasingly ethnic and, more recently, underwent “yuppification”.

Since retiring Marianne has devoted a great deal of time to communal activity. She

has (jointly with her husband) edited the Alyth Gardens Synagogue Magazine, and served as Secretary of the Association of Jewish Teachers. Within the AJR sphere, she has helped with meals-on-wheels and cooked for the Adamson Road Lunch Club (in pre-Day Centre days). She has also been a Paul Balint AJR Day Centre volunteer. Her favourite communal “assignment”, however, is at Heinrich Stahl House, where she organises a weekly discussion circle and periodic lectures under the auspices of the University of the Third Age (U3A). Long may she continue to serve our, and the wider, community! □ R.G.

### German community waxes and wanes

In the period since 1991 around seventeen thousand Russian Jews have come to Germany. This has boosted the size of the community to over forty-thousand; three quarters of Berlin Jewry are estimated to be of Russian origin.

Thus it is not surprising that the newly opened Berlin Jewish Theatre is staging its curtain raiser – Oleg Jurjew's *Small Pogrom in a Station Buffet* in the Russian language. (It is hoped that, as time goes on, Yiddish-language productions will also be staged at the theatre.)

This good news has been offset by a financial crisis threatening the survival of the German-Jewish community's newspaper, *Die Jüdische Allgemeine Wochenzeitung*. The survival of the weekly, which has seven thousand subscribers, has now been guaranteed – but only for a further year. The demise of a publication that has been appearing for close on half a century, since its inception by Henry Marx in 1946, would be a minor tragedy. □

## CLUB 1943

Anglo-German Cultural Forum  
Meetings on Mondays at 8 p.m.

at the Communal Hall  
Belsize Square Synagogue  
51 Belsize Square  
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May 2nd. Bank Holiday. No lecture.  
May 9th. Hall not available. No lecture.  
May 16th. Shavuot. No lecture.  
May 23rd. Mr Ralph Blumenau M.A., B.Litt.  
In defence of the Weimar Republic.  
May 30th. Bank Holiday. No lecture.  
June 6th. Mr Martin Brady, Lecturer at King's College, London University. Arnold Schönberg and the film (exact title to be announced).

## Short Story

## Suffer the children . . .

'Come on Joseph, hold this while I climb on the chair.' 'What is it?' Joseph asked timidly, almost completely hidden by the bottom branches of the freshly smelling pine tree. 'It's the fairy, of course, for the top of the tree, silly', she said. 'Don't they have Christmas trees where you come from?'

He did not answer. He thought of his grandmother lighting the Chanukah candles last year in Berlin, but was distracted by Mrs Welmin standing on the chair – he could see her knickers. 'Come on dear, pass it up', she said. 'It's a good job I've got you to help me this year, Pauli's too small at four and your two extra years make all the difference. . . . There now, that's got her firmly into place.'

The fairy wasn't new, a bit grubby in fact, but up there she looked quite grand. '*Ganz aristokratisch*', his Omama would have said. It was all strange for Joseph; his parents had gone back to Leeds after the worst air raids were over but had left him in Keswick – 'just for a little while' – his mother had said. But he knew it was because the school had been bombed and they both had to work.

So here he was, a refugee/evacuee boarded out with this family. Mr Welmin was a farm worker and in the Home Guard, and their little son Pauli was not much

company for him. He only wanted to play chasing games. However, Joseph was a quiet child and after some four weeks he had settled reasonably well into the household. He got used to being scalded on the aluminium hot water bottle and to the big St Bernard's dog snoring outside his room all night.

And now it was Christmas and they had been to the wood and chosen and cut down their very own Christmas tree. Mrs Welmin had pulled out a big box of all sorts of coloured decorations from under the bed, behind the big jerry . . . what a funny name for a *Nachttopf*. Young Pauli was playing with the contents, humming . . . very badly . . . a carol. Slowly but surely it all got put up into the tree and Mrs Welmin put little wax candles on as a final touch. 'We'll light these tonight, Christmas Eve', she said, 'then you'll see how bright it will be'. 'Like the last night of Chanukah' Joseph thought.

Mr Welmin, Paul senior, came home carrying various boxes wrapped in coloured paper. 'Presents for under the tree . . . presents for all, including our little evacuee', he said cheerfully. Little Paul was jumping up and down. 'Let me see, let me see', he cried. 'Not till tomorrow morning' his mother admonished, 'now be a good boy, just like the Baby Jesus. Joseph thought – 'I wonder which box is for me, I wonder if my Mummy sent me something?' Mr Welmin switched the radio on to hear the news . . . the room was filled with carols, Christ the King, Sweet Jesus, Goodwill to all men, Royal David's City, King Wenceslas. The Welmins were humming and singing along.

Little Pauli came out from behind the tree clutching a glittering purple ball in his hand. 'Here', he said, 'Joseph, why did you kill the baby Jesus?' □ Joachim Maier

## High stakes – no chips

In the Association of Children of Jewish Refugees (ACJR) December newsletter a notice appeared inviting members to take part in the group's 4th sponsored games marathon. Although some people seemed reluctant to come forward, their excuses were craftily dismissed by the organisers, assuring them that they could drop in for a few minutes as and when they liked (they didn't have to be sponsored – but it would help). Consequently, the first weekend in February saw 24 hours of non-stop game playing in a house in Edgware.

The deep-seated concern of trembling amateurs that they were about to be trounced by professional Trivial Pursuiters quickly evaporated. Soon the air was thick with over-enthusiastic Scrabble players demanding that passers-by supply seven-letter words off the tops of their heads, and hopeful Bridge players trying to convince rank amateurs that the game could be learned in moments with good tuition. Only certified experts could be trusted to approach the Boggle and Flounder schools, which demand great patience and years of experience.

For the true professionals, however, there is only one game in town – Monopoly. The nail-biting suspense, the tension, the sheer power – nothing can match this prince of games. Stakes were high: the winner could go home richer by a full packet of crisps – while the loser. . . .

Over £400 was raised by the ACJR for charity at this event and they now have almost a whole year to prepare for the next time.

For details about the ACJR please write to Anne or Ian on Box No 1250.

□ Anne Salinger

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Tuesday, 3 May at 8 p.m.  
'Jewish History in the London Context: London's Jewish Communities 1840–1920'  
Talk by Raymond Kalman. Admission £2.00 (Museum Friends £1.00).

Wednesday, 4 May at 8 p.m.  
'Jews in the New Germany – what has changed?'  
Talk by Edna Brocke, Coordinator of the Alte Synagoge, Essen.  
Kaufman Memorial Lecture, organised by Leo Baeck College in association with the Museum. Admission Free.

Sunday, 22 May at 3 p.m.  
'A Refuge From Nazism: The School at Stotley Rough 1934–1945'.  
Talk by Katharine Whitaker, to mark the 60th anniversary of a school founded for children who came to Britain as refugees from Nazism. Admission £2.50 (Museum Friends £1.50).

The Museum's permanent exhibition is temporarily closed for building work to expand its exhibition gallery and create a Holocaust Education Gallery.

For further information, please contact The London Museum of Jewish Life, Tel. 081-349-1143.

## Reviews

## Infringing the taboo

D M Thomas, *PICTURES AT AN EXHIBITION*, Bloomsbury, 1993, £15.99.

Mr Thomas, who concocts fiction out of the millennial crime against the Jews, has done it again. In *The White Hotel* he tackled the Babi Yar massacre and earned both praise and opprobrium. This time he uses similar literary devices to analyse Auschwitz and after.

Analyse is the right word here, for apart from a fixation on the Holocaust, Thomas is an acolyte of Freud and his followers. Right from the beginning he has a top Nazi camp doctor (Lorenz) submitting to psycho-analysis from a Jewish prisoner/doctor (the narrator) who is "privileged" to take part in the medical experiments on other prisoners.

The Nazi is suffering from unbearable psychosomatic pains, resulting from a repressed conscience over the crimes he has been programmed to commit. The Nazi and the Jew have become friends. The Jew, in prison garb, is invited to the Nazi's quarters and wined and dined like an honoured guest. He can at times achieve some alleviation for fellow prisoners; but he knows that he and they will all go up in smoke. Yet he

still hopes. Eventually the novel moves away from Auschwitz into the post-war period, and the action transfers to the psychiatrist's couch.

This daring approach by the author has earned him mainly adverse criticism. In considering the critical attitudes let me lead off with an excerpt from the mini-leader in *AJR Information's* March 1993 issue:

"*Pictures at an Exhibition* is a sickening voyeuristic exploitation of Holocaust horrors."

*The Independent's* critic wrote: "Thomas lets his imagination run amok with the pornography of suffering."

*The Sunday Telegraph* reviewer found the book "steeped in literary mannerisms which not merely obscured the subject matter but came dangerously close to trivialising it."

*The Sunday Times* conceded that Thomas was "a careful and elegant stylist, with a good ear for dialogue and a sophisticated feel for a novel's architecture - none of which equips him to take on the monstrous task he has set himself here."

*The Observer* thundered "since publication of *The White Hotel* Thomas has earned himself the reputation as the dirtiest old man of British letters."

Even stronger language was employed by

Brian Glanville in the *Jewish Chronicle*: "The first section is frankly emetic.... The ineffable horrors of the death camp are reduced to the level of airport fiction.."

My own view is that we Jews cannot bear to have the Final Solution catastrophe besmirched by any trivialisation. And in its shadow *everything* seems trivial. I feel that even a Tolstoy would not have been equal to this subject. Glanville stipulates Kafka or Dostoevsky (odd choices, in my estimation—one a fantasist, the other a notable antisemite).

I disagree with the mini-leader's term "voyeuristic". Thomas' approach is that of the novelist, and a novelist is a voyeur by definition. If the term is meant solely in its erotic connotation, well, there is a deal of sex in the book, and perverted sex in the form of Nazi torture. But surely, nothing is as obscene as the concept of genocide itself.

Non-Jewish authors *will* take the Holocaust as their subject matter, and if writers like D M Thomas and Martin Amis are essentially sympathetic we should not be hyper-critical.

Writing purely as a critic I find that the first part of Thomas' novel is written with skill; it leads the reader into a stunning, mad world . . . at first one does not know where one is, though one suspects. Thereafter he over-elaborates to the point of obscurity as though he himself had realised that he cannot complete what he has skilfully begun.

□ John Rossall

## Victims into culprits

Dan Jacobson: *THE GOD-FEARER*, Bloomsbury, £13.99.

Kobus is an old man. He had lived into his eighties, and experiencing a measure of happiness as well as trouble. Now he is sometimes confused, the past and the present run into each other. He remembers his wife with longing but can scarcely recall her name. He has been an honest craftsman - printer and bookbinder - in a small provincial town in the country of Ashkenaz. And where is that? And when was that? We have in the Land of Nowhere, in the Time of Who Knows.

Realm and era are an ingenious device by means of which Dan Jacobson teaches Europe a lesson. He has subverted history by letting it run parallel to itself, and he has done so more intriguingly than Michael Moorcock or H. G. Wells: he has made the Jews and the Christians change places. The 'Good-Fearers' are the majority, and the 'Christer' are the underdogs, a persecuted and endangered minority.

Now Kobus, was nobody's fool. Even though descended from the often gullible lower orders of the God-Fearers, he gave no credence to the nonsense about the Christer, the Cross-boners, being sorcerers and child eaters and blood drinkers.

Even so he deplored the Christer superstitions, their hope for the second coming of the Messiah Yeshu, their ugly places of worship with impudent steeples and noisy bells, their pig-leather footwear, their unclean habits of eating disgusting food pell-mell and their insalubrious sexual practices stemming from the refusal to circumcise.

At the book's climax all-too-human caution made him a time-serving witness in a rigged witchcraft trial. The trial ended in a death sentence carried out, according to custom, by stoning. Pogroms against the Christers followed succeeded by the years of the 'ten turmoils' . . . I rate this Dan Jacobson's best work. The style is clear and the narrative runs on calmly, but impressively; though he points no obvious comparisons, we are left in no doubt about the intent behind the artifact.

□ J.R.

## East-Germany and Berlin

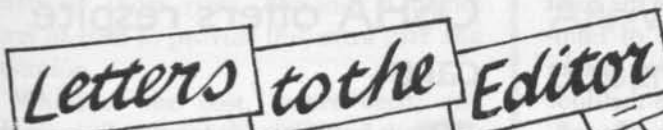
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## Letters to the Editor

### POST SCRIPTUM MANCROFTI

As one who only rarely squirms  
At utterances from Fred Worms,  
This time I simply can't help feeling  
That it was not so much the kneeling  
During the Kadish for the Lord  
Which through church spires to ours  
soared,

But first that a female rabbi said it:  
A "first" indeed, once Julia read it!  
(As a spiritual surrogate mother,  
to *Kasher* goyhood of his other?)

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### EX-YOUNG AUSTRIANS

Sir – Many of your readers are probably well aware that the "Young Austrians" of yesteryear (actually, any ex-refugees from the Nazis) their spouses, friends and relations have been holding an annual reunion weekend (Friday evening to Monday morning) at very agreeable hotels in areas which offer outstanding natural and cultural amenities at reasonable cost and are easily reachable by public or private transport. These weekends are held in March, usually about a fortnight before Pesach.

Unfortunately, the holiday company on which we have relied for the past three years have let us down, with the result that many people who wished to come were turned down, ostensibly because not enough single accommodation was available. However, we are making our own arrangements for next year direct with the Royal Norfolk Hotel in Bognor Regis.

I would like to reassure all those who

were disappointed that there is no question of this ever happening again. All previous participants will receive further information direct from the Royal Norfolk Hotel during October when they will be able to decide whether to accept the invitation safe in the knowledge that the booking, once made, will be assured.

If anyone else would like to be on the list of "circulees" they can send me their names, addresses and telephone numbers at the address below and I will see that this is done.

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Dr R S Lenk

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### ANTIPODEAN BOUQUET

Sir – I continue to receive *AJR Information* with undiminished interest, always reading it from cover to cover. Having long been, since my Munich student days, an enthusiastic lover of opera, your occasional references to artists we used to worship revive memories of the happy aspects of life in Germany 60-odd years ago. My affectionate relationship with *AJR Information* is thus nourished and refreshed from unexpected, and seemingly trivial, sources.

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## Berthold Beitz

An "Oscar Schindler by any other name" is just as welcome. And there was such a German. His name: Berthold Beitz, Krupp executive and employer of Jewish and other slave labour during the war, and designated in 1976 a Righteous Gentile by Yad Vashem, which he visited in 1990 when he planted a tree.

As in the case of Schindler's spouse, Beitz's wife Else strongly supported her husband's humane stance. But there the personal similarities end. Much is now known about Oscar's character – his gambler nature, which drove him to dice with the devil of Nazism, but ending up trying to do God's work – whereas Beitz was a sober administrator whose eyes were opened to his political master's bestiality when he saw Jewish children dragged away to annihilation.

It happened when Beitz worked for an organisation known as *Karpaten Oel* in Boryslaw (Galacia, then Polish, now Ukrainian) which lay on the route to Belzec death camp. Beitz did all he could to safeguard his "specialists", which included a sizeable number of non-specialists. He, too, went so far as to run along the trains crammed with human freight and demand the release of "his" people. His self-confidence, his evident importance in the military complex – he was actually on release from the *Wehrmacht* – was often successful. Eventually, however, he was reported to the Gestapo. A childhood friend there saved him from possibly sharing the fate of his *protégés*. He knew that thousands went to their death, but he was instrumental in saving hundreds.

He often knew when shootings or transports were impending. He warned those he could reach so that they might try to hide in the woods; he issued certificates to help others, and hid some in his private quarters. But in the spring of 1944 he was called back into the army. His sheltering presence was lost to the damned. Yet, astonishingly, some were still saved – they were taken to Auschwitz and "fell into the hands" of Schindler.

Alas, after the war, when surviving victims claimed compensation from Krupp, Beitz was involved in negotiations in which he seemed to put loyalty to his employers before the feelings he had displayed in the years of personal peril. Some readers may remember that Krupp eventually agreed to pay DM10 million in all (DM 3,300 per recognised claimant). Still, Beitz's wartime deeds have remained untarnished.

□ John Rossall

## The Wiener Library

Since its founding by Alfred Wiener in 1933 in Amsterdam, the Wiener Library has steadily evolved to meet the needs of a changing world. Conceived as an information office collecting and distributing resources for combating Nazi propaganda, it moved to London in 1939, where it served as an information bureau for numerous government departments, the BBC and an assortment of governments-in-exile.

In the 1950s and 60s it established itself as a centre of academic excellence. Under the directorship of Walter Laqueur, it broadened the scope of its activities, in particular tracking the history of the post-war Soviet empire.

The Library experienced severe financial difficulties in the late-1970s, which resulted in the transfer of part of the collection to Tel Aviv University. However, a major micro-filming project ensured that the core of the collection remained available for consultation in London. In fact, it is now more conveniently stored and conserved on microfilm than in its original form. The Library's financial problems were gradually relieved by the herculean efforts of several devoted friends, under the inspiration and guidance of Mr Lewis Golden OBE. Lord Callaghan assumed the Presidency of an appeal, to be succeeded in 1989 by Lord Merlyn-Rees. Several major fund-raising

events, including a dinner at which the guest of honour was HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, have succeeded in building up an endowment trust which will keep the door of the Library open into the next century.

Today, the Institute is directed by David Cesarani, who has strengthened the role of the Library as an information centre serving the media and official bodies. Plans are afoot to computerise the catalogue and bring readers all the benefits of electronic networks, CD-ROMs and the ability to access all the Library's holdings at the touch of a button. It is a vibrant, thriving centre of study and learning, welcoming a readership ranging from school groups, undergraduates and postgraduates and academics to – perhaps most importantly – private individuals wishing to understand the fate of relatives, friends and loved ones.

So, why visit the Library? First and foremost, because it remains the best specialist library on its subject matter in Britain. Anyone interested in the history of the Third Reich, antisemitism, the Jewish communities of Europe (and beyond), post-war Germany, or Zionism are likely to find what they are looking for amongst the Library's 40,000 books, 2 million press cuttings, 3,000 periodicals and collections of videos, original documents and photographs. Or perhaps you may be simply interested in some of its extraordinary treasures, like the unique collection of disguised anti-German propaganda pamphlets dating from the war or the collection of newspapers produced by German prisoners of war interned in the UK.

The Library regularly holds seminars, lectures and conferences, and there is usually a small exhibition on some topical subject in the foyer. New users are welcomed, and may be assured of the friendliness and expertise of the staff.

The Wiener Library is open from 10.00am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday at 4 Devonshire Street, London W1N 2BH. An official history of the Library is being written by Ben Barkow, and is due for publication this summer. □

## OSHA offers respite care

Dr Lore Stein is a familiar figure in the Otto Schiff Housing Association (OSHA) residential homes of which the AJR Charitable Trust has always been a major supporter. Residents and staff in the homes have come to know her well and have the highest regard for her. Over many years she has served on House Committees, Care Committees, Management Committees and played an active part in the running of the organisation. In her time, both in the homes and as a practising GP, Dr Stein has had a great deal of contact with those 'carers' who look after their aged relatives at home. Through her long association with this group she has developed a deep understanding of the pressures and hardships which caring for aged relatives can bring. Meeting the requirements of mentally and/or physically frail people on a daily basis can be very stressful. Respite care, where the elderly are taken into residential care for a few days or weeks, provides relatives with a short break from this daily stress, allowing them to enjoy some time on their own, happy in the knowledge that others are providing the best care and attention in their place.

In response to Dr Stein's long-held concern for carers (she was involved in schemes aimed at helping to lighten their load over twenty years ago) and in recognition of the fact that caring is a major source of stress OSHA has been providing 'respite care' to clients on an *ad hoc* basis for many years. During the last year this activity has been intensified and over 60 families have been able to enjoy a break from their duties.

The demand for high quality respite care is growing steadily. OSHA is now entering into discussions about the feasibility of establishing a full-time respite care unit in The Bishops Avenue. Before such a unit can be established, however, a number of important issues must be addressed. One of the many factors is, of course, funding. Good residential care does not come cheaply. Each client requires a high level of staff attention, from nursing and physiotherapy to cleaning and cooking, not to mention occupational therapy and general entertainment. Respite care clients require all the above and more. The staff at OSHA are aware that it can take time for very elderly people to settle into new surroundings and that they do require more attention and reassurance during their first few weeks in the homes. Consequently, a respite care unit, where all clients will be making

### OTTO SCHIFF HOUSING ASSOCIATION

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relatively short visits, demands a higher level of staff to provide this extra care and attention.

Whatever the cost, carers need, and deserve, an occasional break from the stress of constantly looking after others. Those who wish to take advantage of respite care facilities may be able to claim partial funding from their local council through community care packages. OSHA, as a non-profit-making organisation, are working on developing the best care-package possible, which will be made available as a service to the community at cost price.

Dr Lore Stein feels that, in order to make the most of this facility, it is vitally important to allow relatives to feel completely relaxed and at home with the care their loved ones are receiving. In this respect OSHA and Dr Stein are in complete accord. □

*Enquiries about respite car facilities should be directed to The Otto Schiff Housing Association, The Bishops Avenue, London N2 0BG. Tel: 081-209 0022.*

## 40 Years Ago this Month

### BIGGER FILMS - ARE THEY BETTER?

When is a bad film not a bad film?

Spyros P. Skouras, President of Twentieth Century Fox, the pioneers of the new 'art' of Cinemascope, might answer: 'When it's bigger it's bound to be better!' Following accepted Hollywood standards the answer to falling box office receipts is size and noise, and, as other-world monsters and 3D shocks do not seem to provide enough of either, the monster screen of Cinemascope is being hailed as the answer to the film industry's prayer, and, it is hoped will do to 'flatties' what talkies did to silent films.

We, the audience, who pay our one and sixpences, are not to be given much choice in the matter. Cinema screens throughout the country have been growing wider throughout the past year. Now the Rank group of cinemas (the Odeons and Gaumonts), which show Twentieth Century Fox's films in Great Britain, may fit up hundreds of cinemas in London and the provinces with the triple width curved screen and stereophonic sound equipment at an average cost of four thousand pounds per cinema. Whilst it is still possible to show ordinary 'flatties' on these screens, receipts will have to go up considerably to cover the extra capital outlay. Once again Mr Skouras has the answer: two dozen Cinemascope Technicolor films planned to follow 'The Robe', which has been breaking box-office records for some months in the West End. A shadow of a doubt that not all the leaders of the film industry share Mr Skouras' optimism comes from Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Twentieth Century Fox's great rival, who have just completed 'Knights of the Round Table' at Elstree. The film was made simultaneously in two versions, normal screen and Cinemascope - an expensive safeguard against the sudden bursting of the Cinemascope-bubble!

Peter Zadek

AJR Information, May, 1954

## Arrivals and departures

Hans Goetz was born in 1921 and grew up in Berlin. His father, George Goetz, was a Danish citizen by birth who, though resident in Germany from early childhood, had not surrendered Danish nationality. He was one of the leaders, both in secular and religious matters, of Berlin's Liberal Jews, and edited the communal *Jüdisch-Liberale Zeitung*. In that capacity he was summoned to appear at the Berlin police headquarters on the day following Kristallnacht. His son Hans, then 17 years old, obtained an interview with the Danish Consul in Berlin to seek advice on the situation the family now found themselves in. "It was my introduction to the world of political reality", he observes. The Consul listened to him sympathetically. Of course, possession of a valid Danish passport entitled the Goetzes to the protection of the King of Denmark and his representatives. "But", said the Consul, "if your father were to disappear without a trace, we would not, realistically, be able to do very much about it. We could not, after all, declare war on Germany on that account. So, if he comes back tonight, pack your bags and leave."

George Goetz was allowed to go home that evening on condition he surrendered himself again to the police authorities the following morning. But he and his family took the Consul's advice and left at once for Copenhagen. The date was November 13, 1938.

As a small boy, Hans Goetz had come to love music. He decided to take it up as a career and to become a performing artist. His instrument was the French horn and, on arrival in Denmark, he secured a place in the Aalborg Symphony Orchestra.

Though Denmark came under German occupation in April 1940, its government was allowed to carry on more or less as before on the basis of the "friendly neutrality" it had undertaken to observe. By 1943, however, the Resistance movement had become sufficiently troublesome for the Germans to decide on countermeasures, which included the deportation of the country's 8,000 Jews.

The Resistance sprang into action. Practically every Jew in Denmark was alerted. Given false papers, Hans Goetz was advised to leave at once for Copenhagen, where his fiancée was waiting for him. They were instructed to board a certain train (full of German soldiers, as it happened) and then to travel to a small island in the Kattegat. In

due course they found themselves on a small fishing boat barely large enough to hold the 35 fleeing Jews. Nevertheless, it carried them across the sea to Sweden, having evaded the German navy frigate which had followed it much of the way.

In Sweden, Hans Goetz found work as a musician. He recalls that he, and all the other Danish Jews, were most cordially received by the Swedish people. "Perhaps," he muses, "they had by then come to the conclusion that Hitler could not win".

The action by the Danish Resistance to save Jews did not end there. With money accrued from the sale of patriotic badges, the movement not only financed the mass evacuation, but also sent food parcels to the 472 who had been caught and deported to Theresienstadt. (In order to ensure safe delivery, they pretended that the sender was the King himself.)

In May, 1945, Hans Goetz returned to Denmark and his old job at Aalborg. Later, he moved to Copenhagen to join the Concert Hall Orchestra of the city's famous Tivoli Pleasure Gardens and in due course became its chairman. In that capacity, he successfully negotiated for it to obtain year-round engagements and, known as the Sjaelland Orchestra, it performed in the Tivoli during the summer months and in schools and concert halls throughout the Province at other times. He became its deputy conductor and in 1988, after forty years of service, he retired.

But this was not quite all. While he was active with, and on behalf of, his orchestra, he pursued a course of study which led to his obtaining a degree in philosophy from Copenhagen University. When, on the death of his father, the office of president of the Hague-based International Constantin Brunner Institute fell vacant, Hans Goetz was invited to succeed him. He accepted and has since written several books on Brunner's philosophy, some of which have appeared in English and German translation.

Twice in his life Hans Goetz was placed in mortal jeopardy and twice he was rescued by the goodness and the bravery of righteous gentiles. He has not forgotten.

□ David Maier

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**REGULAR VISITS TO LONDON**

## Annual Report 1993

### Membership

It is encouraging that 52 years after its founding, AJR membership is still over 4000, and 153 new members joined in 1993. This shows that there is still great potential for new membership among people who came to the UK as refugees, in particular those who came as children and are now in their 50s and 60s, as well as among second generation refugees.

We have encouraged and actively sought new members, to enable AJR to continue as an active body in the community to whose welfare it is dedicated.

New members have joined for a number of reasons: some to get information and advice on German and Austrian pensions, some to make use of our Day Centre, Meals on Wheels and Social Services facilities, while others simply appreciated the quality of the monthly journal *AJR Information*.

Not surprisingly, over half of AJR members live in London postal districts, with one third in North West London alone, while significant pockets of membership exist in Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool and Glasgow, and smaller groups in many other cities in the U.K. and abroad.

### The Paul Balint AJR Day Centre

The Paul Balint AJR Day Centre continued to cater for the needs of our members on five days a week including Sunday. Daily attendance during the year varied from about 40 to 70, with Thursday generally being the busiest day. Residents of the OSHA homes in The Bishops Avenue were regular and welcome visitors.

The Centre, run by Mrs Sylvia Matus, provides a wide variety of activities and musical entertainment, while a shop is available for the purchase of small items. Members can also use the well stocked library and keep up with current events by reading the various magazines provided.

The standard of meals improved significantly during the year with the introduction of in-house catering, managed by Mrs Susie Kaufman.

The Centre organised a number of external visits and outings. Holiday weeks in Bournemouth, in May and November, proved highly popular, with waiting lists to participate. The Communal Seder in April and the Open Day in July were also very much enjoyed by members.

All AJR staff worked tirelessly to serve the needs of our community. Our loyal and dedicated team of some eighty volunteers

greatly contributed to the pleasant atmosphere at the Day Centre, which would be unthinkable without them. Volunteers performed in a number of areas, including meal service, reception, recreational activities, entertainment and driving.

### Catering

Our in-house catering facility provided 400-500 meals a week at the Day Centre, including the provision of a take away service and about 125 Meals-on-Wheels a week delivered on Tuesdays and Fridays. The meals, designed to appeal to the continental tastes of our members, are highly appreciated.

### Volunteers

In addition to those who made it possible to operate the Day Centre, we were lucky to have the services of another fifty volunteers, the majority of whom acted as "befrienders". They visited members in their own homes, helped with shopping, took people for walks, helped with completion of forms, accompanied them to embassies for their *Lebensbescheinigung*, helped with clerical work, cashed pensions, and much more. One volunteer took a lady out for tea once a month, others would just drop in to chat, which is important where a person may have no family and few other visitors.

At Head Office, we were happy to have the invaluable help of six volunteers in a variety of clerical functions.

A well attended and successful brunch for volunteers was held in December. This token of our appreciation for their contribution to our work gave us an opportunity to thank them personally.

### Sheltered Accommodation

The eight sheltered flats above the Paul Balint AJR Day Centre each consist of a large bed-sitting room, fully fitted kitchen, bathroom and entrance hall. They remained fully occupied throughout the year, with six out of the original eight tenants still in residence. Mrs Katia Gould continued to handle tenancy applications for the AJR flats as well as those administered by the Otto Schiff Housing Association. The newly converted flats at Otto Schiff House, Netherhall Gardens, were fully let from April 1993. Because its location is less central, there were still a small number of flats vacant at Eleanor Rathbone House, Highgate, in which the AJR has a one-third interest.

### Social Services

The Social Services Department, headed by Mrs Agi Alexander, has once again had a busy year attending to approximately 230 active cases. A wide range of advice was given on such matters as British and foreign pensions, income support, housing benefits, insurance claims, Poll Tax/Council Tax and all manner of consumer problems.

On the social work side, a large number of visits were made to clients in their own homes, and sometimes in hospital. Where necessary, our members were accompanied on their appointments with doctor, dentist and hospital. Those wishing to go into residential care were advised by us and taken to view the homes.

For members wishing to discuss any problems at all, an open surgery was held two mornings per week, with an average attendance of three clients per morning.

For much of the year enquiries about foreign pensions dominated the work of the department. We are always willing to give guidance and help, but these matters are very complex and the regulations on entitlement unclear. In special cases we inform applicants on where to go for further advice.

Social service staff received in-house training on the new Care in the Community policy, on Council Tax and related matters.

### Self Aid

Self Aid is largely financed by contributions from the AJR Charitable Trust. Its objectives are to help meet the needs of members with financial problems.

At present there are seventy clients receiving a monthly allowance from the Self Aid Fund. Additional grants have also been made by the B'nai B'rith, Leo Baeck (London) Lodge Trust Fund.

The 1993 concert, to raise funds for Self Aid, which was planned for October at the Royal Academy of Music, had to be cancelled because the accommodation proved to be unsuitable and no other premises could be found. The 1994 concert, with Erich Gruenberg, will take place on 4 September at the Purcell Room, on the South Bank.

### AJR Information

For *AJR Information*, 1993 has been a lively year. The vigour of debate in its correspondence columns - favourably commented on in previous annual reports - has, if anything, intensified. In several issues correspondence received overflowed the space assigned to Letters to the Editor and,

# ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH REFUGEES IN GREAT BRITAIN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

It has been decided to call a Special General Meeting of the Society to approve a general updating of the Rules. The main new provisions are as follows:

1. The Society was originally established to assist Jewish refugees from *Nazi oppression in Central Europe* and their dependants. Although this is intended to remain the main object of the Society, it is now felt that the scope of the Society's activities should be broadened so that *descendants of refugees and Jewish refugees from other countries* may also be assisted and may also be members of the Society.
2. The method of nomination and appointment of members to the Committee of Management is to be altered. Nominations for new members are to be submitted in writing signed by ten qualified members and with the written agreement of the nominee. The nominations are to be submitted not less than twenty-one days before the Annual General Meeting. The procedure regarding the re-election and retirement of Committee Members is also amended.
3. In the event of the dissolution of the Society, power is to be given for the assets of the Society to be transferred to a registered charity.
4. Minimum subscription to be set by the Committee.

## RULES of the ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH REFUGEES IN GREAT BRITAIN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

Registered under the Friendly Societies Acts 1896 to 1929

Register No. 1866 London Ben.

### REGISTERED OFFICE:

No. 8 Fairfax Mansions, Fairfax Road, Hampstead,  
in the County of London

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### FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACT, 1896

### Acknowledgement of Registry of Society

The Association of Jewish Refugees in Great Britain Benevolent Society is registered as a Benevolent Society under the Friendly Societies Act, 1896, this 15th day of April, 1942.

#### NAME AND CONSTITUTION

1. The Society is a Benevolent Society. It shall be called the Association of Jewish Refugees in Great Britain Benevolent Society, and is hereinafter referred to as "The Society".

#### REGISTERED OFFICE

2. (1) The registered office of the Society shall be No. 8 Fairfax Mansions, Fairfax Road, Hampstead, N.W.3. in the County of London.

(2) In the event of any change in the situation of the registered office, notice of such change shall be sent to the Registrar within 14 days thereafter in the form prescribed by the Treasury Regulations.

#### OBJECTS

3. The Society is established for the benevolent purpose of representing and assisting all those Jewish refugees who have come to this country from Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Hungary after 30th January 1933 irrespective of any intermediate residence and for whom Judaism is a determining factor in their outlook on life, and the widows and widowers and dependants of such persons whether or not they are Jewish.

#### INVESTMENT OF FUNDS

4. (1) So much of the funds as may not be wanted for immediate use, or to meet the usual accruing liabilities, shall, with the consent of the Committee, or of a majority of the members present and entitled to vote in general meeting, be invested by the Trustees in any of the following ways, namely:- In the Post Office Savings Bank, or in any savings bank certified under the Trustee Savings Banks Act, 1863, or in the public funds, or with the National Debt Commissioners, in the purchase of land, not exceeding one acre, or in the erection or alteration of offices or other

buildings thereon, or in any investment in which Trustees are for the time being by law authorised to invest trust funds.

(2) The Society may purchase or take on lease in the names of the Trustees any land within the above limit and may sell, exchange, mortgage, lease, or build upon that land (with power to alter and pull down buildings and again rebuild), and a purchaser, assignee, mortgagee, or tenant shall not be bound to inquire as to the authority for any sale, exchange, mortgage, or lease by the Trustees, and the receipt of the Trustees shall be a discharge for all moneys arising from or in connection with such sale, exchange, mortgage, or lease.

(3) Mortgages or other assurances for securing money to the Society may be vacated by a receipt endorsed or annexed, signed by the Trustees, and countersigned by the Secretary, in the form contained in the second schedule to the Act.

#### MEMBERSHIP

5. Members of the Society shall be such persons (or associations of persons) of the Jewish faith - including minors - who apply for membership and are approved by the Committee or by such member or members of the Committee of Management to whom this Committee may delegate its right to approve or disapprove of an application for membership. Payment of a membership contribution is deemed to be an application for membership.

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS

6. Every member of the Society shall pay annual subscription to be agreed by the Committee of Management, but this Committee of Management may arrange to accept a lower subscription from any member at its discretion in cases of financial hardship.

#### ARREARS

7. The Secretary shall report to the Committee of Management details of members who have not paid any subscription for a whole year and the membership of such persons shall then cease subject to the discretion of the Committee of Management in cases of financial hardship.

#### BENEFITS

8. (1) Subject as hereinafter provided those eligible for benefits are Jewish refugees from Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Hungary and the widows and widowers and dependants of such persons whether or not they are Jewish.

(2) The Committee of Management shall be entitled where it is satisfied that a charitable trust has purposes or objects which are so closely similar to those of the Society that a redirection of funds or property given to the Society by any will would in fact operate so as to confer charitable benefits where appropriate on members of the Society and no other persons to determine by resolution that such funds or property shall be treated as paid for the benefit of members eligible for benefit by being re-directed to such a charitable trust.

(3) Benefits in money or kind may only be granted by resolution of the Committee of Management. Benefits by way of gratuitous advice may be given without formal grant by any member of the Committee of Management or any person in the employment of the Society in accordance with prior instructions of the Committee of Management.

#### DISQUALIFICATIONS AND FORFEITURES OF MEMBERSHIP

9. A member may be expelled by resolution of the Committee of Management if he or she has acted against the interests of the Society or the general interests of Jewish Refugees from Germany and Austria.

#### MEETINGS

10. (1) The annual general meeting shall be held in March or April of every year in London.

(2) A special general meeting shall be held whenever the Committee think expedient, and whenever 100 members so request in writing delivered to the Secretary.

(3) Seven days' notice of any general meeting, stating the business to be transacted at such meeting, shall be given to every member in writing, left at or posted to his last known address.

(4) All general meetings shall be held at the registered office unless the Committee of Management (either generally or in a particular case) otherwise decide.

(5) At all general meetings the Chairman, or if he be not present, a Vice-Chairman, shall preside. Five members shall form a quorum.

(6) Every member present (and not disqualified by arrears or otherwise as mentioned in these rules) shall have one vote, and when the votes are equal the then presiding officer shall have an additional or casting vote.

#### OFFICERS

11. (1) The Society shall have the following officers who shall form the Committee of Management:- Three Trustees, a Chairman, one or more Vice-Chairman, a General Secretary, a Treasurer and so many other committeemen that the total number of members of the Committee of Management (other than Trustees) is twelve to seventeen. If the number of members of the Committee of Management (other than Trustees) as elected by the General Meeting should be less than seventeen or should be reduced to less than seventeen, the Committee of Management shall have the right of co-option until the number seventeen members is reached.

(2) All the officers shall be over 21 years of age. A member shall not be nominated for office who is three months in arrears with his contributions. The same person shall not be Secretary or Treasurer and a Trustee of the Society.

(4) Any officer may be also removed by resolution of a special general meeting.

(5) In case any officer (other than a Trustee) shall die, resign, be removed, or become unfit or incapable to act, or the post is or becomes free for any other reasons, the Committee may at any time appoint a person to fill the vacancy until the next annual general meeting, unless the vacancy is previously filled at a special general meeting.

(6) In the event of any Trustee dying, resigning or being removed from office, another shall be elected by resolution of a majority of the members present and entitled to vote at the annual general meeting or at a special general meeting to supply the vacancy. Every resolution appointing a Trustee shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting at which he is appointed.

(7) A copy of such resolution, signed by such Trustee, shall be forwarded within 14 days, by the Secretary, to the Registrar in the form prescribed by the Treasury Regulations.

(8) The General Meeting may elect a Committee of Members called the "Board" of the Society - the officers of the Society shall be ipso facto members of the Board - which is to give to the Committee of Management general advice and comments as to the management of the affairs of the Society.

(9) The Committee of Management may appoint other standing or occasional Sub-Committees consisting of Members of the Society and/or other suitable persons as it may think expedient.

#### TRUSTEES

12. (1) All deeds, documents of title and securities for money shall be held by the Trustees, who shall take such measures for the safe custody and preservation thereof at the expense of the Society as they may think fit, and they shall be responsible for the safe custody of all such deeds, documents and securities as are placed in their hands or under their control, and shall produce them for inspection by the auditors when required by them, and whenever else required by a resolution of a general meeting, or of the Committee.

(2) The Trustees shall be the persons to sue and be sued on behalf of the Society.

(3) If any Trustee, being removed from his office, refuse or neglect to assign or transfer any property of the Society as a special general meeting may direct, such Trustee shall (if he be a member) be expelled, and cease to have any claim on the Society without prejudice to any liability to prosecution.

#### TREASURER

13. The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the Society which are not invested and pay all demands when ordered to do so by the Society, or by the Committee of Management or by the Chairman and Secretary for the time being. He shall produce all books, documents, property and money of the Society in his possession and render a full and clear account at each audit, and whenever required by resolution of the Society or of the Committee of Management or by the Trustees. He shall also give up all books, documents, moneys, and property of the Society in his possession when required so to do by a resolution of the Society, or of the Committee of Management or by the Trustees.

#### SECRETARY

14. The General Secretary shall carry out the work of the Society in accordance with the resolutions of the Committee of Management attend all meetings of the Society and of the Committee of Management; he shall record correctly the names of the officers, members of the Committee of Management and Trustees there present, and the minutes of the proceedings, which he shall transcribe into a book to be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman as the proceedings of the meeting; he shall receive proposals for admission to the Society; he shall, at the close of every meeting, or in case of receipts at other times, forthwith hand over all moneys received by him to the Treasurer. He shall produce all books, documents, property and money of the Society in his possession, and render a full and clear account at each audit and whenever required by resolution of the Society or of the Committee of Management or by the Trustees. He shall also pay over all moneys, and give up all books, documents, and property belonging to the Society when ordered to do so by a resolution thereof or of the Committee of Management or by the Trustees. He shall summon and give due notice of all meetings of the Society and of the Committee of Management and keep the accounts, documents, and papers of the Society in such manner and for such purposes as the Committee of Management may appoint, and shall prepare all returns and other documents required by the Act or the Treasury Regulations and duly forward them to the Registrar. The Secretary shall on all occasions, in the execution of his office, act under the superintendence, control, and direction of the Committee of Management. For his services the General Secretary shall receive a salary to be fixed by the Committee of Management.

#### COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

15. The Committee shall meet at such days and hours as may be agreed from time to time or may be fixed by the Chairman. The Chairman, or if he should not be present, a Vice-Chairman shall preside. Any three members shall form a quorum, and shall have full power to superintend and conduct the business of the Society according to the rules thereof, and shall in all things act for and in the name of the Society. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes, and if the votes are equal the Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to his vote as a member. Any three of the Committee may call a special meeting thereof, by giving seven clear days' notice in writing to the Secretary but at such special meeting no other business than that specified in the notice shall be taken into consideration.

#### ACCOUNTS

16. The Committee of Management shall cause the accounts to be kept regularly by the Secretary.

#### INSPECTION OF BOOKS

17. (1) The Committee of Management shall cause the books to be available for the inspection of any member or person having an interest in the funds of the Society at all reasonable hours, at the registered office, or at any place where the books are kept, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to produce them accordingly.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Committee of Management to keep a copy of the last annual balance sheet, together with any special report of the auditors, always hung up in a conspicuous place at the registered office.

**AUDIT**

18. The Committee of Management shall once at least in every year submit the accounts for audit, either to one of the public auditors appointed under the Act, or to two or more persons appointed for the purpose at a general meeting, and shall lay before the annual General meeting an account and balance sheet, containing the same particulars as are shown in the annual return. The auditors shall have access to all the books and accounts of the Society, shall examine the annual return, and shall verify it with the accounts, vouchers, deeds, documents of title and securities, and shall either sign it as found by them to be correct, duly vouched, and in accordance with law, or specially report to the Society in what respects they find it incorrect, unvouched, or not in accordance with law.

**ANNUAL RETURN**

19. (1) Every year, the Secretary of the Society shall send to the Registrar an annual return certified by the auditors and made up to the 31st December of the last calendar year inclusively. The return must be made in the form prescribed by the Chief Registrar, and contain such particulars as may from time to time be required by the form, in addition to a detailed statement of the Society's receipts and expenditure for the year and of its funds and effects. A copy of any special report of the auditors must be sent with the annual return.

(2) The Committee of Management shall supply gratuitously to every member or person interested in the funds of the Society on his application either a copy of the last annual return or of a balance sheet or other document duly audited, containing the same particulars as to the receipts and expenditure, funds and effects, as are contained in the annual return.

**DISPUTES**

20. (1) If any dispute shall arise between a member or person claiming through a member or under the rules, or any person aggrieved who has ceased to be a member, or any person claiming through such person aggrieved, and the Society, or any officer of the Society, it shall be decided by reference to arbitration.

(2) Five arbitrators shall be elected by the Society, none of them being directly or indirectly interested in the funds of the Society; and in each case of dispute the names of the arbitrators shall be written on pieces of paper and placed in a box, and the three whose names are first drawn out by the complaining party or by someone appointed by him, shall be the arbitrators to decide on the matter in dispute. In case of a vacancy or vacancies, another arbitrator, or other arbitrators, shall be elected at a general meeting.

(3) In this rule the expression "dispute" includes any dispute arising on the question whether a member or person aggrieved is entitled to be or continue to be a member or to be reinstated as a member, but, save as aforesaid, in the case of a person who has ceased to be a member, does not include any dispute other than a dispute on a question between him and the Society or an officer thereof which arose whilst he was a member or arises out of his previous relation as a member of the Society.

**APPLICATIONS TO THE REGISTRAR**

21. One-fifth of the total number of members, or if the numbers of members is 1,000 or more, then such number of members as is prescribed by the Act, by an application in writing to the Chief Registrar, signed by them in the forms respectively provided by the Treasury Regulations in that behalf, may apply:

- (a) For the appointment of one or more inspectors to examine into and report on the affairs of the Society.
- (b) For the calling of a special meeting of the Society.
- (c) For an investigation into the affairs of the Society with a view to the dissolution thereof where the funds are insufficient to meet the existing claims thereon, or the rates of contribution fixed in the rules are insufficient to cover the benefits assured.

**VOLUNTARY DISSOLUTION**

22. The Society may at any time be dissolved by the consent of three-fourths of the members, testified by their signatures to an instrument of dissolution in the form prescribed by the Treasury Regulations.

**NOTICES**

23. All summonses and notices by letter or an edition of the journal of the Society 'AJR Information' shall be deemed to have been duly served if delivered at or sent by post addressed to the last known address of the member or person for whom they are intended.

**COPIES OF RULES**

24. The Committee of Management shall deliver to every person on demand a copy of the rules on payment of 1s.

**AMENDMENT OF RULES**

25. (1) No new rule shall be made, nor shall any of the rules herein contained or hereafter to be made be amended or rescinded unless with the consent of a majority of three-fourths of the members present at a general meeting of which notice has been given specifying the intention to propose such new rule or amendment.

(2) No new rule or amendment of rule is valid until registered.

**INTERPRETATION**

26. In these rules, unless the contrary intention appears:

- (1) Words in the singular shall include the plural and words in the plural shall include the singular.
- (2) "The Act" means the Friendly Societies Acts, 1896 to 1929, and any Acts amending or substituted for them and for the time being in force.
- (3) The term "Secretary" throughout the Rules means "General Secretary".

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**DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH REFUGEES IN GREAT BRITAIN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY**

2. (1) Delete whole section and substitute:

"The Registered Office of the Society shall be 1 Hampstead Gate, 1A Frognaal, London NW3 6AL".

3. Delete whole section and substitute:

"The Society is established for the benevolent purpose of representing and assisting all those Jewish refugees, victims of Nazi oppression, who have come to this country after 30th January 1933, primarily from Central Europe, and the widows and widowers, descendants and dependants of such persons".

4. (1) Renumber Clause as Clause 4. Delete "in any of the following ways, namely:- In the Post Office Savings bank, or in any savings bank certified under the Trustee Savings Banks Act, 1863, or in the public funds, or with the national Debt Commissioners, in the purchase of land, not exceeding one acre, or in the erection or alteration of offices or other buildings thereon, or"

4. (2) and 4. (3) Delete whole sections.

4A. Insert new section

#### APPLICATION OF FUNDS

4A. (1) All monies received on account of entrance fees, subscriptions, levies, fines, donations, or otherwise, and interest on investments shall be applied in carrying out the objects of the Society, in accordance with the rules.

(2) Any officer misapplying the funds shall repay the amount misapplied and be excluded without prejudice to his liability to prosecution for such misapplication.

5. Insert in place of "such persons (or associations of persons) of the Jewish faith - including minors" "Jewish refugees, victims of Nazi oppression, who have come to this country after 30th January 1933, primarily from Central Europe, and the widows and widowers, descendants and dependants of such persons".

6. Delete whole section and substitute:

"Every member of the Society shall pay a minimum annual subscription to be agreed by the Committee of Management but the Treasurer may arrange to accept a lower subscription or no subscription or payment by agreed instalments from any member at its discretion in cases of financial hardship".

7. Delete whole section and substitute:

"The Director shall report to the Committee of Management details of members who have not paid any subscription for a whole year and the membership of such persons shall then cease subject to the discretion of the Committee of Management in cases of financial hardship".

8. (1) Delete whole section and substitute:

"Subject as hereinafter provided those eligible for benefits are Jewish refugees, victims of Nazi oppression, who have come to this country after 30th January 1933, primarily from Central Europe, and the widows and widowers, descendants and dependants of such persons".

9. Delete "the" after "interests of" and delete "from Germany and Austria".

10. (1) The Annual General Meeting shall be held in May or June of every year in London.

10. (3) Insert after "writing" "by letter or by inclusion in an edition of the Journal of the Society".

11. (1) Delete whole section and substitute:

"11.(1) The Society shall have the following officers who shall form the Committee of Management:  
A Chairman, a Vice Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer and so many other committee members that the total number of members of the Committee of Management does not exceed twelve. If the number of members of the Committee of Management as elected by the General Meeting should be less than twelve or should be reduced to less than twelve then the Committee of Management shall have the right of co-option until the number of twelve members is reached".

11. (3) Delete whole section and substitute:

"(1) The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and other committee members shall be elected by the Society at the Annual General Meeting. All officers and committee members shall continue in office until the next Annual General Meeting when one third of the committee members shall be subject to retirement by rotation or if their number is not three or a multiple of three the number nearest to one third and they shall retire from office. At each subsequent Annual General Meeting one third (or such multiple as aforesaid) of the committee members who are subject to retirement by rotation shall retire.

(2) The committee members to be the first to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office but as between persons who became or were last reappointed committee members on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot.

(3) If the Society at the meeting at which a committee member retires by rotation, does not fill the vacancy the retiring committee member shall, if willing to act, be deemed to have been reelected unless at the meeting it is resolved not to fill the vacancy or unless a resolution for the reelection of the committee member is put to the meeting and lost.

(4) No person other than a committee member retiring by rotation shall be elected or reelected a committee member at any general meeting unless:

(a) he or she is recommended by the Committee of Management or

(b) not less than twenty one clear days before the date appointed for the meeting, notice executed by 10 members qualified to vote at the meeting has been given to the Society of the intention to propose that person for election or reelection together with notice executed by that person of his willingness to be elected or reelected.

(5) Not less than seven nor more than forty two clear days before the date appointed for holding a general meeting, notice by a letter or by inclusion in an edition of the Journal of the Society shall be given to all who are entitled to receive notice of the meeting of any person (other than a committee member retiring by rotation at the meeting) who is recommended by the Committee of Management for election or reelection as a committee member at the meeting or in respect of whom notice has been duly given to the Society of the intention to propose him or her at the meeting for election or reelection as a committee member.

(6) Subject as aforesaid, the Society may by a majority of the members present and entitled to vote elect a person who is willing to act to be a committee member either to fill a vacancy or as an additional committee member.

(7) The Committee of Management may elect a person who is willing to act to be a committee member either to fill a vacancy or as an additional committee member unless he or she has failed to be elected to the Committee of Management following his nomination at an election held within the previous twelve months. A committee member so elected shall hold office only until the next following annual general meeting and shall not be taken into account in determining the committee members who are to retire by rotation at the meeting. If not reelected at such annual general meeting, he or she shall vacate office at the conclusion thereof.

(8) Subject as aforesaid, a committee member who retires at an annual general meeting may, if willing to act, be reelected. If he or she is not reelected, he or she shall retain office until the meeting elects someone in his or her place, or if it does not do so, until the end of the meeting.

(9) Any officer or other committee member may be removed by resolution of a Special General Meeting and a member elected by the meeting in his place.

(10) When any committee member reaches the age of 75, he or she shall retire at the next Annual General Meeting.

(11) There shall be three Trustees of the Society who shall be members of the Committee of Management and shall be appointed by the Committee of Management.

(12) The Chairman and Director of the Society shall be able to act jointly or severally as an Executor of the Will of a member of the Society or of any other person.

(13) The Trustees shall be able at their discretion to appoint a third party to act on their behalf on matters relating to the Society on such terms as they consider appropriate.

13. Insert "correctly issued" in place of "when ordered to do so by the Society, or by the Committee of Management and Secretary for the time being."

14. Insert "Director" in place of "Secretary" and "General Secretary".

17. Delete Clause 17 (2).

18. Insert "two or more qualified persons" in place of "two or more persons appointed".

19. (1) Delete "before 15th May" and substitute "before 30th June". Delete "then last" and substitute "of the last calendar year".

22. Delete whole section and substitute:

"The Society may at any time be dissolved by an instrument of dissolution approved by a special resolution of the Society. On such dissolution the members may where they are satisfied that a Charitable Trust has purposes or objects which are so closely similar to those of the Society that a transfer of funds or property by the Society to such Charitable Trust would in fact operate so as to confer Charitable benefits where appropriate on members of the Society, determine in the instrument of dissolution that such funds or property of the Society be transferred to such a Charitable Trust".

23. Insert after "notices", "by letter or by an edition of the Journal of the Society".

24. Delete "on payment of 1s".

26. (2) "The Act" means the Friendly Societies Acts, 1896 to 1974 and any Acts amending or substituted for them and for the time being in force.

26. (3) Delete.

in June, the Editor deemed it necessary to devote the front page to a rebuttal of criticism levelled at his presentation of developments in Germany.

The highlight of 1993, however, was Ralph Blumenau's series on the History of the Jews in German-speaking countries, which aroused unprecedented interest.

A newly recruited expert in a different sphere whose contribution readers greatly appreciate, is Gretel Beer, who has been responsible for the Cookery Column since mid-1993.

#### Future Plans

Our primary aim is to continue to serve the interests of former Jewish refugees and their families. Their needs will always have precedence on the resources of the AJR and the AJR Charitable Trust.

We are aware of the problems of serving the needs of our members outside London, and are looking for ways to improve this situation.

We intend to develop closer co-operation with other related bodies, both to optimise resources and to promote a wider range of activities in order to enhance the presence of the AJR in the wider community. This will, hopefully, attract and stimulate members, and also contribute to preserving the heritage of Continental Jewry for the future.

#### Premises and Administration

Hannah Karminski House, Adamson Road, was sold in 1993 and a lease taken on office premises in Hampstead Gate, Froggnal.

Mrs Lydia Lassman resigned as Administrator and, in the period before a new Director was recruited, the Chairman, Mr Theo Marx, acted in that capacity, helped by the loyal and dedicated staff, especially the Office Manager and Assistant to the Director, Mrs Carol Rossen. Since then, the new Director, Mr Ernest David, has taken up his appointment.

#### Staff and Volunteers

Once again, the officers, executive committee and membership are happy to express their appreciation of the dedication and devotion shown by staff and volunteers in providing a uniquely personal service to members.

Our volunteers are the lifeblood of the Association. Without them we could not continue to function as a provider of services to the community.

#### The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee has continued to take an active lead in the affairs of the AJR. See page 11, column 3 for election of the Committee.

## Treasurer's Report

### Expenditure on Welfare, Social Services, Day Centre, Meals-on-wheels, and support for Otto Schiff Housing Association in 1993 was £596,874, an increase of 16.8% on 1992.

The higher spending reflects the greater activities in all areas which are mentioned in our annual report. We were grateful for the legacies of £354,650 received during the year which enabled us to pay for this level of expenditure. We could not sustain such considerable spending without the continuous support of our members and friends who remember us in their wills.

During the past year we have made many changes. We have examined all aspects of our administration and services and appointed a new Director, Mr Ernest David, to carry out the improvements we have identified. The annual report sets out the way we see the future of the AJR, and with the support of our members and friends we shall achieve our aims.

#### AJR

Our direct income is down on 1992 because, unusually, in that year we received a small legacy, which would otherwise have gone to the AJR Charitable Trust. Our subscriptions and donations just cover the cost of 'AJR Information' and operating expenses. The cost of Social Services and kitchen staff at the Day Centre is included in the Salaries. This is refunded by the AJR Trust.

### Income and Expenditure Account Year ended 31 December 1993

	1993 £	1992 £
<b>Income</b>		
Membership Fees,		
Donations	113,702	164,766
Grant from AJR Trust	190,000	120,000
	303,702	284,766
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Rent, Postage,		
Telephone etc	33,989	32,254
Salaries	217,530	190,965
Pension Contributions	18,768	14,182
Administration/Depreciation	14,774	7,029
AJR Information	27,859	30,824
AJR Club	—	836
	312,920	276,090
Net (Expenditure)/Income	(9,218)	8,676

### Summary of Balance Sheet as at 31 December 1993

	1993 £	1992 £
Fixed Assets less Depreciation	28,705	11,160

Current Assets	27,441	72,001
Current Liabilities	-22,900	-19,471
	33,246	63,690
Staff Retirement Fund	-7,664	-28,890
	25,582	34,800
Represented by		
General Fund		
Balance at 1/1/92	34,800	26,124
Net Expenditure for 1993	-9,218	8,676
	25,582	34,800

#### Self Aid of Refugees

This Charity gives financial support to those unfortunate persons who suffer real poverty and find it hard to make ends meet. The AJR Trust provides most of the funds required. We liaise with other Charities and are grateful to the Leo Baeck (London) Lodge Trust Fund who help us with this task.

### Income and Expenditure Account Year ended 31 December 1993

	1993 £	1992 £
<b>Income</b>		
Donations/Legacies/Concert	2,535	2,775
AJR Trust	23,000	30,000
	25,535	32,775
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Aid Grants	29,520	34,228
Administration Costs	5,539	5,517
	35,059	39,745
Net (Expenditure)	(9,524)	(6,970)

#### AJR Charitable Trust

The Charitable Trust provides the financial support for the welfare work of the AJR. The Income in 1992 was boosted by the sale of Property. Our income from investments was slightly lower owing to lower interest rates.

### Income and Expenditure Account Year ended 31 December 1993

	1993 £	1992 £
<b>Income</b>		
Covenants/Donations	11,298	22,092
Investment Income	252,448	448,435
	263,746	470,527
Legacies	354,650	232,370
	618,396	702,897
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Day Centre/Meals on Wheels	174,622	139,297
AJR Welfare	190,000	120,000
Self Aid	23,000	30,000
Otto Schiff Housing Association	200,000	150,000
Other Organisations	2,732	1,844
Administration/Depreciation	48,381	35,526
	638,735	476,667

□ M. M. Kochmann, Hon. Treasurer



### A Message from Ernest David

I hope that as many of you as possible will attend the Special General Meeting on 12 May, whose object is to update our rules, and our Annual General Meeting on 2 June, which will review and report on the previous year.

Some people have said that we spend too much time looking backward and not enough looking forward. I should be interested to know if this is a widespread point of view. As part of the process of learning more about our members, I shall ask you in the near future, after the general meetings, to tell us more about yourselves and about your views on what you would like from your Association, and how you might care to participate in its activities.

There are a number of people with a similar background to our present membership, but who are not yet members. Perhaps they do not know of the AJR, or if they do know, are not interested in what we have to offer. If you have friends or relatives in this position, why not ask them what it would take to attract them to become members? Then tell me. □

### VACANCIES FOR VOLUNTEERS

There are various interesting vacancies for volunteers which need to be filled. Please contact Laura Howe at the AJR office Tuesday to Friday on 071-431 6161 for more information and to offer your help for any of these:

**Home visitors:** Many members, some in their 80s and 90s, live alone and need visitors. Others, who feel insecure when walking alone, would like people to take them for short walks. (Maida Vale, Golders Green and Hornsey areas.)

One housebound lady, no family, who lives near Regent's Park Road, would appreciate someone to talk to, preferably on Sundays.

One gentleman, Hungarian origin, lives in NW10 area.

**Day Centre: Urgent** – Helpers for Sunday 2pm – 7pm. Willing to work as part of a team, serve light meals, clear up. Also volunteers for Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3.30pm – 7pm.

**Drivers:** People to drive members to and from the Day Centre are always needed. □

### Election of Committee of Management

The following members will be proposed for election or re-election to the Committee at the AGM on Thursday 2 June, 1994.

**\*Mr M. M. Kochmann** JP Chairman  
**Mr A. C. Kaufman** Vice-Chairman  
**Mrs E. S. Angel** Secretary  
**Mr W. D. Rothenberg** Treasurer

**\* Mrs M. Brook, Mr C. W. Dunston,**  
**\* Mr J. H. Dunston, Mr M. Durst,**  
**Mrs H. Goldsmith, Mr F. A. Harding,**  
**Mr H. E. Levy, \* Mr C. T. Marx.**

\* Committee members retiring by rotation and being proposed for re-election.

Anyone wishing to propose any other member for election as Hon. Officer or Committee member must submit to the Director, AJR, such a proposal signed by ten members qualified to vote at the meeting and with the signed agreement of the person being proposed **no later than Thursday 12 May 1994.**

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**Sunday 1** 'OVERTURE & BEGINNERS PLEASE' – Accompanied by Margaret Eaves (Piano)  
**Monday 2** CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY  
**Tuesday 3** LIGHT CLASSICAL MUSIC – Trinity College of Music Students  
**Wednesday 4** 'FRUEHLINGS GLAUBE' – Ruth Warren (Soprano) accompanied by Gary Cole (Piano)  
**Thursday 5** 'HEALTH & SAFETY IN THE HOME' – Talk by Paul Mazzina

**Sunday 8** 'SUMMER IS APPORACHING WITH LIGHT CLASSICAL MUSIC' – Carole Staff (Soprano) accompanied by Geoffrey Whitworth (Piano)  
**Monday 9** KIM WHYTE Entertains with a Medley of Songs & Arias from Musicals, Operetta & Opera  
**Tuesday 10** 'THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT' – Monica Wykes (Soprano & Violin) accompanied by Geoffrey Whitworth (Piano)  
**Wednesday 11** French Soprano Florence Daguere & Peter McCarthy (Piano) Entertain  
**Thursday 12** FLUTE & PIANO DUO – Nicholas Bricht (Flute) & Ramon Lopez (Piano)  
**Sunday 15** CLOSED – EREV SHAVOUTH  
**Monday 16** CLOSED – SHAVOUTH  
**Tuesday 17** CLOSED – SHAVOUTH  
**Wednesday 18** 'SUMMER SERENADE' – Helen Blake (Soprano & Piano) with Daniel Grimwood (Violin & Piano)  
**Thursday 19** 'AROUND THE WORLD IN SONG' – Margaret Pearman (Soprano) accompanied by Phillip Mountford (Piano)  
**Sunday 22** SONGS & ARIAS – John Freeman (Bass) accompanied by Helen Blake (Piano & Soprano)

**Monday 23** LIGHT MUSIC FROM THE GUILDHALL SCHOOL OF MUSIC – Helen Washington (Piano) & Patricia Moynihan (Flute)  
**Tuesday 24** TRINITY TRIO – Vasiliki Fikaris (Soprano) & Domenico Colonna (Tenor) with Piano Accompaniment  
**Wednesday 25** MUSIC IN THE AIR – Shirley Smart (Cello) accompanied by Katherine Summerhayes (Piano)  
**Thursday 26** THE PALM COURTET FROM THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE SCHOOL – Presented by Michael Ashford  
**Sunday 29** ROYTE KLEZMORES – Dena Attar (Violin), Julia Bard (Accordion) & Carla Bloom (Clarinet)  
**Monday 30** CLOSED – SPRING BANK HOLIDAY  
**Tuesday 31** THE TWO R'S CABARET – Richard Moody (Tenor) accompanied by Robert Douglas (Piano)

### JUNE

**Wednesday 1** LIGHT CLASSICAL MUSIC – Trinity College of Music  
**Thursday 2** OPERA YOU LOVE – Sara Meadows accompanied by John Feild (Piano)

**FAMILY EVENTS**

**Deaths**

**Herzberg** Gerhard Alfred Herzberg died Wednesday 6 April 1994. Mourned by his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

**Kariel** Peter Kariel lost his fight for life on 31 March 1994. Beloved husband of Leni, dearest father and father-in-law of Joanne and Anthony Simmons and Tony and Cindy Kariel, beloved *opa* of Debbie and Emma Simmons and little Joel Kariel. He will be remembered forever by his *machetonim*, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces and good friends.

**Kirschner** Margaret Kirschner died on 2 April. The funeral has taken place.

**Mayer-Friend** Klara Mayer-Friend, born Györ, Hungary, 14

October 1898, died 9 March 1994, in London, peacefully, after a short illness. Artist and designer, widow of Francis Friend MD, DMRE, sister of George Mayer-Marton, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

**Meyer** Grete Meyer (née Lewin) widow of Martin, both born in Berlin, died at home in Bristol after a short illness on 22 February. Her son Stephen, sister Henni and many friends will always treasure memories of a wonderful person.

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**Search Notices**

**Annemarie Herzog**, born in Berlin 2 August 1921, last known address (May 1940): Sybelstrasse 12, Berlin-Charlottenburg. Would anyone with information about her please contact Hella Kauffmann 89 Elm Grove Road, Barnes, London SW13 0BX.

**Henderson and Owens** Two German Jews using these names are thought to have joined 'C' Squadron 3rd troop of the 15/19th Royal Hussars (Merseyside) at the end of 1944. Their names do not appear in the regimental history books. Please contact Henry Morris, Archivist, AJEX House, East Bank, Stamford Hill, London N16 5RT. Tel: 081-880 1117, if you have any information which may help to repair this omission.

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## Art Notes

An important exhibition of Chinese, Korean and Japanese works of art is on display at Spinks (1-17 June). All the works on display are for sale at prices ranging from £5000 to £150,000, including a splendid Tang horse, a selection of Korean lacquerware and a very fine pair of 18th century horse screens of the mid-Edo period (1615-1868).

As part of the series of German exhibitions this year, the Prints Department of the British Museum, which has long been one of the few British institutions to show a keen interest in German art, is mounting *German Printmaking in the Age of Goethe* (20 May - 21 August). Over 200 prints have been selected from the Museum's considerable collection showing the work of nearly 60 artists, including works by Chodowiecki, Strixner, Schinkel and Ferdinand Olivier. Goethe was the key figure for the cultural history of the period and influenced the work of many artists as a writer, critic, friend and collector.

At the same time the National Gallery will be showing (8 June - 4 September) *Caspar David Friedrich to Ferdinand Hodler: A Romantic Tradition*. The exhibition comprises about 80 paintings and 40 drawings ranging from the Romantic period, the charm of Biedermeier, to the Realists and Symbolists at the end of the century. A catalogue by Peter Wegmann is available at the exhibition (£15.50). The exhibits come from a collection assembled by Oskar Reinhardt, which he presented to the town of Winterthur. It was opened in 1951 but remains little known outside Switzerland.

Zurbaran's *Jacob and His Twelve Sons* is still at the National Gallery (until 22 May) and well worth a visit. The Goya exhibition *Truth and Fantasy* at the Royal Academy

continues until 12 June. It includes 87 small paintings which are all very beautiful, including many portraits.

Effective hype seems to have ensured that the work of American photographer Annie Leibovitz is getting its share of the limelight. It can still be seen at the National Portrait Gallery until 30 May. Already widely shown on the Continent, it will travel to Edinburgh on 17 June and to Cardiff on 26 August. There is also a photographic exhibition at the Barbican *Who's Looking at the Family?* until 4 September. It comprises the work of more than thirty European and North American photographers and looks at the often humorous and moving ways of the relationships which make up the family.

Marie-Louise von Motesiczky was a pupil of Max Beckman, also a family friend, and brought with her on her emigration to England the tradition of German expressionism. An exhibition of her paintings

at the Manchester City Art Galleries until 19 June includes paintings from a long working life, ranging from a 1925 street-scene in Hinterbruhl to recent portraits.

In the new gallery space Anthony d'Offay are showing *Andy Warhol: Portraits from the 70s and 80s* until 28 May. This will be followed by an exhibition of works by Georg Baselitz.

The new edition of the Ben Uri Art Society's Catalogue is almost ready and to mark its publication an exhibition of new acquisitions and old favourites will be held at the Society's Gallery (25 May to 3 July).

The Manor House Society is showing works on paper by Glenn Sujo until 6 May. Sujo was born in Argentina and studied at the Slade School and the Courtauld Institute. He has taught extensively and was visiting artist at Haifa University in 1991. The exhibition concentrates on still-lives of great beauty and delicacy. □

## SB's Column

**Witness to an Era** is an exhibition at the Jewish Museum of Vienna (until 12 June). The collection was initiated and put together by former Austrian David Rubinger, who spent the first years of his emigration as a kibbutznik in the Jordan Valley. The pictures on display show the problems of absorbing immigrants of war, terrorism and many other aspects of Middle-East developments. At the invitation of Teddy Kollek, ex-Mayor of Jerusalem, a selection of the photographs was shown at the Jerusalem Museum. Visitors to the exhibition may find a new perspective on Israeli history.

**Munich: Capital of the Movement** is the title of an exhibition at the Munich Stadtmuseum which comprises 2000 items - photographs, posters, documents, paintings and furniture - which evoke the atmosphere of the Bavarian capital in the Nazi era. Among the documents on view are many death certificates issued at Dachau concen-

tration camp (which was situated on the outskirts of Munich).

**Awards.** The Goethe Medal 1994 was awarded to film directors Istvan Szabo (Hungary) and Billy Wilder (USA) at a ceremony held at Weimar in March this year.

**Birthday.** German film actress Nadja Tiller, one of the few postwar German stars also seen by the British public, best known as "Mädchen Rosemarie" (*The Nitribitt Story*, shown in the 1960s) in which she was partnered by Hubert von Mayrink and Carl Rabbatz, has just turned 65.

**Obituaries.** Jean Sablon, dubbed the "French Troubadour" has died in Cannes at the age of 87. One of the great figures of the French musical scene, he toured extensively all over the world; equally at home in the Americas as in Europe, his particular brand of French songs made him a global ambassador for his country. Pre-war he had the unforgettable Mistinguette as one of his partners.

Dinah Shore, the American singer, has died, aged 76. Known as a broadcaster, singing for the troops in Normandy towards the end of the war and performing with Glenn Miller's band, she subsequently appeared in some successful films and is vividly remembered for her role in *Up in Arms* opposite the inimitable Danny Kaye. □

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## Cooking with Gretel Beer



### Cauliflower in a cloud

This has always been one of my favourite supper or luncheon dishes – quite easy to prepare, yet “showy” enough to set before a discriminating guest. Except for whisking the eggwhites it can be prepared well in advance – just fold the whisked eggwhites into the cheese sauce at

the last minute and put the dish into the oven to bake.

#### Ingredients

1 large or 2 small cauliflowers  
 1 teaspoon sugar  
 1 heaped tablespoon butter  
 1 lightly heaped tablespoon flour  
 1/2 pint (275ml) milk  
 3 eggs  
 salt, pepper, nutmeg  
 2oz (55g) grated Parmesan or Caerphilly cheese  
 flaked almonds  
 butter and flour for the dish

#### Method

Trim the cauliflower and make a few incisions at the base of the stem. Put the cauliflower into cold, salted water for 20–30 minutes.

Steam the cauliflower or cook it in

slightly salted water to which a teaspoon of sugar has been added. When just tender, drain and then divide into sprigs.

Preheat the oven to gas mark 5 (375F, 190C). Butter and lightly flour a souffle dish (or deep gratin dish). Melt the butter in a thick saucepan, stir in the flour over a low flame until blended, then add the milk gradually and cook, stirring constantly until the mixture is well thickened and leaves sides of the saucepan clean.

Separate egg yolks and whites. Stir the yolks one by one into the slightly cooled mixture. Add salt, pepper and nutmeg. Whisk the eggwhites until stiff and fold into the mixture alternately with the grated cheese. Finally, fold in the cauliflower sprigs.

Pile the mixture into the prepared dish and sprinkle with flaked almonds. Bake until well risen and browned on top. Serve at once. □

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## Israel revisited – 1993

**M**onday. We made an even earlier start – 7.30 a.m. – as we had a long journey ahead of us. Our first stop was at the home of our guide, at his invitation. He wanted us to see his village, built after the Six-Day War, and sited on the West Bank. It will, eventually, number 500 families and is an experiment in integration of people with varying degrees of religiosity, housing observant, yarmulka-wearing Jews, middle-of-the-road traditionalists as well as non-observant Jews. So far they have not hit any problems and are proving to the rest of the country – possibly even the world – that tolerance of one another is not impossible. The village was built on barren, unused land. There was not even sufficient vegetation for the sheep to graze in this area. Now the modest houses have gardens in full bloom; the kindergarten has a large grassy area for the children to play on with trees giving pleasant shade from the strong sun. There has to be a 24-hour security patrol. All strangers are investigated, our bus included, and our guide had to vouch for us. The school is vibrant and provides a broad spectrum of education; attendance at religious instruction is encouraged but not insisted upon. Although members of each family follow their own occupation, just as in the city, and there is an extraordinarily wide range of racial mix (a recent influx of Russian and Ethiopian Jews have been accommodated), there is a total commitment to their own community and a determination to make their experiment succeed.

Before we left our guide asked 'Would you give it back?' None of our party of 42 people had an answer to that.

Our second stop was at Bet Shean where the whole of a Roman city has been excavated, almost intact, due to its having been inundated by lava flow during an earthquake.

Lunch was taken at a lakeside restaurant on the Kinneret and, after a quick dip in the waters of the lake, we moved on to Tiberius to visit the famous old spa and synagogues. Here the humidity was very high and by the time we reached Kibbutz Ayelet Hashachar around seven in the evening, everyone was very tired. However, a good meal revived us sufficiently for us to participate in a shiur, postponed from Shavuot, on the subject of Solomon and Sheba. The Bible tells us that Solomon gave her 'everything she wanted'. But what was that? We had some pretty entertaining suggestions put forward!

Tuesday – the Haj Pilgrim Festival and a minor skirmish in Jerusalem, when a party of Liberians tried to enter the compound of the mosque on Mt Moriah, reported in full in the *Jerusalem Post*.

### The good fence

For our party a tour of the Golan was on offer, visiting the border on the Golan and defences taken from the Syrians during the Yom Kippur war, Degania and one of the sources of the river Jordan, kibbutz Hagoshrim (which manufactures and distributes, world-wide a ladies' depilatory gadget; previously they made and exported spirit levels) and Metulla on the Lebanese border as well as 'the good fence'. I had

previously visited Metulla in the days when it was shelled regularly – at least once a day. Now the town is much larger, of course, and much more peaceful. Lebanese workers can come and work there but have to go home at the end of the day. This is just one of the exercises of extending the hand of friendship that is being hopefully tried in a number of places.

Thursday – our last journey through Israel – firstly to visit Safed and see the beautiful Sephardi synagogues; then to hear the story of how Safed came into being and how it became a stronghold of religion and, finally, to wander round the artists' quarters and see the work now being produced there.

Via ancient sites of pre-Roman synagogues, excavated and now preserved, to Akko and more recent history. We navigated the Crusader castles and made our way to the Pasha's bath house, whose courtyard is overlooked by what used to be the jail in the days of the Mandate. I observed that, if the film *Exodus* was not shot on location (it may have been, of course), then certainly someone got the scenery absolutely right on the set! We saw the jail, where six members of Palmach were hanged prior to the declaration of the State of Israel. They were referred to as terrorists by their enemies and freedom fighters by their friends. It occurred to me that in the past 50 years, very little has changed, except that now it is not Jews that are referred to in this way, but Arabs!

□ Edith Holden  
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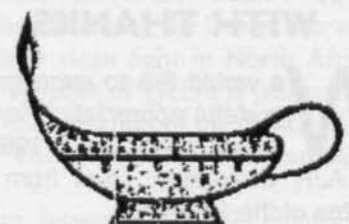
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## Every (super)man in his humour

**W**e may end up laughing on the other side of our faces, but, as of now, Zhirinovskiy is still good for some belly laughs. He recently declared that Finland has forfeited its right to independence because it has a woman Minister of Defence. (As if world history for the past 25 years had not been shaped in part by pugnacious women from Golda Meir through Margaret Thatcher and Indira Gandhi to Madame Mao!).

In this – admittedly sick – humour Zhirinovskiy contrasts sharply with his role model, Hitler, whose interminable utterances – *Mein Kampf* alone runs to 176,000 words – were suffused by *viehischer Ernst* (bestial seriousness). Unlike their Fuehrer, Goering and Goebbels could occasionally wax humorous – but only when the occasion for it was genocide. The post-Anschluss wave of suicides amongst Viennese Jewry prompted Goering to quip about Jews purloining gas from Municipal Gas Works without paying for it. Goebbels, for his part, delighted in peppering his conversation with Yiddishisms while pursuing the Final Solution. Thus he personally ordered the actor Joachim Gottschalk to shed his Jewish wife with the words 'Divorce the *kurve* (prostitute)!'

Stalin, likewise, could be roused to make merry quips about other people's deaths – only in his case the others included members of his own family. Told that his much-abused stepson Yakov had botched a sui-

cide attempt, Stalin mocked: 'He can't even shoot straight!' Mao Tse Tung's macabre sense of humour took what might be described as a non-verbal form. At the same time as he incited teenage Red Guards to rebel against their elders and teachers, he – the septuagenarian 'supreme teacher' – used teenage peasant girls as sex slaves.

But enough of superman humour! How do, or did, democratic leaders perform in the laughter stakes? Quite well I would say; certain examples of 'Westminster wit' have become legendary. Tory leader Disraeli, hearing a rumour that 75-year-old Lord Palmerston had fathered an illegitimate child, wanted the news hushed up; 'If this gets out' he warned 'the Liberals will sweep the country.' Disraeli still had the Liberals in his sights years later. Towards the end of Gladstone's first ministry he called the Government front bench 'a row of extinct volcanoes'.

Gladstone's successor, Lloyd George, could also think wittily on his feet – a gift he displayed more at the hustings than in parliament. When a woman at a public meeting exclaimed 'I wouldn't vote for you if you were the Archangel Gabriel' the Welsh Wizard riposted 'Madam, if I were the Archangel Gabriel you wouldn't be in my constituency!' Election meetings could be rumbustious affairs. At one such an opponent threw a cabbage at the platform, whereupon Lloyd George quipped 'The gentleman seems to have lost his head'.

Churchill, too, was adept at repartee. When George Bernard Shaw sent him two complimentary tickets for the first night of *Pygmalion* with a note saying 'Bring a friend, if you've got one' Churchill sent back a telegram: 'Regret can't attend first night; shall come to second, if you have one'.

In France, Clemenceau had appointed a Jewish Finance Minister after the Great War. When the budget went out of balance subsequently Clemenceau commented 'I must have picked the one Jew who can't count'.

Witless politicians sometimes provoked wit in others. Hence the quip about the 'umbrella man': 'Chamberlain takes a

weekend in the country, while Hitler takes a country in a weekend'.

One such country was, of course, Austria, whose diminutive dictator Dollfuss had been nicknamed Millimeternich.

Sometimes a politician's very name gives rise to witty rearrangements, as when Sir Hartley Shawcross, a rightward-leaning Labour Attorney General, was dubbed Sir Shortly Floorcross. (Duncan Sandys rejigged as Sunken Glands was a weaker example of the name-game genre.)

Then there are politicians who produce unconscious humour. Willie Whitelaw scored an own goal when he accused Labour of 'Stirring up apathy up and down the country'. Dennis Healey, by contrast, scored an unfair goal when he said that being attacked by Geoffrey Howe was like being savaged by a dead sheep. (Actually, the 'dead sheep' could bite, as Mrs Thatcher learnt to her cost.)

Finally, a second look at France. Charles Fiterman is a frustrated would-be reformer of the Stalinist French Communist Party. At the start of the recent Party Congress, where the hardline leader Pierre Marchais was due to announce his retirement, Fiterman claimed that the succession had been 'fixed'. 'The next leader' he said 'will emerge fully formed like Pallas Athene from the forehead of Zeus'.

Not the sort of remark we are used to hearing the likes of Arthur Scargill or Dennis Skinner making in this country. Maybe they order things better in France – though, on second thoughts, the name Fiterman doesn't trip off the tongue as particularly French. □ R.G.

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### Open-minded French

Only 13 per cent of the French population would object to having a Jew as President, according to a survey by the Roman Catholic weekly *La Vie*.

Asked whether they would elect a candidate born abroad and naturalised French, 56 percent said "yes" and 37 percent "no". □

### Holocaust

*Die grauenhafte Kunde,  
Sie stirbt mit uns'rem Munde  
Wenn Ihr sie nicht bewahrt.*

*Dass Ihr sie nicht vergesst,  
Dass Ihr an uns Euch messt,  
Hat Gott uns aufgespart.*

□ George J Fletcher

### Schindler's List

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