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PRESIDENT MAY TO MAKE ADDRESS IN AUDITORIUM

Mortimer May, president of the Southeastern Zionist Region, will address the Greater Miami Zionist District at a meeting of the organization to be held Wednesday evening, March 3, at the Beth



MORTIMER MAY

David Talmud Torah Auditorium. Mr. May is a visitor here and during his stay he has made several appearances in behalf of Zionism, including a lecture at the

Miami Beach Jewish Center last Friday evening and an address to the members of the board of directors of the Miami Beach Zionist District at their monthly meeting, Wednesday evening.

Mr. May is a graduate of Columbia University and is a Phi Beta Kappa.

He is a member of the boards of Hebrew Union College, Karen Hayesod, American Jewish Congress, Administrative Committee, Zionist Organization of America, Administrative Committee, and the United Palestine Appeal.

He is president of the Vine Street Temple in Nashville and a former president of Nashville Zionist District; president of Tennessee-Kentucky U. P. A., and chairman of Nashville Welfare Fund.

He was a delegate to the World Jewish Congress in 1936 and the World Zionist Congress in 1939.

NAZIS ARE EXTERMINATING JEWS, IS SOLDIERS' REPORT

Cairo (WNS)—The Nazi scheme to exterminate the Jewish population of occupied Europe has now been put into effect in these parts of Tunisia controlled by the Axis, according to reports received here this week from the British-occupied isle of Djerba.

British troops entering Djerba found only 15 aged Jews, the report said. The rest of the Jewish population had been sent to unknown destinations for compulsory labor. Little hope was held here that the deported Jews would ever again be seen alive.

The 15 surviving Jews in Djerba told their British liberators that the Nazis had conducted systematic pogroms throughout Tunisia and that hundreds of Jews had lost their lives.

BIBLE-TALMUD STUDENT; BORN IN RUSSIA IN 1863

By DR. M. A. LIPKIND, Treasurer, Miami Beach Zionist District

MENAHEM USSISHKIN, Zionism's Man of Iron

Menahem Ussishkin was born Aug. 14, 1863, in Dubrovna, Russia. He was the only son of a wealthy merchant. At the age of eight his parents moved to Moscow. Until 13 he studied the Bible and the Talmud, then he studied successively in the Real-school and in the Imperial Technical School, graduating in 1889 as engineer.

In 1881, a series of pogroms broke out in Southern Russia and continued for two years. Russian journals, to which cultured writers contributed, justified the anti-Jewish excesses by declaring that the Jews were foreigners in Russia, and were injurious to the dominant race; ominous foreboding of the present menace of Hitlerism.

Russian Jewry was shaken to its roots. The Jewish intellectuals, who relied on an enlightened people, and inclined towards assimilation, were dumbfounded. The 18-year-old Ussishkin was stirred to the depths of his soul. A short while afterwards he learned that a national movement sprung into being among the students with the slogan of BILU, (abbreviated Hebrew of "House of Jacob, come, let us go.") Let us forsake Europe where the Jews are strangers and return to the land where the Jew has seen the vision of peace and international fraternity; the vision of the Jewish prophets. This was the first group of students who abandoned their careers to take up the life of agricultural pioneers in Palestine. Ussishkin joined the group,

but being only a high school pupil and not a university student, he was not elected as one of the seven Biluities, who were to leave for the land of Israel. He remained in Moscow and became active in the Hovavei Zion Society, and the collection of funds for the establishment of settlements in Palestine. From this time until the last day of his long life, he was wrapped up in a ceaseless effort for the realization of his Zionist ideal.

The saga of Ussishkin's labors, struggles and achievements in the last five decades is inseparable from the story of Zionism, the renaissance of the Hebrew language and the Jewish National Fund. We will mention just a few of the highlights of his Zionist career. He was president of the Hovavei Zion (lovers of Zion, the Palestine colonization movement which preceded the Theodore Hertzl political Zionism) from 1906 until the dissolution of that body by the Bolsheviks. He was one of the first to rally to the call of Theodore Hertzl's political Zionism; and then bitterly opposed him on the issue of Uganda versus Palestine, which resulted in its abandonment by the Seventh Zionist Congress in 1905. In 1919 he was appointed head of the Zionist Executive in Palestine, where he remained the rest of his life. Together with Dr. Chaim Weizman he struggled at the Eleventh Congress in 1913 for the establishment of a Hebrew university in Jerusalem. He led a determined fight against the Partition Plan, proposed by the Peel Commission in 1936. However, his greatest contribution to the resettlement of Palestine was accomplished during his presidency of the Jewish National Fund, to which he was elected in 1924. He served as world president of J. N. F. until his final rest in the cave of Nicaron on Mount Scopus, Jerusalem, in 1941.

His activities included the collection of funds, the redemption of land and the exposition of the basic principle and purpose of the Jewish National Fund. To these duties he brought to bear his inexhaustible energy and his iron will. He set out to implant a land redemption program, as a national enterprise based upon the principles of national land ownership and social justice.

Ussishkin proved his great capacity, and exceptional talents, in coping with the historical, political and psychological elements and phases of the complex Palestine problem. How well he succeeded we will learn when we next study the activities and achievements of the Jewish National Fund.

PROGRESS MADE IN MEMBERSHIP DRIVE OF LODGE

Further progress is being made in the special membership drive of Sholem Lodge commemorating the 100th anniversary of the founding of B'nai B'rith, according to E. Albert Pallot and Harold Turk, co-chairmen of the One Hundredth Anniversary Membership Committee. The latest report shows that 59 new members have been obtained since the start of the membership drive, with a goal of 100 new members in sight, the new members having been obtained by the following:

- Nat Roth 19
Louis Heiman 8
Paul Sobel 5
Louis Gordon 3
R. R. Adler 2
Joseph Socolof 2
Harold Turk 2
Nat Blumberg 1
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Aaron Edelman 1
Milton Friedman 1
William Friedman 1
Harold M. Blicher 1
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Al Pallot 1
David Brown 1
Morris Kronberg 1
Isaac Levin 1
Isadore Cohen 1
Leo Ackerman 1
Walter Kovner 1
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Sol Goldstrom 1
Ben Giller 1
Alex S. Cohen 1

The previous report showed 43 new members, and those who have joined since the publication of the original list include: Max Goodman, David Bear, Abraham Bear, Samuel Meyers, Charles Lefcove, Nat Malkasher, Gustav Taussig, Sidney Wasserman, Nat Klein, Joseph A. Post, Joe Schonfeld, Samuel Braverman, Isador Levin, Harry Elson, Dr. Kurt Wellish and Leo Zupnik. The One Hundredth Anniversary Membership Class will be initiated in the near future at special ceremonies and each new member who joins in the special membership drive will be the guest of Sholem Lodge at a dinner to be held in the near future, at which affair will be invited also the members of the lodge who procured the new members.

PALM BEACH NOTES
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MRS. MARY SCHREBNICK, Representative

Stanley Peeler was born near Austin, Texas. He attended high school in San Antonio and college at Texas A. & M. While a sophomore in engineering, at the age of 18, he enlisted in the United States Army during the first World War.

In the 10 years he has been in West Palm Beach, he was president of the Chamber of Commerce for two terms; member of the City Advertising and Publicity Commission; an original member and a chairman of the West Palm Beach Housing Authority; first chairman of the City Recreation Commission; a former member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, and is now serving his third term as a member of the Board of Directors of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce. There are also many other civic endeavors in which Stanley Peeler has been engaged during his residence in West Palm Beach.

Last fall he was appointed by the City Commission to fill the office of Northborough Commissioner, the place being made va-

cant by the passing of the late Ronald Ware. Although Stanley Peeler has never been a candidate for public office before, he has always taken a deep interest in public affairs as his record shows and has held a number of appointive positions of an administrative character. He owns his home in the Northborough and has been a taxpayer of the city for a number of years.

WEST PALM BEACH NOTES

Pvt. Henry Goldstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Goldstein of 500 First Street, is now stationed at Rice, Cal.

At a recent meeting of Beth El Congregation Ben Wolfson and I. Moss were elected to serve as vice-chairmen and A. Levin as treasurer.

B'nai B'rith Lodge was host to service men stationed at Boca Raton at a dance last week. Dr. Carl N. Herman, spiritual leader of Beth Israel, spoke on the life of George Washington at Friday night services last week.

Emanuel Greenstein introduced Rev. Clinton of the Union Congregational Church at Beth El services Friday. Election of officers took place last Tuesday at Beth El of the B'nai B'rith Auxiliary.

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