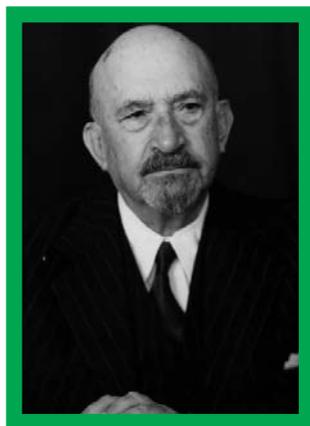


CHAIM WEIZMANN (1874–1952)

Born in Russia, he received his education at Pinsk and at the University of Berlin and Freiburg. He became a Lecturer in Chemistry at Geneva and Reader in Bio-Chemistry at Manchester University in 1904 at the early age of 30. In the First World War he was appointed Director of the Admiralty Research Laboratories where he discovered a brilliant process for making acetone, the basis of many high explosives. Between 1917 and 1930 and from 1935 to 1946 he was President of the World Zionist Organisation and in 1932 he became chairman of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

His policy was always for co-operation between Britain and Palestine. In 1948 he became the President of the Provisional Council of the State of Israel and was sworn in as the first President of the State on 17 February 1949. In Rehovot there is a Scientific Institute which bears his name and commemorates this great honour. In 1949, too, he published his autobiography, "Trial and Error".



ISRAEL ZANGWILL (1846–1926)

Born in London and educated at the old JFS, he went on to London University. He was, for a time, a teacher at JFS. However, it was not long before he began to publish his masterly series of studies of Jewish life and history. "Children of the Ghetto" appeared in 1892, to be followed in 1893 by "Ghetto Tragedies". The following year saw the publication of that classic "The King of Shnorrrers". In 1895 Herzl, while on a visit to London, so aroused Zangwill's interest in Zionism that he founded and became the President of the ITO. As a result of his enthusiasm for Zionism, Women's Suffrage and other social movements, his writing suffered. This however does not affect his stature as a writer. His early works, literary studies, novels and plays were of sufficient merit to make him one of the important writers of the period.

