

sciences in psychoanalytic theories. This led to a division of opinions which did not always help the proper propagation and integration of the important psychoanalytic theories or concepts into other sciences, particularly the natural sciences. It also brought about unjustified prejudice toward the psychoanalytic profession.

The variety of papers in this volume hopefully reflects an opposite tendency: different views are presented within a common frame of reference, and, at the same time, creative initiative and the expression of non-orthodox views are respected in the hope of enhancing further progress.

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*A Message From the President of the
International Psycho-Analytical Association
on the Occasion of the 50th Anniversary
of the Founding of the Israeli Society*

The 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Israeli Society is bound to arouse a great deal of emotion in those who lived through the turbulent times of the early thirties which was so momentous for Europe and for the psychoanalytic movement. It is well to recall how Ernest Jones, newly-elected President of the Association, announced it to the Lucerne Congress in 1934: 'It is but natural', he said, 'that the recent kind of diaspora should have produced effects in Palestine, and a compensatory gain for us is that it has now proved possible to establish a Psycho-Analytical Society there. This has been purchased, however, at a heavy cost, for the President of the new Society is Dr. Eitingon, whose presence in Europe we shall sadly miss.' To have such a leader from the outset was an inspiration to those pioneers who worked with him under most difficult circumstances. That inspiration was soon to prove fruitful as in 1938 the records show that Eitingon, Brandt, Dreyfus and Gumbel were carrying out no less than 36 analyses.

The particular location of the Society has of course proved to be an inevitable physical obstacle to the interaction between the Israeli members and colleagues all over the world. Yet they have, through the years, maintained contact and developed scientifically on a par with other Societies of a similar size. The final recognition came when the Society was given the task of organizing the International Congress in 1977. Our Association is not, as one might hope, entirely free from prejudices, yet it was with a great deal of enthusiasm that members accepted the idea of venturing out of Europe for the very first time in the history of the IPA. It was a memorable congress, its organization a remarkable feat for such a small but dedicated group of people. It was indeed a deep emotional experience for all those who attended it, which went on to cement further the bonds between the Israeli Society and the rest of the world. It is of no surprise that the European Federation, having accepted the Israeli Society

into its fold, in spite of its being situated on the border of Asia, should have chosen it for its 1983 Conference.

I am sure I am interpreting the feeling of our membership in extending to the Israeli Society our heartfelt congratulations on past and present achievements and all our best wishes for its future scientific development and continued participation in the psychoanalytic movement.

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Pioneers and Psychoanalysis: Beginnings of the Psychoanalytic Movement in Eretz Israel

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Abstract. This paper examines the historical correlation between the pioneering spirit and the development of the psychoanalytic movement in Eretz Israel. Three different periods are outlined: the early stages following the Balfour Declaration, the 1930s, influenced by the rise of the Nazis, and finally, achievements accomplished following the establishment of the State of Israel.

Early Works

Major events connected with psychoanalysts and leading to the establishment of the Israel Psychoanalytic Society already have been described in several publications by Gumbel (1-3), who has become the official historian of the psychoanalytic movement in Israel. Brandt (4) and Friedjung (5) reported on the functioning of the Palestine Institute of Psychoanalysis (1933-4) and on the psychoanalytic educational work among young Jewish immigrants. Their papers were published in 1950 in a memorial volume dedicated to Max Eitingon, edited by M. Wulff (6). In 1977, Winnik (7) reviewed the development of psychoanalysis in Israel. Therefore the present paper will try to avoid repetition of previously published data. The author intends to draw attention to events and facts relevant to the pioneering psychoanalytic movement in a new social environment, as reflected by the personal history of pioneer figures.

The development of psychoanalysis in Palestine, and later Israel, is strongly related to the re-establishment of a nation in its ancient homeland. It reflects the intense struggle of generations devoted not only to survival but also to the establishment of a new social order. The first analyst to come to Palestine was

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