

From Jewish life

Elections to Jewish gminas throughout Poland

By regulation of the Minister of Religious Denominations and Public Enlightenment, elections have been announced for Jewish communities throughout the country. The relevant regulation was published in the "Monitor" on 16th this month.

The election date for smaller cities is set for 30th August this year and for larger cities, such as Warsaw, Łódź, Kraków, etc., 6th September this year. Implementation of the regulation will be published soon.

The battle for a cantor for the Częstochowa Old Synagogue

Following the departure to Africa of Cantor Badasz, for almost a year, the Old Synagogue has been without a cantor.

The Synagogue Board, wishing to end this state of affairs, has recently brought in a dozen or so cantors to show off their talent. The jury was made up of around 70 of our city's citizens including Messrs. Silberstajn, Sz. Najman, Sz. Altman, Grynbaum – members of the Synagogue board. Almost all jury members finally voted in favour of Cantor Kamieniecki from Piotrków, who is known for his voice and

talent and was the teacher of Badasz and many other cantors.

However, malcontents – and there is no shortage of them – are taking steps, behind the scenes, to stop Kamieniecki's selection.

So, the cantor's supporters have collected about 1,000 signatures, which were handed to the Gmina president, Mr. Rozenberg.

We hope that these efforts bring a successful outcome and the beautiful voice of Cantor Kamieniecki will be heard in the Old Synagogue.

Official guest in the Polish Pavilion at the Levantine Fair in Tel Aviv

The Polish-Palestinian Chamber of Commerce announced that, according to information received from the commissioners of the Polish Pavilion at the Levantine Fair in Tel Aviv, the High Commissioner of Palestine, Sir Arthur Wauchope, paid an official visit to the Polish Pavilion.

The personalities who have visited

the Polish Pavilion include the Polish Consul General, Dr. Z. Kurnik, Polish Consul Łukasiewicz, Mayor M. Dizengoff, H. Farbstein, Dir. T. Pecha, Councillor A. Haftka, etc.

All the guests were received and shown around the Pavilion by the Polish Pavilion Commissioners, Messrs. Artur Anker and Eng., Hajman Zabtudowicz.

Hebrew courses for police officers

Jerusalem, ŻAT. Due to the recruiting of new Jewish policemen, Hebrew language courses

have been launched for police aspirants from among German immigrants.

Over 100,000 Jewish workers in Palestine

Jerusalem, ŻAT. As at 1st January, 105,000 Jewish workers were registered in Palestine, 58,000 of

whom were employed in the cities and 25,000 were employed in the countryside.

Palestinian interpellation in the House of Commons

During a session of the English House of Commons, a number of interpellations were submitted regarding the situation in Palestine. One question concerned the Arab petitions which were submitted to the Mandate Committee at its last session in Geneva.

MP Gallacher (a Communist) asked whether the Colonial Minister would meet the Arab delegation from Palestine and whether he would listen to their statements.

The Speaker did not allow this question, which also remained unanswered.

MP Davis asked the Colonial Minister whether it was true that the situation of the Falashas in Palestine had been deteriorating since 1930.

The minister replied that this claim was not correct. On the contrary, the situation of the Falashas had improved and the government was making efforts to reduce the debt

of the Falashas as much as possible. MP Gallacher asked whether the Arab strike in Palestine was not due to the fact that many Arabs had been forced off their lands.

The minister replied that he could, under no circumstances, agree with this suggestion.

Preparations for "Palestine Week"

Zionist circles are preparing for "Palestine Week", which will take place throughout Poland on 21st to 28th of this month.

The next transport of emigrants to Palestine

Next Monday, a transport of 350-400 Jewish emigrants to Palestine will leave Warsaw.

This will be the first group of emigrants who have been issued certificates under the new quota system.

The Task of the

World Jewish Congress

New York (ŻAT). At the conference held in Washington, D.C., at which (as ŻAT has reported) 70 delegates of American Jewry were elected to the World Jewish Congress.

A longer speech was given by Prof. George Bernhardt, who warned American Jews against making the same mistakes which, to some extent, were responsible for German Jewry's misfortune. Prof. Bernhardt attacked the American "Yahuds", declaring that wealth and philanthropy are not yet adequate qualifications for the leaders of the Jewish nation. The speaker outlined a three-fold work plan for the World Jewish Congress:

1. establish a permanent representation of the Jewish people,
2. establishing an economic committee and
3. setting up a Jewish credit institution.

The Washington conference ended with a banquet in honour of Dr. Stephen Wise, who then left for Europe.

From sports

from the "Makkabi" sports club

The Annual General Meeting of the "Makkabi" Association was held last Saturday at its premises. After the Annual Report was approved, new board members were elected.

The Board of Management included Dr. Adv. Asz (president), Dir. B. Kurland, N. Szerz, L. Weis, A. Rotbard, N. Teichner, Eng. Weinstok, H. Goldstein, Bryll, S. Sztencel, J. Feige.

The general meeting acknowledged the efforts of retiring president, Eng. C. Rajcom, voting him of "Makkabi" Honorary President.

"Makkabi" trip to Bielsko

On 28th-29th June, the 40th anniversary of the "Makkabi" association will take place in Bielsko.

Celebrations will be held in Bielsko, together with large sports competitions, with the involvement of guests from all over Poland.

"Makkabi" from Częstochowa will take part in the celebrations and sports competitions. At the same time, "Makkabi" is organising a two-day trip to Bielsko. All information is available from the "Makkabi" offices, Katedralna 13, from 8:30 am to 10:00 pm.

Anti-Jewish Graffiti in Zawodzie

On Tuesday night, unknown people painted anti-Jewish slogans, in red paint, on houses in Zawodzie. The slogans included "Death to the Jews", "Beat the Jews", etc.

President of the Jewish Gmina, Mr Rozenberg and Gmina member Mr M Asz have spoken with security authorities regarding the matter.

The police have ordered the slogans to be immediately removed and are investigating in order to find the perpetrators.

Częstochowa chronicle

A big city – small-town little streets

A few words from a city authority

After reading the header of this article, the reader will immediately guess that it is about our beloved "big city". Nowhere, in Europe, is there probably a city, with 120,000 inhabitants, that is so neglected and with such a profit-free investment economy, as Częstochowa.

The "representative" part of our city – the avenues – leave relatively little to be desired (except for the clouds of dust kicked up by cars and the lack of shade, but we cannot expect perfection in this earthly vale).

However, the situation with the "side" street is different. They have not deserved more attention from the city authority. Because, these streets, which we mention, are not alleyways on the city's outskirts, but some of the most important and busiest arteries. No wonder that the visitor is amazed (as, long ago, they often ceased being surprised by anything) that, in the city centre, in the very heart of an organism of 120,000 people, similar conditions can be tolerated.

One of these forgotten "side" streets is ul. Waszyngtona, which is one of the main streets of the city, where new houses and beautiful villas are built every year – it does not yet even have the most primitive of footpaths.

Ul. Wilsona (Waly), quite prettily developed and full of trees, also suffers from a lack of footpaths.

This can be felt most acutely in the section where there is a bus station and passengers must wade and stumble to get there during bad weather.

The footpaths on ul Dąbrowskiego are no better.

This situation cannot continue as it shames our city. It is an embarrassment when seen from countries abroad.

It is probably time to dispel this unfavourable opinion of our city, which is expressed by strangers with a dismissive smile.

Problems of the Częstochowa Construction Industry

A lack of cash prevents the revival of construction activity

Construction activity in Częstochowa began relatively early this year, despite difficult times and stagnation.

On many streets, houses are being built, some are impressive and modern (like on al. Kościuszki and ul Jasnogórska, where 3 or 4 storey buildings will be constructed, ul. Śląska (on the corner of ul. Focha), etc. However, much work had to be postponed. This was probably caused by an increase in labour costs, this year by 30-40%.

Finishing the work on houses is progressing slowly, the construction of which began last year. This is because loans granted for these works have not yet arrived in Częstochowa.

In the interest of reviving the construction industry, it is important for the National Development Bank to quickly allocate the loans granted to citizens for the completion of their houses.

Serving Court Bailiffs will be in uniform

As we have learned, by regulation of the Ministry of Justice, uniforms for Court Bailiffs were introduced from December last year. The regulation was to be implemented on 1st July this year. However, at the last minute, this deadline was extended to 15th September.

The introduction of uniforms for bailiffs may cause problems for the

bailiffs themselves (due to the quite significant expense that not all of them could financially prepare for in recent "lean" years).

It will increase the prestige of the incumbent bailiffs - a menacing man in uniform, equipped with the whip a judgment, will only gain in authority.

First building with lifts in Częstochowa

The current construction season novelty to our city – a building with elevators.

It will be the four-storey building on al. Kościuszki, which will rise on the site of the former "Wulkan" factory. Work on the foundations is

now currently underway. Construction is expected to be completed in late autumn.

This modern building will be owned by Mr Bajdecki who, a few years ago, constructed a building on ul. Śląska, which houses the Taxation Office.

This cream removes freckles
"ORLANDO"
 and softens skin