The question of whether Canada is willing to accept Jews from Central Europe should also be clarified in the coming days. In and of itself, Canada, with its healthy climate, its fertile and rich soil, its growing cities, its invaluable future prospects, and last but not least, its comparatively small population, is a major country attracting the attention of Jews searching the world for a safe haven. In addition, Canada is already an “old” country of immigration for Jews. The number of Jews has increased almost a hundredfold in the last sixty years (now approximately 160,000, i.e. 1.5% of the population). Moreover, entire agricultural areas and urban branches of industry were developed by Jews. However, as a result of the economic crisis, further immigration has been almost completely halted since the war. Ever since immigration became an issue, it has also been a hotly debated topic in Canada. While the debate on this has so far only taken place in the Canadian press, it is now scheduled to be a subject of discussion during the new parliamentary session that has just commenced. Various obstacles must be taken into account when considering immigrating to Canada. On the one hand, there are parties that advocate opening the borders for Jewish immigrants from Germany. As a result, new immigration policies may be within the realm of possibility. In any case, preparations are being made for this. Be that as it may, the behavior of the public and especially of Canadian Jews remains, at least indirectly, of great importance to us. The Canadian Jewish Congress will hold its fourth major session in Toronto from January 21-23 and will present the arguments that this type of national organization can make. Canada’s Hadassa is now undertaking a new advertising campaign for Youth Aliyah, in which they mention that their organization’s latest campaign placed
more than 3,000 Jewish children from Eastern Europe in Palestine. Opening the new campaign, the President of the Zionist Organization in Canada, A. J. Freeman, declared that Prime Minister, Mackenzie King, would do everything possible under the current circumstances to support Jewish immigrants.