

**ABRAHAM IBN EZRA, MEDIEVAL JEWISH
POET AND WORLD TROTTER, INVENTED
CROSS WORD PUZZLE**

LEON BAKST, RUSSIAN JEWISH ARTIST, DIES

DR. WEIZMANN ADDRESSES CONVENTION OF GERMAN ZIONISTS IN WIESBADEN

**ARAB EXECUTIVE ISSUES PROCLAMATION
ON ECONOMIC SITUATION OF PALES-
TINE ARABS**

EXECUTIVE OF POLISH ZIONIST FEDERATION RESIGNS

**GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIZES FACTORY ON
CONDITION IT STOPS MANUFACTURE
OF "TALEISIM"**

EMIGRATION FROM POLAND TO PALESTINE INCREASES

Warsaw, Dec. 29.—Nine hundred and fifty Jewish emigrants left for Palestine during December. A group of 250 left last week and another group of 350 will leave next week.

CARDINAL BARLASSINA ARRIVES IN LONDON

Evan Morgan, English Prelate, Lends Support to Vatican's Claim

(Jewish Daily Bulletin Mail Service)

London, Dec. 22.—The arrival in Rome of Mgr. Barlassina, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, is only one sign among others of the exceptional vigilance with which the Vatican is watching the situation in Palestine.

A few weeks ago, Mgr. Evan Morgan, an English prelate who is one of the chamberlains to the Pope, was sent from Rome to Jerusalem on a special mission. The precise object of his journey was not disclosed, but he was believed to be the bearer of confidential instructions to the Latin Patriarch.

The interest of the Vatican and the Italian Catholic Union for the Palestine Holy Places and Pilgrimages centers around the Coenaculum.

The allusion to the Coenaculum requires some explanation. The Coenaculum, the traditional scene of the Last Supper, fell into Moslem hands early in the Middle Ages. In the fourteenth century it was recovered by the King of Naples, and the ancient church which formerly stood on the site was replaced by another edifice, which is still in existence.

Shortly after the Ottoman conquest in the sixteenth century, the Coenaculum again passed into Moslem hands, where it has remained ever since. Mainly on the ground that it was recovered for Christendom by King Robert of Naples, the Italian Government has for some time laid claim to the Coenaculum, the possession of which, it is thought, would add to its prestige in the Near East.

This explains the special emphasis which is laid on the Coenaculum in the Italian (Roman) Catholic memorandum. The Italian Government has informed the memorialists that it watches Roman Catholic interests in Palestine with unremitting solicitude, and is doing everything in its power to safeguard them.

It is widely felt that the Vatican is engaged in a vigorous attempt to stake out as large a claim as possible in the holy places, and now has a decided advantage over its onetime rival, the Greek Orthodox Church, which is at present in low water owing to the loss of the financial and political support on which it could formerly count from Russia.

RAPID INCREASE OF IMMIGRATION TO CANADA REPORTED

(Jewish Daily Bulletin Mail Service)

Montreal, Dec. 27.—The steps taken during the last year in the Dominion of Canada to increase her immigration indicate a rapid increase in the future, although during the first nine months of 1924 the number of new residents, 109,092, was only 2,119 more than in the same period last year; states a Canadian Pacific bulletin.

"The chief accomplishment of the year has been the laying of the foundation for a sound and intelligent immigration policy, for in no previous year has there been so much interest in Canada, evinced in foreign countries," the statement says.

Canada was visited during the year by a number of officials, delegations, parties of writers and independent journalists from Great Britain, Belgium, Switzerland, the Scandinavian countries, Holland, Russia and elsewhere, "all interested in the economics of the country and primarily interested in finding settlement possibilities for the nationals of their own countries." The Hebridean delegation has reported favorably concerning the islanders already settled in Canada, and the possibilities for a future movement on a larger scale, while the British committee sent over by the Labor Government to investigate the juvenile immigration movement, stated that "only two farms were found where the course of training and general conditions were not favorable to the young immigrants."

JEWISH COMMUNISTS PREVENT JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM RUSSIA

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Paris, Dec. 29.—Jewish emigration from Soviet Russia is being impeded, according to the Russian correspondent of the Jewish weekly paper "La Tribune Juive". This is being done not so much by the government, which understands that it cannot place the monarchists who leave Russia for political reasons, in the same class with the Jews who are victims of the new order flying from their ruined homes in order to join their relatives abroad.

Those who are responsible for the emigration restrictions of Jewish emigrants are the Jewish Communists. According to them, only counter-revolutionists leave Russia. They even demanded the compulsory repatriation of thousands of refugees who have been on the Roumanian frontier. This was realized without the intervention of the Soviet authorities, the correspondent states.

"In order to keep from the emigrants the alluring prospect of America, the 'Social Committee' has ordered letters addressed to refugees from the United States containing affidavits which would enable the refugees to obtain visas, to be withheld.

"This Committee organized in 1920 the transfer of the money advance from America to the refugees by their relatives. It received this money in dollars and paid in the deflated Soviet roubles. It paid 250 roubles per dollar while on the market the dollar was 15,000 and later 30,000 roubles.

"The representative of this Committee in New York, Mr. Dubrasky, assured the relatives that for a few dollars one could live well in Russia. 250 roubles per dollar; and at that time a pound of bread cost about 2,000 roubles!"

POALEI ZION CONVENTION HEARS REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

Over seventy delegates from various parts of the United States and Canada were present at the fifteenth convention of the Poalei Zion Party in America, which opened last Saturday night at Town Hall.

\$110,000 was transmitted to Palestine, to the Palestine Labor Bank and the Palestine Labor Fund in the last two years through the Poalei Zion, according to a report read before the convention by the Secretary, Mr. Hemlin. Eighteen thousand shares, amounting to \$50,000 for the Workers Bank were sold by the Poalei Zion in America. Seventy-one branches of the party are active in social and cultural activities. A Poalei Zion junior movement was organized with a membership of over a thousand.

Mr. B. Locker, Executive Secretary of the World Federation of Poalei Zion addressed the delegates.

The convention will last until December 31. Plans to interest Jewish labor in America in Palestine reconstruction work will be discussed.

ICA OFFICE IN CONSTANTINOPLE NOT CLOSED; STAFF REDUCED

(Jewish Daily Bulletin Mail Service)

Paris, Dec. 17.—The Central Executive Committee of the Ica denies a report which was recently published in the press that the Immigration Bureau of the Ica in Constantinople has been closed.

The Ica declares that, in view of the fact that Jewish immigration from Russia has greatly diminished, and the new regulations introduced by the Turkish government prohibit the disembarkation of immigrants in Constantinople, the Administrative staff of the Immigration Bureau of the Ica has been reduced.

In this connection, the Ica calls attention to the fact that since December 1922, about 2,000 refugees have been transported from Constantinople to other points of destination entirely at the expense of the Ica.

DR. ELIOT'S WARNINGS TO AMERICAN JEWRY DISCUSSED BY ORTHODOX AND REFORM RABBIS

"Survival of Fittest—Orthodox Jew," Orthodox Rabbi Argues

Rabbis, both in reform and orthodox pulpits, further discussed the problem of assimilation and preservation of racial characteristics of the Jews in America, forcibly presented by Dr. Charles W. Eliot in his address before the Harvard Zionist Society.

"The Melting Pot," like all catch phrases, has been superficially conceived or erroneously interpreted," Dr. Nathan Krass, of Temple Emanu-El, stated.

"America is a new nation composed of foreigners hailing from various ethnic and religious origins. That these elements have not intermarried so as to have lost their identity is not a theory but a fact," said Dr. Krass. "Americanism does not mean destruction of group gifts but the common allegiance of all citizens to the ideals, the institutions and the flag of the United States. It means the use of the vernacular as the common language of the country. It means the interpretation of the common life of the people in terms of the democratic spirit as illustrated by the founders and preservers of our Republic."

"Assimilation means the taking into one's soul of these political ideals and of the adoption of the *modus vivendi* that best expresses these ideals. Assimilation does not mean that each religious group, Jews, Catholics, Protestants, should throw its religion into the 'melting pot' and wait patiently for a new religion to emerge. It does not mean that each ethnic group should surrender whatever virtues peculiarly its own it possesses and out of the 'melting pot' choose a fused resultant."

"Our democracy can best be likened to a symphony orchestra. Each instrument is individual, yet all work together to produce harmony, not discord, guided by a common leader. Each religious or ethnic group in America can contribute the best it has, the best with which God dowered it. America demands unity, not uniformity, and with prophetic insight and foresight our fathers chose a flag of many colors and adopted as the motto of the land 'E pluribus unum'—'one out of many.'"

"Diverse individualities competing for the common advancement are a greater asset than a fused, colorless, undifferentiated mass. A perfect Jew, a perfect Catholic and a perfect Protestant are three mighty forces for genuine Americanism. Three nondescripts will weaken, not strengthen, our remarkable and unique Republic."

Dr. Herbert S. Goldstein, rabbi of the Institutional Synagogue, 37 West 116th Street, preaching on "The Survival of the Fittest—the Orthodox Jews," declared himself to be heartily in accord with the views recently expressed by Dr. Charles W. Eliot, President emeritus of Harvard University, concerning the Jew in America.

"Dr. Eliot deprecated as an observer any attempt to break away from the traditions of the Jewish faith on the part of the Jewish people," said Dr. Goldstein. "That, in his judgment would be a loss to America. I am happy indeed to note the pure attitude of Dr. Eliot on what Americanism and America should mean to all of us. America is not the melting pot of the respective world's faiths. America is made richer by the contributions that Catholic, Protestant and Jew bring through their religions to the enhancement of the moral and spiritual wellbeing of our beloved country."

"Our beloved country will lose every vestige of racial and religious hatred when we will emphasize our non-sectarianism, not by breaking down the multitudinous sects, but by encouraging each and every one of them to bring their spiritual offerings."

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DR. STRATON DISPUTES WITH FORD ON JEWISH QUESTION

Says Biblical Prophecies Are Fulfilled

"Is Henry Ford Right About the Jews?" was the subject of a sermon by Rev. John Roach Straton at the Calvary Baptist Church.

Dr. Straton pointed out that Mr. Ford gives credit to the unique and remarkable ability and good qualities of the Jewish people and yet reaches the conclusion that the world is in danger of being practically enslaved and dominated by a group of powerful Jews.

Dr. Straton declared that Mr. Ford was undoubtedly right in the matter of the growth of the Jewish people in wealth and world-wide influence, but these things prove not a world-wide Jewish conspiracy, but the working out of providential plans which God has already proclaimed to the world through his prophets.

"Mr. Ford raises the question that the Jew has a certain quality for leadership, as he puts it, either human or divine, natural or acquired. Now," Dr. Straton stated, "this peculiar quality which the Jew possesses, the Bible teaches is natural and not acquired. It is divine, in that God has implanted it in the Jew's mind and heart for the working out of his great plan of universal redemption. As we look at contemporary conditions and especially the Zionist movement, which is now worldwide, amply financed and most intelligently led, must we not believe that we are having enacted before our very eyes, the beginning of the fulfillment of the great prophecies in the Bible concerning the future of this unique and marvelous race?"

"The Jew is to come, in the fullness of the times, into universal dominion, but that will be only when Christ has returned and when He reigns in righteousness over the nations of the earth. Then there will be no racial prejudices and animosities and no distinction between Jew and Gentile, but we will be one people with one divine ruler—one fold and one eternal destiny."

"The Jew had his failure, and God for a lesson had to raise up the Gentiles to take his place. But let us make no mistake. The Gentiles—the Church—will never fully redeem this world. The Church has its great and glorious purpose, but that, too, is a temporary purpose, for God is coming back at last to the fulfillment of his great covenant with Abraham and with David, and the Gentile pride will be humbled even like that of the Jew, and together they will bow before God, their Saviour."

"NEW YEAR OF TREES", ANCIENT FESTIVAL, TO BE CELEBRATED IN PALESTINE

(Jewish Daily Bulletin Mail Service)

Jerusalem, Dec. 5.—The "New Year of Trees," the ancient festival celebrated in Palestine for many centuries, will be held on the 15th of Shevat, February 9, 1925, in and outside of Palestine.

Opportunity is to be given the Jews in the Diaspora to enjoy fruits from Palestine as a result of the despatch to its representatives by the Jewish National Fund of consignments of almonds from the Jewish colonies. In Poland and Roumania the almonds, with other Palestine fruits, will be sold in small packets, while in other countries the almonds will form a gift to loyal Zionist workers. The scheme of sending Palestine products abroad is being tried this year as an experiment. If successful it will be repeated annually.

TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS RAISED AT HEIFETZ RECITAL FOR STRANDED PHYSICIANS IN EUROPE

Jascha Heifetz gave a benefit performance at the Manhattan Opera House, Sunday afternoon, under the auspices of the Committee to help refugee physicians. The house was sold out and with donations pledged by many in the audience, the receipts will probably exceed \$10,000. The Rev. Dr. Nathan Krass made an address on behalf of the refugee physicians.

Arthur Lehman, former President of the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies and Associate Chairman of the Board of Trustees, was the guest of honor at a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria given by the radio and music trades in appreciation of Mr. Lehman's four years work in establishing the Federation.

Alexander Sisman presented a check was presented to the Federation through Mr. Lehman, representing the contribution of the radio and music trades toward the deficit of a million and a quarter of the Federation for this year.

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**JOHN L. BERNSTEIN ISSUES STATEMENT
IN REPLY TO ACCUSATIONS AGAINST
HIAS****"Kundes", Yiddish Weekly, Asked Hias to
Account for \$316,000**

In reply to charges made against the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society of America, Mr. John L. Bernstein, the president, issued a statement in which a copy of this letter dated Dec. 20, 1924, to Mr. Jacob Marinoff, editor of the "Kundes" is reproduced. Mr. Bernstein's statement reads as follows:

To the editor of the "Kundes": "Under the headline, 'We Want to Know' you made certain assertions and insinuations against the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, its directors and representatives abroad. In order to prove to the Jewish public that these assertions and insinuations have no foundation and in order to give you the 'knowledge' which you seek, we propose that you and a committee of responsible persons selected by you make a thorough and complete investigation of all the affairs and documents of the Hias. We are prepared to grant to such a committee complete access to all books, papers, protocols, reports, letters and other documents and any information which may be required. We propose that such a committee should also engage an accountant to make a thorough and complete investigation of the finances of the Hias for the entire period or any part of the time the Hias has been in existence.

"We are very anxious for such a committee to commence its investigation immediately.

"John L. Bernstein, President."

"It is needless to say that if the one who brought the charges would be concerned with finding the truth, he could have done it very easily before making public his charges and insinuations. An inquiry at the Hias would have convinced him that there is not a word of truth in his assertions. Under the circumstances, there is little surprise at the fact that he rejected the proposal of the Hias to make an investigation with a committee selected by him. He does not desire the truth. All he wants is lies and libel.

"It is beneath the dignity of the men who are at the head of the Hias, who have devoted their best years and powers to serving the cause of the Jewish wanderers to defend themselves against unfounded assertions and insinuations. The Hias has an excellent record of work; it has too much love, respect and confidence from the Jewish people all over the world to be afraid of insinuations made against it. While the Hias does not want to have anything to do with the man who has refused to verify his statement, it does not desire the slightest suspicion to remain on anyone in the administration.

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**"DEARBORN INDEPENDENT" ADVOCATES
TAX ON FOREIGN LANGUAGE PRESS**

Referring to a report for 1921 that the foreign language publications in the United States number forty-odd tongues from Albanian and Arabic to Ukrainian, Welsh and Yiddish, the "Dearborn Independent" writes, in its issue of December 29: "Without as much as hinting that these should be prohibited, it is only a matter of self-protection against a strongly disintegrating influence and of furthering the cause of Americanization that their growth should be checked and that measures should be promptly taken to curtail their circulation. This is not a question involving the limitation of free speech. It is entirely proper to contend that every foreign language publication in this country tends, unwittingly, perhaps, but none the less powerfully, to discourage the learning of English, the language of the nation. If the alien prefers not to learn it he is quite within his right not to learn it, but the exercise of that right is of the nature of a luxury for which he should be willing to pay. It has been suggested that this can be accomplished without incurring any noticeable burden, through imposing an insignificant tax, such as one cent on every copy of such a daily, five cents on every copy of such a weekly, and ten cents on every copy of such a monthly, quarterly, pamphlet, book, and so one. Also, it is urged, every public placard or notice in a foreign language should have a government stamp varying from one cent upward, according to the size. It is stated furthermore that such an impost while bringing in a welcome revenue, estimated at from \$25,000 to \$50,000 a day, would, at the same time, work effective good in a constructive sense, through furthering the solution of that grave national problem, Americanization."

**\$56,288. KEREN. HAYESOD AGRICULTURAL
OUTLAY IN ONE MONTH**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 6.—A total of \$56,288 was expended up to the month of October by the Colonization Department of the Palestine Zionist Executive from the funds placed at its disposal by the Keren Hayesod for the supply of draft animals, machinery, seeds, cattle, and poultry in the forty odd cooperative and individual holding settlements founded by the Fund. This huge outlay approximating half of the total Keren Hayesod agricultural budget of \$125,000 is, of course, unusual and is made only once a year, at the beginning of the new agricultural season when most of the preparatory work must be commenced a little in advance of, or immediately after the first rains. In this month it is necessary to place at the disposal of the Zionist Settlers the necessary animals and machinery.

**BOOKS FOR JEWISH NATIONAL LIBRARY
BROUGHT TO PALESTINE**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 10.—The numerous books which the late Dr. Joseph Chazanovitch, the founder of the Jewish National Library, collected and which were in Bialystok, Poland, have arrived in Jerusalem. "The Friends of Hebrew University Society" in Warsaw arranged the transportation of the books.

**HEBREW WRITERS ASSOCIATION ASKS
AID OF KEREN HAYESOD**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency Mail Service)

Jerusalem, Dec. 10.—At the last meeting of the Central Committee of the Hebrew Writers Association, it was decided to establish an Aid Fund for writers who are in need and to demand that visas should be sent to writers now abroad.

A special resolution required that assistance should be given to the Association from the funds of the Keren Hayesod.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS OF JEWISH INTEREST

"This Thing of Giving" (Plymouth Press) by Henry Rosenfelt, who was National Director of "The American Jewish Relief Committee" for eight years, is a dramatic record of the means by which 63 millions for relief were collected in America. The narrative of this feat, unparalleled in the annals of charity, is told with a wealth of detail which gives honor alike to the many, obscure, devoted workers and the few great leaders and givers. The inside story of episodes which have become history, such as Julius Rosewald's sensational donation of one million dollars, is revealed. The book is strewn with anecdotes and incidents which transform the bare chronicle of events into a gripping tale. The Drive for Jewish Relief, in which all American Jewry participated, emerges as one of the heroic chapters in Jewish history.

Besides giving a detailed picture of the poignant self-sacrifice of the poor and the magnificent generosity of the rich, the book is a genuine contribution to the science of philanthropy, the technique of fund-raising with least waste and most profit. Sixty-three millions were not raised by sentiment alone. Mr. Rosenfelt gives an admirable, practical demonstration of how vast sums were required and how vast sums were raised. This story of effective, organized charity is a fascinating one.

"Die Gegenwart", two issues of which appeared recently, is a new feature in Jewish journalism in America. It is a one-man monthly, issued and edited by S. E. Imber.

Mr. Imber, one of the well-known Jewish poets of Europe, has a distinguished record of literary achievement. Starting 20 years ago in the field of lyricism, which found expression in his numerous poems, ballads and songs, he is at the same time aware of the political problems that face the Jewish people, and expresses his thoughts on these problems in a forceful and convincing manner which is even more convincing since it is welded with a message of lyrical appeal.

The "Nation" for December 31, features "The Return to Jerusalem," the first of a series of letters from Palestine by Ludwig Lewisohn. Mr. Lewisohn will send letters from Palestine throughout the winter. The present article is at once an exquisitely colorful, beautifully conceived picture of the passage to Palestine and an eloquent meditation on the recurring fate of Israel. If the succeeding letters equal the first in style and spirit, they will form an important addition to the literature about new Palestine.

Anthony Clyne, writing in "Current History," points out that the Wahabi hostilities (under the leadership of Ibn Saud who announced that he did not intend to attack Palestine and professed his eagerness for England's friendship) against King Hussein of the Hedjaz, illustrate the intertribal warfare habitual among Arabs. The Arabs, he writes, despite many admirable qualities, are by tradition and habit quarrelsome and pugnacious.

"The New Republic," seeking to evaluate Samuel Gompers' achievement as a labor leader, remarks on the contrast between the handful of members at the beginning of Gompers' career and the mighty organization he left. The task Gompers achieved was that of building the foundations of the labor movement and winning recognition.

"Jewish Self-Government During the Middle Ages" by Dr. Louis Finkelstein will be published shortly, according to an announcement made by Dr. Cyrus Adler at the last meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

"Survival or Extinction" by Elisha Friedman (Thomas Seltzer), bearing the sub-title "Social Aspects of the Jewish Question," is an exhaustive critical analysis of the causes operating for the persecution and survival of the Jews in the past and the possibilities for their survival in the future.

The author, approaching the subject in the light of modern findings in the social sciences and experimental psychology, considers the various theories advanced for the survival of the Jews in the past: the theological, the racial, — and regards the Ghetto and the persecutions which preserved the solidarity of the Jewish social group as a main factor in their survival. He points out that the assimilation of the Jews always follows in the wake of the breaking down of the Ghetto walls. Mr. Friedman answers in the affirmative the question of whether the Jews are worth preserving as a people, on the score that variability of cultures and groups enriches the general culture of humanity. The author, rejecting religion as a lasting common bond for the future on the grounds of the general broadening of religious tenets and falling off of traditional ceremonial, offers as the only real means for survival, the establishment of a Jewish Homeland in Palestine, which he considers also an advantage for the assimilationists and those Jews who wish to remain in the Diaspora and preserve their Jewish heritage. An alternative solution that the author fails to give serious consideration to is rights for national minorities which are guaranteed under the Versailles Treaty in several East-European countries, and which while quite inadequate at present may be developed into full cultural autonomy for national minorities.

In all, "Survival or Extinction" is a lucid analysis of the Jewish problem based on a thorough study not only of the social, but the natural sciences as well. The book is an important contribution to the subject as a fundamental and scientific treatise, with the added advantage that its popular treatment makes it accessible to the general public.

JEWISH COMMUNAL ACTIVITIES

The Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies announced the successful conclusion of its campaign to raise \$1,250,000 to wipe out the deficit in its budget of \$3,600,000 for 1924.

A statement by Joseph L. Buttenweiser, President of the organization, called attention to the fact that the money was raised without resort to the usual methods employed in campaigns for large sums of money for charitable purposes.

"The traditional benefits, street collections, theatre parties and raffles, which used to be commonplace in philanthropic groups", explained the President, "are expressly forbidden by the by-laws of the federation", he stated.

The money was raised through the efforts of a specially organized Business Men's Council.

Graduating exercises for 124 students in the combined classes of the Hebrew High School and the three Florentine Marshall High Schools, which were founded by Louis Marshall as a memorial to his wife, took place in the Stuyvesant High School in East Fifteenth Street, New York. There were seventy-nine girls from the Florence Marshall Schools and forty-five boys and girls from the Hebrew High School. Louis Marshall, in addressing the graduates, emphasized the necessity of proper and sufficient Jewish education in America.

Rabbi Harry Levi was reelected for a term of five years by Congregation Adath Israel of Boston, Mass.

Felix Vorenberg is president of the congregation. Plans and drawing were presented for the proposed Temple Center, for which land was purchased recently.

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DAILY DIGEST OF PUBLIC OPINION ON JEWISH MATTERS

Yiddish Will Die But American Jewry Will Live

In his third article on the future of Judaism in America, H. Lang (in the "Forward" of Dec. 28) quotes the opinions on this subject of Mr. Louis Marshall, chairman of the American Jewish Committee and Mr. A. Lessin, editor of the Socialist monthly "Die Zukunft". Mr. Marshall, we are informed by Mr. Lang, refuses to discuss the problem of the future of American Jewry, not because of a lack of interest but because he prefers doing concrete work in the interests of his fellow-Jews to discussing theories.

"Mr. Marshall has very definite opinions on the Jewish problem but he expresses his opinions through his public activities. Mr. Marshall's Judaism is of a practical nature. It is not a 'programme' Judaism; it is not of the Zionist sort, but also not of the sort that opposes everything that preserves the Jews as a separate people.

"Mr. Marshall champions Judaism as well as the Jews, and there is a worldliness about his Judaism. His is the Judaism that has made peace with the world about it. He would not countenance a proposal to establish courses in Yiddish at the public schools where Jewish children predominate. He wants Judaism taught in the English language and his reason is a very practical one: Yiddish will be forgotten by the children and Judaism with it. Mr. Marshall believes in doing practical work for the perpetuation and welfare of the Jewish people so that the coming generations of Jews may be loyal Jews in the American spirit."

Taking up Mr. Lessin's views on the matter, Mr. Lang shows that, strange as this may seem to the friends and admirers of the Yiddish poet and editor, his opinions on the Yiddish language coincide with those of Mr. Marshall. He does not believe Yiddish will survive long for the Jews discard it in favor of English as soon as they become acclimatized here. Mr. Lang continues:

"With his great knowledge of Jewish history Mr. Lessin brought forth a number of examples to show that the Jews adopted various languages at different times of their history and later discarded them and he expressed his conviction that Yiddish would meet with the same fate. But he has no misgivings about the future of American Jewry. The new generations of Jews growing up here will be healthy and normal and untroubled by the sicknesses of soul and mind which were present in the older generations. Mr. Lessin also sees the development of a new national pride among the young generation of American Jews and he feels very pleased over this. Although he is a Socialist, he is likewise an ardent Jewish nationalist and he is convinced that American Jewry will benefit from its new sense of national pride and when its potential powers will come to the surface it will record achievements as glorious as those of the Jewries in any other land."

Prayers Will Not Help

As has been reported in the press the Jews of Lithuania recently observed a day of fast and prayer in protest against the government order to keep all Jewish stores closed Sundays. Commenting on this the "El Diario Israelita" of Buenos Aires remarks editorially:

"We doubt if the Lithuanian priests and Catholics, who control the government, will take the prayers and fasting of the Jews seriously. They are Satans that are not frightened by the voice of God. And yet—the day of fasting and prayer was the strongest and most unique form of protest the Jews of Lithuania could possibly have chosen against the base infringement of their rights."

Pleased At Ousting of Greenbaum

The report which has come from Poland that Isaac Greenbaum, Jewish representative in the Polish Sejm, who recently resigned as president of the "Kolo", the club of Jewish Sejm deputies, has now been ousted as leader of the Zionists in Poland, is greeted with satisfaction by the "Jewish Morning Journal". Dr. Greenbaum was a separatist in his Zionist tactics, says this paper; he carried his Jewish nationalism to extreme limits, just as Zinoviev carries his communism to extreme limits.

"Dr. Greenbaum embodies a tendency which is not confined to Poland alone. In other countries, too, we have the 'separatist' who makes a fuss over differences, exaggerates animosities and seeks in every possible way to provoke his enemies as well as his friends, the man who stresses the conflict and sees no road to peace. It is easy to explain the presence of such people among us: they are the consequence of anti-Semitism, and they are as harmful to us as the anti-Semites themselves, if not more so.

"The ousting of Greenbaum as leader of Zionism in Poland brings the Zionist organization of Poland closer to the world Zionist organization and this in itself is a very good thing. Still more gratifying is the fact that the principle of 'landespolitik' will now be discarded or at least weakened considerably. It is frequently said in countries like Poland that American Jews are wrong in saying sometimes that Zionism is for the east-European Jews rather than for the Jews in the free countries. If those who make this contention are right then they should do as the western Jews and refrain from dragging Zionism into the politics of the country. In this way unity can be attained in Jewish affairs and those who hinder this should be ousted from leadership", concludes the "Jewish Morning Journal".

Will Rogers on the Duchess

Not least of the innumerable comments made on the Monday Opera Club and its reception to the Duchess Cyril, whose husband aims to become Czar of Russia, are the shrewd and witty remarks of Will Rogers in his weekly review of people and events in last Sunday's "World".

After making some cutting comments on the efforts of the ladies of the Monday Opera Club to ascend into the highest stratum of Social Standing through the Duchess' presence among them, Will Rogers says:

"On the last night at a big farewell Reception, the Ladies bended the knee to Royalty, and Men kissed the hand and wished her godspeed on her journey to the Throne. Now can you see some big Bohunk American stooping over kissing the hand of somebody who wanted to be Czar Of All The Russians? The attempted Czarina has returned to Europe with enough quiet laughs tucked away to last a Russian for a lifetime.

"Then we wonder why we are funny to Europeans. We are funny to ourselves if we just get a Mirror. One thing, the Monday Opera Club was not a hooded Organization. They allowed, even welcomed, the publication of names."

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OUR DAILY NEWS LETTER

Jewish Colonists in Argentine Prove Their Worth

(By Our Buenos Aires Correspondent)

Buenos Aires, Dec. 7.—If one wished to indulge in hyperbole one might at this time exclaim: At last the Jewish colonists in Argentine are coming into their own. In fact, there is a great deal of truth in this, if one stops for a moment to consider the strange predicament under which the Jewish colonists here have labored for years.

Ever since the Ica has been doing its work of colonizing Jews as farmers in Argentine it has followed the policy of belittling the very men whom it helped settle on the land, so that whereas the Jewish colonists have achieved wonders in their work of building up splendid colonies, which excel in beauty, efficiency and productivity the non-Jewish colonies in the country, public opinion and, particularly, the government have always regarded them with a deprecating attitude. This is not the place to describe the reasons for the policy of the Ica in spreading the impression that its colonists were unreliable, inefficient, etc. But such was the fact and the colonists suffered in consequence. They made attempts to explain their case in the press, they sent memorandums to the Minister of Agriculture and even delegated their representatives to see the Minister personally on this matter, but all their efforts were in vain. The word of the Ica went further.

Now, however, something has happened which has helped to vindicate the cause of the Jewish colonists better than any memoranda or delegations could have done.

No doubt you have read in the newspapers about the Agricultural Exposition which was opened here recently. This is not the first exposition of the kind in Argentine. Every year there is such an exposition here. But this is the first time that the government permitted the exposition to be held in a Jewish town, Bassal Vibosa. The significance of this for the Jewish farmers cannot be overestimated. Bassal Vibosa is situated in the very heart of the Jewish colonies and its population is composed of about 90 per cent Jews. So that the exposition this year bears almost a Jewish character, one might say. It gave the Jewish colonists the first real opportunity to show Argentine, the people and the government, what they have accomplished in the field of agriculture. And it cannot be denied that they have made a very favorable impression.

The exposition is like a Jewish celebration. The Governor of the province attended the opening ceremonies and there were representatives from the Ministries of Justice and Agriculture, who delivered addresses in which the Jewish colonists and their achievements in the field of agriculture were praised very highly. The official representative of the Argentine government pointed out very emphatically that the Jews have proven by their splendid accomplishments that they are capable, industrious farmers. Following the address the government's representative, and his entire staff visited the synagogue of Bassal Vibosa atop of which swayed in the breeze the Jewish flag. The governor of the province made a prolonged tour of inspection of the Jewish colonies, in the course of which he visited a number of well known Jewish farmers.

No wonder the Jewish colonists are celebrating this occurrence as one of the historical events in their lives.

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SIMPLE RITES AT FUNERAL OF JULIUS KAHN

As he had willed it in the last hours of life, San Francisco citizenry with simple rites paid their last meed of homage to the memory of Julius Kahn, Congressman from the Fourth district for more than a quarter of a century.

In the presence of a gathering of the most representative character which filled the flower-banked Temple Emanu-El, Rabbi Louis I. Newman, assisted by Cantor R. R. Rinder, conducted the funeral service.

Officers of the Federal, state and local governments; officers of the army, regular, reserves and National Guard; leaders in civic, fraternal and labor affairs, hundreds of plain citizens met to hail the departed.

Floral offerings, the remembrances from his colleagues in official life and from his friends, not only from San Francisco, but from all parts of the United States, attested the reverence in which the dead Congressman was held.

Guarded by a military escort of honor composed of eight non-commissioned officers of the regular army, the casket bearing the remains and covered with the Stars and Stripes, was brought from the rotunda of the City Hall where it lay in state.

Fifty officers of the army joined as an escort to the body from the City Hall.

In deference to the wishes of the Congressman and the widow, Mrs. Florence Plag Kahn, no eulogy was voiced.

Following the casket, which was borne by the non-commissioned officer detail which had guarded it at the City Hall, were the honorary pallbearers and friends of the late Congressman. Those chosen as honorary pallbearers were:

Dr. Morris Herzstein, Dr. Felix Lengfeld, M. H. de Young, E. S. Pillsbury, Louis Titus, Milton Rosenblatt, Sigmund Stern, Herbert Fleishchacker, Ralph McLeran, Edward Rainey, James D. Phelan, Henry Mayer, Milton Esberg, Gavin McNab, Seth Marshall, Major-General Charles G. Morton, Daniel Koshland, Robert Newton Lynch, A. M. Bender, Edmund D. Coblentz, Major Charles Kendrick and Captain John Barneson.

The service at Home Peace Cemetery was attended only by members of the family of the deceased and a few intimate friends.

"The Kaddish", Robert Louis Stevenson's "Requiem" and the 129th Psalm were recited by Rabbi Newman as the simple service at the grave.

The distinguished outpouring of citizens included: Brigadier-General Thornwell Mullyall, Robert Coldwell, president of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce; Postmaster James E. Power, Sheriff Thomas F. Finn, Charles W. Fay, Andrew J. Gallagher, William H. Hamilton, Collector of Customs, Supervisor Jesse C. Colman, Rev. I. J. Crowley, Herbert Fleishchacker, Judge A. T. Barnett, Judges James M. Troutt, Miss Alice Rose Power, A. Katschinski, Senator P. J. Gray, Supervisor E. E. Schmitz, Supervisor Richard J. Walch, Associate Justice William P. Lawlor, Morgan A. Gunst, Isidore M. Golden, Mrs. Sigmund Stern, Chief of Police Daniel J. O'Brien and hundreds of others.

The Jewish Community Center of Gloversville, N. Y., moved into larger quarters. Max Bernstein was elected President.

DAILY DIGEST OF PUBLIC OPINION

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Another Injustice Contemplated

While endorsing the bill which has been introduced in Congress by Representative Aswell for the registration of all non-naturalized aliens, the N. Y. "Herald-Tribune", in an editorial on Sunday, points out that the collection of some \$40,000,000 to \$70,000,000 from the aliens, in the form of fees of \$10 for first registration and \$5 for each annual renewal, would constitute a great injustice to the aliens, as the appropriation for administration of this law is only \$500,000. The intention of the Department of Labor to use the surplus revenue to force Americanization on the aliens is clear, says the "Herald-Tribune" which concludes its editorial with these words:

"This is going too far. As an administrative measure for enforcing the exclusion policy registration is an urgent necessity. As a device for compelling naturalization and the spreading of a superficial Americanism it seems scarcely American; and the probable effect of high fees and closer regulation than necessary would be to encourage evasion and defeat the main purpose of the proposal. All we want is some way to distinguish legal entrants from the bootlegged."

An Opportunity That May Be Lost

The "Mundo Israelita" of Buenos Aires prints an article, in its issue of Nov. 28, from the pen of one of its contributors, Moses Shenderi, who discusses the question of the thousands of east-bound chaltzim who are unable to get into Palestine, owing to lack of means and the immigration restrictions of the Palestine government. He says:

"The Jewish people are committing a crime at this moment by allowing the thousands of chaltzim, thousands of potential builders of the Jewish land, to remain outside of Palestine. We must realize that if we do not grasp the opportunity of today we may regret it in the future."

JOHN L. BERNSTEIN REPLIES TO ACCUSATIONS AGAINST HIAS

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An invitation is extended to any responsible Jewish national organization to appoint a committee for the purpose of making a thorough investigation at any time. The office, the books, the reports on the many activities of the Hias in Europe and America are open and such a committee will always be welcome.

(Signed)

Hebrew Sheltering Immigrant Aid Society of America

John L. Bernstein, President

This statement of the president of the Hias was issued in reply to charges made by Mr. Jacob Marinoff, editor of the "Kundes" in last week's issue of the publication. In this issue the charge was brought that the sum of \$316,000 sent by American Jews to their relatives in Europe through the offices of the Hias could not be accounted for. As a basis for these accusations, the paper published an excerpt of a letter supposedly written by Mr. Asofsky, the present manager of the Hias to Mr. Gortlieb, formerly representative of the Hias in Washington. This letter refers to Mr. Rosenthaler of the Stamford Audit Company, 565 Fifth Avenue, New York and Mr. Lichtman, a member of the same firm who, it is stated, were sent by the New York office of the Hias to investigate the accounts of the offices in Europe.

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