

## ELEVEN AMERICAN JEWS ARE NAMED ON BOARD OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY

Fifteen American Scholars Will Be  
Named to Academic Council

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 28.—Eleven American Jews were elected to the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University at the meeting of the Governors. The list includes Felix M. Warburg, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Judge Benjamin N. Cardozo, Judge Irving Lehman, Roger Straus, Walter Meyer, Dr. Cyrus Adler, Dr. Nathan Ratnofi, Dr. E. Libman and Dr. David Kaliski.

In addition, the American members of the board were authorized to nominate fifteen members of the Academic Council from among American scholars.

Professor Albert Einstein and Dr. Sigmund Freud are members of the Board of Governors.

## TWO JEWISH WORKMEN EXECUTED IN KOVNO BY ORDER OF COURT MARTIAL

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Dec. 28.—Two Jewish workmen, Abramowicz and Raphael Czarni, as well as two Christian workmen, were executed yesterday in Kovno, at the decision of a court martial. The four were sentenced to death on the charge of having participated in an attempt to organize a Communist uprising in Lithuania.

A delegation, headed by Rabbi Schapiro appealed to President Smetona for executive clemency. The president refused to grant the request.

Press despatches received in Warsaw state that during the past two days, 150 Jews were arrested in Kovno and are to be tried before a court martial. Members of other national minorities, including the Germans and Poles, were also arrested by the new government.

## JEWISH BOYS PRAISED FOR ZEAL FOR LEARNING

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Syracuse, Dec. 28.—"The Jewish boy in New York City—and the better class Italian boy—have a zeal for study that puts to shame the boy of native American parentage," Dr. Avery W. Skinner of the New York State Department of Education told an audience of Academic Principals in convention here.

Referring to the "complacency of students in high school these days," Dr. Skinner said too many "seem satisfied with a passing grade and this attitude is more marked today in the country schools than in the city schools, and particularly among the American born, to our shame it must be said."

## DEBATE ON JEWISH QUESTION LEADS TO VIOLENT SCENES IN ROUMANIAN PARLIAMENT

Deputy Ebner Makes Stirring Plea for Tolerance and Safety of  
Jews; Jews Must Make Move for Peace,  
Minister of Interior Declares

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency Mail Service)

Bucharest, Dec. 4.—The Jewish question led to a violent scene in the Chamber today between the Deputies of Professor Cuza's party and the Deputies of the Peasants' Party (Tzaraniists), whom Prof. Cuza accused in his speech of being in the pay of the Jews.

The Deputies of the Tzaraniist Party angrily demanded that Deputy Cuza should bring proofs of his allegation or should withdraw it. "Otherwise," Deputy Unian shouted, "we shall denounce you as a vile libeller." Dr. Lupu, the leader of the Tzaraniists, appealed to the President of the Chamber to protect his Party against libelous attacks. "You can fool children with your anti-Semitism," he cried to Prof. Cuza, "not grown-up people."

Amidst the tumult of cries of "withdraw!" Prof. Cuza said that he would acquit Dr. Lupu of having consciously fostered Jewish interests. "I will do you the honor," he said, "of saying that you have done so unconsciously."

"And I," rejoined Dr. Lupu, "say that you are an old dotard."

The Cuzist Deputies jumped up at this, and rushed at Dr. Lupu, who was immediately surrounded by his followers. Feeling was so high that the sitting had to be temporarily suspended.

When quiet was restored, Prof. Cuza continued his speech. "In Bukowina," he said, "the Jews are seizing all the land. Their agents are Dr. Straucher and the Liberal (Bratiunio) Party, and Dr. Ebner and the Averescu Party. The disturbances at Czernowitz," he declared, "were not a demonstration against the Baccalaureat examinations, but against the Roumanian State. Dr. Ebner, from the beginning, encouraged the demonstrators and afterwards he tried all he could to get the arrested released. I ask the Ministerial Bench," he went on: "Whom are

you protecting? What are the Ministers for the Provinces doing on your Bench? Whom do they represent, the ethnical minorities? Why did the Minister of the Interior not take action against the disturbers of the peace at Czernowitz?"

M. Goga, the Minister of the Interior replied: "My agents have arrested the guilty persons, and justice will be done."

Prof. Cuza then stated: "You should have treated the matter as one of conspiracy against the State and dealt with it accordingly. You should have arrested Dr. Ebner and the Rabbis. The police did not do their duty. The duty of the Minister of the Interior is to enforce respect for the authority of the State which has been undermined by the agitation of the Jews of Czernowitz."

Deputy Ebner said: "You must understand the feelings of the Jews, who are human beings and citizens of this country like all others. Those who love their people and work for their good ought to be able to understand also the feelings of another people. If 140,000 Jews in the Bukovina are grief-stricken and mourn the death of an innocent young man, you must not regard it as an insult to yourself, still less as an act of provocation."

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## QUESTION OF JEWS IN ROUMANIA WILL BE DIS- CUSSED AT CONVENTION

The nineteenth annual convention of the United Roumanian Jews of America will be held on Sunday, January 2, at the Riviera Hotel, Newark, N. J.

Particular significance is attached to this convention in view of the critical condition of the Jews in Roumania.

Delegates are expected from New York, Newark, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Boston, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Chicago and Canada.

A report on the condition of the Jews in Roumania and particularly relating to recent events will be given by President Leo Wolfson. A report of the activities for the year will be submitted by Herman Speier, the Executive Secretary. A memorial service for David Falik, the student who was killed in Roumanian, will be held.

It is expected that the convention will take steps to deal with the situation of the Jews in Roumania.

## 13,000 WORKERS ELECT DELEGATES TO LABOR CONFERENCE IN PALESTINE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 28.—Thirteen thousand Jewish workmen organized in trade unions participated in the election of delegates to the conference of the Histadruth Ha'Ovdim Ha'khalith the Palestine labor federation.

Fifty-six per cent of the delegates are affiliated with the Jewish labor party, Achduth Ha'Avoda, and 23 per cent with the Ha'poel Ha'zair.

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**GHETTO MERELY PRODUCT OF IMAGINATION, CHAUTAUQUA CONVENTION TOLD**

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Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 27.—Declaring that the ghetto is only the creation of the Jewish mind, Rabbi William H. Fishner made a plea to the Jews of America to have the courage to counteract prejudice, to break down mental and physical barriers and come into full contact with their environment.

Rabbi Fishner was the principal speaker at the session on Sunday which opened the three-day convention of the Jewish Chautauqua of whose Board of Directors he is a member.

"The ghetto, whether it be in the Bronx, in Europe or simply in the Jewish mind is the result of pressure from within and from without," Rabbi Fishner declared.

"You hear Jews say that without the segregation, the fine ideals and traditions of the Jewish race would disappear. This is not true. The ghetto psychology in the Jewish race is taking toll of our leaders. We become like sheep when the herd instinct is too strong.

"Judaism changes from day to day as all religions change. Let us not be afraid of the religion of tomorrow. Each generation has its own religion and the new generation will have a Judaism of its own which may be better than the Judaism of today," he said.

A rabbi, a priest, and a Methodist Bishop joined on Sunday on a theatre stage in pledging themselves to the abolishment of racial and religious hatred. The meeting, attended by representatives of many races and creeds, was addressed by Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof and Father William A. Murphy.

Dr. Z. Brodetsky, professor of mathematics at Leeds University, England, who is now in the United States in the interest of the Hebrew University received news that his mother, Mrs. Ida Brodetsky, had died in London.

**ZIONIST REVISIONISTS CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS IN PARIS CONFERENCE**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Paris, Dec. 28.—Zionist Revisionists, affiliated with the League headed by Vladimir Jabotinsky, continued their deliberations on the second day of the conference in session here.

Richard Lichtenheim, former member of the Zionist Executive, who recently joined the League, at yesterday's session criticized the policy of the present Zionist Executive for "extending the Jewish Agency on the basis of a fifty-fifty proposition with the non-Zionists."

If the new group has agreed to the Zionist program, then they must be considered Zionists. If not, let them form a separate body, he stated.

Vladimir Jabotinsky blamed the policy of the Palestine government as the chief cause for the present economic crisis. The agrarian, industrial, and political policy has failed. "Dr. Weizmann's statement in America that everything is well in Palestine should be formally refuted," he stated. Mr. Jabotinsky termed the policy of the Zionist Executive opportunist and stated that it was not endeavoring to defend the just demands of the Jews in Palestine. It is necessary to appeal to English public opinion, which is uninformed of the real state of affairs in Palestine, he stated.

Mr. Grossman stated that the Zionist organization has assumed in Palestine functions which are the obligations of the state. The Zionist Organization must gradually transfer the education and health budgets to the Palestine government.

**BEQUEATHES \$410,000 FOR CHARITY INSTITUTIONS**

Charity bequests totaling \$410,000 were made in the will of Alexander Herman, retired broker, filed in Surrogate's Court to dispose of an estate worth more than \$1,000,000.

Legacies of \$100,000 each are given to Mount Sinai Hospital and the Montefiore Hospital for Chronic Diseases. The Home for Aged and Infirm Hebrews and the Hebrew Orphan Asylum each inherit \$50,000, the Beth Israel Hospital \$25,000 and the Pacific Hebrew Orphan Asylum and Home, the Eureka Benevolent Society and the Mount Zion Hospital in San Francisco each \$10,000.

Other public bequests are \$15,000 to the Charity Organization Society and \$5,000 each to the Lebanon Hospital, Mount Sinai Training School for Nurses, Young Men's Hebrew Association, United Hebrew Charities and the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies.

Mr. Herman began his Wall Street career as a newsboy near the Cur Market, where, saving his money, he invested in stocks until he had accumulated \$200,000.

Judge Gustave Hartman, grand master, has called a special conference of the Independent Order B'nai Abraham for this evening at Cooper Union. International problems concerning Jews will be considered.

**DIGEST OF PUBLIC OPINION ON JEWISH MATTERS**

[The purpose of the Digest is informative. Preference is given to papers not generally accessible to our readers. Quotation does not indicate approval.—Editor.]

**The Jews in the American Congress and the Roumanian Excesses**

The statement made by Jewish members of the U. S. Congress at the recent conference of the American Jewish Congress to the effect that it would be inadvisable for them as Jewish members of the Congress to make a protest against the atrocities in Roumania, is criticized in the "Day" of Dec. 27 by B. Z. Goldberg, who says:

"It is true that the Jewish Congressmen are not representatives of Jews in the Congress, but of American districts populated not by Jews alone but by various nationalities. However, were it not for Jewish votes it is doubtful whether the Jewish Congressmen would have been elected and, moreover, it is not necessary for them to speak at Washington as Jews for Jews but as Congressman speaking on a subject that concerns the families of their district constituents, and that is the duty of all Congressmen, the non-Jews even more so than the Jews. When an Irish Congressman has Greeks in his district he keeps his eye on all that goes on in Greece, and a Jewish Congressman, even if he were chosen by non-Jews, would certainly lose no grace in the eyes of his constituents in responding to the humanitarian call of his fellow Jews."

**Otto H. Kahn Denies Rumors**

A denial of the notion prevalent in some quarters that he has left Judaism is made by Otto H. Kahn, the noted banker and patron of the American theatre, in an article released by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in the current American Jewish press. The article discusses the role of the Jews in the movement for the development of artistic standards in the American theatre. The writer, Leo M. Glassman, quotes Mr. Kahn as follows:

"Religious observance is instilled in one's youth. My parents were not practicing Jews and did not bring me up to be a practicing Jew. But I never left Judaism and have no idea of doing so."

Julius Goldman of the New York banking firm of Goldman, Sachs & Co., has given \$10,000 to the Johns Hopkins University for research in geology. The gift, Dr. Frank J. Goodnow, President of the university, explained, lays the foundation for the first of a series of special endowments needed to enable the university to carry out its new plan for concentrating all its efforts on research and graduate work.

According to Mr. Goldman's stipulation, his gift is "to constitute a nucleus for a research fund in geology," the income alone to be used for that purpose and the principal to be held as permanent endowment.

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tion. The peace and order in which the funeral of this unfortunate victim passed, shows that the Jews can bear up worthily under their sorrow. If, acting on the mandate of my electors, I raise this unhappy question I am only doing my duty, and I have the right to be heard. I am being accused of being the moral instigator of the murder. The anti-Semites must have a scapegoat and I am to be made the scapegoat. I withdraw from my right of Parliamentary immunity. Let any Court of Law, or a parliamentary investigation Commission inquire into my activity. And inquire also into the speeches and articles of M. Cuza and let the verdict decide which of us is the moral instigator of violence.

"The demonstrations in Czernowitz on October 7th did not bear a specifically Jewish character. The other nationalities, the Germans and Ukrainians suffered just as much in the examinations as we did. Even more so. The indignation against the examiners was general.

"The representatives of the Minorities of all nationalities in Czernowitz immediately after the disturbances issued a manifesto sincerely deploring what had happened. But we also protested against the occurrences being exploited as a means of inciting against the minorities and especially the Jews. The Minister of Education, M. Petrovici, was in Czernowitz after the events which took place there and he came to the conclusion that the disturbances had not been prearranged. We have an interest in the welfare of the State. No Jew can desire anything else, because our interests are closely bound up with the interests of the Roumanian State. We are not anarchists, and we are not thieves or murderers to want a state of anarchy for our own ends."

With tears choking his voice, Deputy Ebner said that he hoped that anti-Semitism would disappear from the country.

Deputy Codreanu, one of the Cuzist members, interjected: "Anti-Semitism will disappear when you Jews are cleared out of the country!"

Deputy Ebner rejoined: "I have expressed this wish, because I look forward to the end of conflicts and disturbances, which would be in the interests of all."

The Minister of the Interior, M. Goga, then rose. "I want to deal with the question of Czernowitz very objectively," he said. "M. Cuza's speech called for an answer from the Minister responsible. The Minister of Education has already stated that the students who took part in the disturbances have been expelled from the Universities and will never be readmitted to any Roumanian University. The Minister of Justice will also reply. I regret the act of the young student Totu, who, thinking that he was defending the honor of the people, committed this act of violence. The law will do its duty in regard to him. I declare that we, the defenders of public order and the State

will, with the aid of the law, restore peace and security, no matter by whom it may be disturbed.

"But I am not of the opinion of those who see in the students' movement a collective senselessness, or those who think that it is fostered by ugly interests. The movement is an organic movement of the people. I would call it an occupation of the trenches. I am very glad to say that our university youth is proceeding in a normal manner under the roof of the Universities, in tranquillity and quiet. The last Congress at Jassy, which is the first our students have been able to hold for three years, has passed quietly. From this tribune, speaking as a Minister, I wish them to continue their studies in the same peace and quiet and to cultivate their national feelings.

"The first disturbances which took place in the country since we are in power, were those in Czernowitz. Students and schoolboys who had failed in the examination assaulted their teachers. In the same unequivocal manner in which I have condemned the act committed by the student Totu, I condemn those who attacked their teachers. In both cases the law will do justice. I hold that there is in Czernowitz a feeling which ought not to animate good citizens of a country. Outbreaks of temperament which exceed the proper limits must provoke as answer a like outbreak of temperament.

"Dr. Ebner has written of me that when he came to see me after the Czernowitz events, he had expected to find a poet (M. Goga is a poet) and he had found a Prussian Minister. I am ready to accept his appellation and even severer appellations than that, but I stand here to defend with all my energy the honor of the country."

M. Goga went on to read extracts from various Czernowitz papers, tending, he said, to show that the Jews have provoked the disturbances. "The Jews are complaining," he said. "They talk of tears. Where are their tears? Their businesses are doing well. Their tears are for their meetings. At the funeral of Falik, the speakers headed by Dr. Ebner tried to create an atmosphere. But the only speech which moved me was that of the Rabbi, Dr. Marek. And that was no more than a copy of an old prayer of 1641, which was composed after a pogrom in the Ukraine. The sufferings of the Jews in the Ukraine in the 17th century cannot be compared with what is happening today in Roumania under King Ferdinand. Why do you exaggerate? Our people has grown up in a school of ideas of tolerance. The Jews whom I know, who have been brought up to respect authority are now agitating. The Jews are making a mistake. They should regain their respect for authority and be quiet.

"Our program," he concluded, "includes the establishment of peace and order and good relations between all citizens of the country. We want Dr.

## NATHAN STRAUS INCREASES JERUSALEM CENTER FUND BY \$250,000 CONTRIBUTION

Nathan Straus has given \$250,000 for the creation of a Health Center in Jerusalem conducted along American lines for the benefit of all races in Palestine.

Announcement to this effect was made by Mrs. Irma I. Lindheim, national president of Hadassah, at the opening of the mid-winter conference at the Hotel Manhattan Square. The new health center will be known as the Nathan and Lina Health Center. It will be conducted by the Hadassah. The Health Center will contain a laboratory for the pasteurization of milk similar to those established by Mr. Straus in America and Europe.

The conference also engaged in a discussion of the problems of American Jewish life.

Intermarriage, the size of Jewish families, the correlation of Hebrew traditions and religious holidays to American life and the problem of the Jewish woman's relation to her family as contrasted to the call of the outer world were considered in an address by Mrs. Sylvan Robison.

Mrs. Nina Adlerblum urged a more energetic membership campaign.

A gift of \$5,000 by Motty Fitougon to start a fund for a Jewish child study plan which Hadassah will undertake was announced by Mrs. Lindheim, at the Tuesday morning session.

A year ago Mr. Straus established a \$150,000 fund for the Health Center. Following the visit of Dr. David de Sola Pool to Palestine this year a committee was formed in Jerusalem which is in charge of the organization work.

### COMMUNICATION TO THE EDITOR

Sir: Your issue of Dec. 14th reports that San Francisco and Oakland, California, are the only two cities in the United States which have developed organizations for an annual drive to cover their respective obligations to national and foreign philanthropic agencies.

May I add the Jewish Federation for Social Service of Dallas, Texas, to the few cities in the country that are operating such a program. We have just completed our first annual campaign for \$55,000, which fund is distributed to five local organizations, twelve national and twenty-five international institutions. All the institutions sharing in our budget are loud in their praise of the allotment system, and there is no one in Dallas who would countenance a return to the old system of individual solicitation by each institution.

Our Federation is not a member of the Community Chest, although last year sixteen per cent of the funds of the Chest were contributed by Jews, which represents only two and one-third per cent of the general population. This fact is particularly singular in that the General Chairman of the Community Chest drives this year is a Jew, who has been the General Chairman of the Federation drive a year ago, as well as the Executive Secretary of the Community Chest. It is not Jewish community. In spite of this, it is not Jewish community. As there is a unanimity of opinion that we should operate independently.

SAMUEL C. BLUMENTHAL,  
Executive Director.

Jewish Federation for Social Service,  
Dallas, Texas, Dec. 22, 1926.

Ebner and his colleagues to help us to bring about this calming of spirits. They must make a start."

## CRANE, OF 1919 COMMISSION, ON VISIT TO PALESTINE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency Mail Service)

Jerusalem, Dec. 3.—Charles R. Crane, who was Chairman of the American Commission to Palestine and Syria in 1919 to investigate the disposition of the populations towards their future Government, is on a visit here.

The 1919 Commission was sent out by President Wilson at the time of the Peace Conference to discover the wishes of the people in the countries of the former Turkish Empire with regard to the future administration of their countries. It was headed by Mr. Crane and President Henry Churchill King of Oberlin College and had among its principal members Dr. Albert Lybber, Dr. George Montgomery and Captains William Yale and Donald Brodie.

The Commission spent forty days in its tour of Palestine and Syria, interviewing delegates and receiving petitions. They visited thirty-six cities and towns.

On the question of Zionism the Commission reported unfavorably, stating that its members had begun their study of Zionism with minds predisposed in its favor, but had been driven by the result of their investigation to unfavorable conclusions. That was so, the report said, although they had found much to approve in the aspirations and plans of the Zionists and had warm appreciation of the devotion of many of the colonists and for their success by modern methods in overcoming great natural obstacles.

## BREVITIES

Funeral services for Mrs. Meyer Hollander of Baltimore, Md., were conducted at her home on Eutaw Place by Rabbi David Philipson, of Cincinnati, and Rabbi Edward L. Israel, of the Har Sinai Temple. Burial was in the Har Sinai Cemetery.

Mrs. Hollander, who was 82 years old, was one of the oldest members of the Council of Jewish Women and of the Har Sinai Sisterhood. She is survived by her husband and a son, Mrs. David Philipson, of Cincinnati; Mrs. Marcus M. Bernstein and Prof. Jacob H. Hollander, of the Johns Hopkins University.

The annual convention of Tau Delta Phi national Jewish fraternity, was held in Boston, Mass. A banquet at which former Mayor James M. Curley was the principal speaker, was the final event. Herman L. Baskin, New York City, was elected President; Joseph N. Lang, New York City, Vice President, and Hilliard Bernstein of New York City, Secretary.

It was estimated that \$30,000,000 in wages and money for strike purposes was lost by members of the striking garment workers' union.

Maris Sigman, president of the General Executive Board of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, issued a proclamation and manifesto calling on the 35,000 members of Local 22 to register and during the week with the local union conditions which will mark a fight to the finish between the "left" wing and the more conservative "right" wing of this huge industrial organization.

On the response of the 35,000 workers to Sigman's proclamation depends the question of whether they shall remain at work after next Saturday when the agreement between the union and the employers automatically expires, or shall be called out on a disastrous and far-reaching strike by the Communist Party of Local 22. Such a strike would affect many thousands more than the men and women now affiliated with this local. There are several other dependent industries which would be thrown out of work by a strike of the dressmakers and a general paralysis of the industry would result.

## NEW YORK BOARD OF RABBIS URGE SUPPORT FOR PALESTINE EXPLORATION SOCIETY

A resolution endorsing the work of the Jewish Palestine Exploration Society and urging the Jewish community of New York City to offer its support toward the furtherance of the Society's activities was adopted by the New York Board of Jewish Ministers at a recent meeting of the Board.

On January 10th a conference will be held at the Jewish Institute of Religion, West 68th Street, New York City, to discuss plans for securing the wider support of the American Jewish Public for the archaeological activities of the Jewish Palestine Exploration Society. Those who have been invited to participate in this conference are: Dr. Cyrus Adler, President of the Jewish Theological Seminary and Dropsie College; Dr. Bernard Revel, of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary; Dr. Julian Morgenstern, President of the Hebrew Union College; Dr. Stephen S. Wise, President of the Jewish Institute of Religion, and the following officers of the American Committee of the Society: Elisha M. Friedman, Chairman; Dr. David de Sola Pool, Vice Chairman; Arthur L. Malkenson, Treasurer and Rabbi J. Max Weis, Secretary.

## JEWISH COMMUNAL ACTIVITIES

The Junior Hadassah, consisting of younger members of the Women's Zionist Organization of America, at its third annual mid-Winter conference at the Park Royal Hotel on Sunday, voted to expand its work in Palestine among children. The program calls for the establishment of a second children's village and the addition of a farm for girls to one now in operation. The boys and girls taught the fundamentals of agricultural work.

The two-day mid-Winter conference of the Hadassah began Monday morning in the Manhattan Square Hotel.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Young Women's Hebrew Association will be celebrated next Sunday at the Y. W. H. A. building, 31 West 110th Street, New York.

From an organization of some thirty girls, it has grown to an enrollment of more than 7,000.

The club department of the association has been meeting for a quarter of a century the demand for organized recreation. The early organization records show that 100 girls received employment through it, while the records for 1925 show 3,297 similarly accommodated.

The officers of the association are Mrs. Isaac Winters, president, who has been head of the organization since it was founded; Mrs. Felix M. Warburg, acting president; Mrs. Irving Lehman and Mrs. H. Pereira Mendes, honorary vice-presidents; Mrs. Jerome J. Hanauer, Mrs. Samuel I. Hyman, vice-presidents; Mrs. Simon Liebowitz, treasurer; Mrs. Benjamin Marshall, secretary; and Mrs. Ray F. Schwartz, executive director.

Zeta Beta Tau, an intercollegiate Jewish fraternity, completed its twenty-eighth annual convention on Sunday at the Hotel Commodore. At the final session it elected Judge George A. Weitzel of the Federal Court in Brooklyn President and admitted chapters in the University of North Carolina and the Southern Branch of the University of California.

Because of a deadlock, no convention city was chosen for 1927. The Executive Committee of the fraternity will make the choice, probably from Los Angeles, Chicago and Montreal. Other officers elected were: I. Emmanuel Sauer of Pennsylvania, Vice President; Michael B. Wagenheim of the University of Virginia, Secretary; Samuel R. Firestone of New York, Treasurer, and Walter M. Barnett of Tulane, Historian.

## PLEA FOR STRENGTHENING JUDAISM IN AMERICA

In a plea to the Jews of New York to support the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and Hebrew Union College in their efforts to insure the perpetuation of Judaism in America, Ludwig Vogelstein, chairman of the Executive Board of the Union, and Rabbi Nathan Krass, of Temple Emanu-El, called attention to the vital need for a revival of religious interest at a rally at Mt. Nebo Temple on Washington Heights.

The meeting was held under the auspices of the New York Committee for Synagogue and School Extension of the Union, of which Henry M. Toch is chairman. Mr. Vogelstein emphasized the fact that the Union was facing a financial crisis due to lack of funds which might have a serious effect upon the religious life of the Jews of this country in the curtailment of activities for their spiritual welfare.

A concert of Hebrew music was given at Carnegie Hall Sunday evening. The artists were Eugenia Erganov, soprano; Leor Cortilli, tenor; Yascha Fishberg, violinist; Gdal Salski, cellist; Ignace Hilberg, Isidor Gorn, Max Barnea and William Sauber, pianists, and Naum Zemach of the Moscow Theatre Habima.

Elias Ginsburg made an introductory speech. The opening trio by Solomon Rosovsky, a pupil of Rimsky-Korsakoff, based on a chassidic melody, was finely interpreted by Messrs. Fishberg, Salski and Gorn. Zeitlin's "Eli Zion," a broad melody for the cello, was beautifully played by Gdal Salski and William Sauber. Eugenia Erganov was heard in melodious songs by Lazare Saminsky, Joseph Achron and Gersch Kopit.

Yascha Fishberg and William Sauber collaborated in a splendid group by Messrs. Achron, Bloch and Saminsky earning three recalls. Mr. Saminsky came forward to bow his acknowledgments. Leon Cortilli made an impression in an impassioned reading of two songs ascribed to Rabbi Levi-Ischak and the "Ani Hadal," the song of the Palestine Jimettes.

The four pianists joined in four characteristic numbers arranged by Messrs. Saminsky and Gnessin.

Naum L. Zemach recited two pieces, "Sparta" and "The Last Dead," with dramatic feeling.

The concert was given under the auspices of the League of Zionists-Revisonists.

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