

# Wages effort to honor dad she hardly knew

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## U.S. Government Officially Endors Recommendation To Admit 100,000

## Local Researchist Discovers Cure for Goitre Through A-Bomb By-Product

By SHIRLEY L. CIBLEY  
(Advocate Staff Writer)



DR. SAUL HERTZ  
Commander (MC) USNR

In 1936, the field of radioactive isotopes and their possible uses to extend and test medical theories and biochemical processes was just coming to the forefront of medical research. In that same year, Dr. Saul Hertz, of Brookline, attended a Harvard Medical School conference and was particularly inspired by a speech delivered by Dr. Karl T. Compton, in which the President of Massachusetts Institute of Technology made a plea for medical men to become interested in the application of the newer physical methods which were then becoming available through technological studies.

This was born the germ of an idea with which Dr. Hertz has worked, studied and experimented, and which today has resulted in his revolutionary discovery of a new treatment for Graves' disease (popularly referred to as pop-eyed goitre) through the application of radioactive iodine.

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## Zionists Hail Special M In Washin

## N. E. Emergency Plans Fund Dinn Implement Decis

A large delegation, including leaders of the New England Region, Hadas Zion and Mirzochi, local Zionist Emergency Council, is attending the Conference called by Hillel Silver and Rabbi S. Wise in Washington today. The delegation includes Ralph F. Bass, chair of New England Zionist Emergency Council, Mrs. Lewis representing the New England Region, and Isadore D. Passow, executive director of New England Emergency Council, with leaders from all the country to decide on a policy of evasion and action to fight the Immigration Committee's restriction to admit 100,000 into Palestine immediately.

## UN Commission In Report on Human Rights

NEW YORK (JTA)—The early writing of an International Bill of Rights under the provisions of the United Nations Charter, pledging world-wide promotion of human rights by all states which are members of the United Nations, is urged in a report which the U.N. Commission on Human Rights completed this week under the chairmanship of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.



Above: Dr. Saul Hertz will be honored at Harvard Jan. 23.

Left: A Jewish Advocate story in May 1946 touts Hertz's achievements.

## Spotting the News

(World News Services Feature)  
By ABRAHAM J. ARNOLD

**HAGANA WARNING**—The transfer of British military bases from Syria, Lebanon and Egypt to Palestine will not be tolerated, warned the Voice of Israel underground radio of the Hagana resistance movement. Having agreed to remove their troops from Egypt and other countries in the Middle East, Britain is interested in maintaining the mandate at all costs and later taking over the trusteeship of Palestine. She wants this not in the interests of the Jewish people but to maintain her own power in the Middle East, the underground radio pointed out.

**THE "HOLY" WAR IS OFF**—Latest statements by Arab League leaders and spokesmen for the Arab Higher Committee in Palestine finally reveal that the call for a "Holy War" in Palestine was nothing but a first-class hoax. Dr. Izat Tannous, spokesman for the Arab Higher Committee, said this week that the use of force was not being considered and they were not prepared for a clash. It is also reported that the Arab attitude towards Russia has cooled off considerably. This shows quite clearly that the Arabs were bluffing in their war threats and leads us to believe that the Arab League has not got the full support among the Arab masses in Palestine to which they lay claim. . . . nor as events show have they the alleged support of the Russians. This bears out the opinion of a highly placed Zionist leader, voiced to this writer, that the Russians would not support Arab demands at this time despite efforts to extend their influence and power in the Middle East.

## Marine Flasher Brings First Immigrants—4 Have Kin Here

Local Community Plans to Welcome Its Quota; Rabbi Shuhov Accompanies Group from Germany

Dreams of freedom, sustained through the horror and degradation of the war years, became reality for 467 European immigrants aboard the "S. S. Marine Flasher" when the reconverted troopship docked this past Monday in New York harbor. Passage for 444 of the displaced persons, who are the first to arrive here under President Truman's immigration act.

Judge Pinanski  
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New Palestine Colony  
Honors Massachusetts

JERUSALEM (JTA)—The colony of Nachlath Massachusetts, named in honor of the

the first person in a series of 29 patients.

Hertz joined the Navy in WWII, serving on the Manhattan Project. When he returned to Boston, he was not welcomed back to MGH, his daughter said. Instead, he took a job at Beth Israel Hospital. A few months later, he received a phone call from the editor of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

The editor, a personal friend, explained that he received a paper for publication from Dr. Earl Chapman of MGH (who had taken over Hertz's cases when he was in the Navy) and Evans, indicating they had propriety over radioactive iodine. "What is going on here?" the editor asked.

Hertz and Roberts wrote their own paper on the use of radioactive iodine therapy in successfully

treating hyperthyroidism in that first series of 29 patients. The editor published both pieces in the same issue of JAMA.

In 1946, Hertz established the Radioactive Isotope Research Institute in Boston. It focused on research and treatments for thyroid cancer, goiter and malignant tumors using fission products. Hertz also taught at MIT, in a field known today as nuclear medicine.

It was only by happenstance that Barbara Hertz, a retired special education teacher who lives in Connecticut, discovered the significance of the work of her father, who died of a heart attack at age 45. She knew her father was involved with thyroid research, but she didn't know much else about what he did. After her mother died in 2000, Hertz told an oncologist in Boston, Dr. Don-

ald Goldstein, about her father's papers.

"I said you're a researcher, what do you do with the papers?"

He then asked her if she was related to Roy Hertz, who discovered an early drug treatment for a cancerous tumor. She replied that Roy was her uncle.

Goldstein said, "Roy taught me everything I know about chemotherapy when I worked at NIH [National Institutes of Health]."

At the time, Hertz did not even know if her uncle was alive. It turned out, he was 90 years old, and living in Maryland. When she visited him and other relatives, Hertz learned just how influential her father's research had been.

Since then, Hertz has worked to raise awareness of her father's work. She wrote an article for a

medical journal; contacted professional organizations to ask that they formally honor her father; started a Web site, SaulHertzMD.com; and successfully had her father be inducted into the National Museum of American Jewish History as one of the 300 notables in the "Only in America Gallery."

Hertz met the president of MIT, Susan Hockfield, at the school's 150th anniversary celebration, and they talked about her father's work.

"As soon as I introduced myself, she said your dad's letter to Dr. Compton regarding iodine, and that seminal question, was so critical," Hertz recalled.

*Hertz will be honored Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. at Harvard Medical School's Vanderbilt Hall, 107 Avenue Louis Pasteur, Boston.*