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BARMAT BROTHERS, CHARGED WITH CREDIT SWINDLE, ARE ACQUITTED BY BERLIN COURT

2, However, are Sentenced on Charge
of Bribery; Verdict Seen as
Political Compromise

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, March 30.—The five Barmat brothers involved in the internationally known, sensational trial were acquitted today of charges of credit swindle.

Two of the five brothers, however, Julius and Henry, were sentenced to prison terms on the charge of bribery. Julius was sentenced to eleven months imprisonment and Henry to six months.

The opinion is expressed here generally that the verdict was in the nature of a political compromise, as higher justice demanded their complete acquittal, after evidence was submitted that the Barmat affair was created by reactionary elements to serve their political purposes and to ruin the Barmat banking interests.

ANTI-SEMITIC PUBLISHER SENTENCED FOR BLASPHEMY

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Munich, March 30.—Philipp Bouhler, business manager of the "Illustrierter Beobachter," illustrated edition of the anti-Semitic "Voelkischer Beobachter," was fined two hundred marks by the Munich court on a charge of blasphemy.

The charge was substantiated by quotations from a novel published by the paper. In the novel a Jew, who is depicted as the villain, thanked God after the commission of a crime, for having sent him another victim.

19,330 JEWS IN BULGARIA; ONE NINTH ARE SETTLED ON LAND

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Sofia, March 30.—Accurate figures with regard to the number of Jews in Bulgaria were made available as a result of a census.

The figures show that there are in Bulgaria 4,627 Jewish families, numbering 19,330 persons. Nine percent of the total Jewish population is occupied in agricultural pursuits.

ASCH MADE HONORARY HEAD OF JEWISH WRITERS SOCIETY

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, March 30. — Sholom Asch, noted Jewish novelist, was elected honorary president of the Jewish Writers and Journalists Association in Poland.

AGUDIST AND ZIONIST IN SHARP CLASH AT PLENARY SESSION OF POLISH SEJM

Kirschbraun Terms Gruenbaum 'Demagogue and Political Adventurer'

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, March 30.—Isaac Gruenbaum, Zionist and leader of the national minorities bloc which defeated the Orthodox Agudath Israel party in the recent parliamentary elections, had a sharp encounter yesterday in the plenary session of the Sejm with Eliehu Kirschbraun, leader of the Agudath Israel, who was defeated on his own list but elected on the Government list.

During the debate of the State budget Deputy Gruenbaum declared that the Jewish nationalist deputies will vote for the budget, although they are aware that the concrete promises made by Vice-Premier Bartel with regard to the major problems of the Jewish population were not carried out. The Jewish nationalist deputies will insist on true equality, culturally and economically. He complained that the election ordinance promulgated by the Pilsudski Government caused a reduction.

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PROLETARIAN STUDENTS' BUREAU WILL PUSH FIGHT AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

Action Taken Following Report of
Growing Prejudice

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Moscow, March 30.—A decision to strengthen the fight against anti-Semitism in the higher schools was taken by the Central Bureau of Proletarian Students after it had heard a report of the attack on a Jewish student in the dormitory of the Charkoff high school and a report of anti-Jewish sentiments in other high schools and colleges.

The Charkoff technological institute, where the incident occurred, resolved to expel those guilty of perpetrating the attack, and demanded that they receive the severest punishment.

"Der Stern" urges Jewish students to fight against any anti-Semitic attackers.

MALEIKOWSKI TO BE CHIEF RABBI OF MOSCOW KEHILLAH

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Moscow, March 30. — The dispute among various factions in the Moscow Jewish community was settled by the appointment of a new Chief Rabbi. Rabbi Maleikowski of Charkoff was called to the post.

MOLDAVA BISHOP ATTACKS JEWS IN ROUMANIAN SENATE DEBATE ON GOVERNMENT BILL

Jewish Senators Charge Government
Seeks to Split Jewish Community; Will Vote Against Bill

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, Mar. 30.—The discussion in the Roumanian Senate on the government bill to reorganize the Jewish communities in Greater Roumania was the occasion for a sharp attack on the Jews made by Bishop Tritianu of Moldava.

The Jewish senators, Rabbi Niemerower and Bercovici, took exception to the ecclesiastic's remarks. They also protested against the terms of the bill, which, they stated, will create chaos in Jewish community life, instead of introducing order by establishing the principle of a unified kehillah. The Jewish senators declared that they will vote against the bill which aims at splitting the Jewish community.

Bishop Tritianu in his address expressed his doubt whether the purpose of the bill will ever be achieved. The purpose of the bill, he stated, was to draw the Jews into the service of the country.

"The Jewish people is a people of extreme contrasts; it is believing and Godless, idealistic and greedy, externally united but internally split," he said. "It is philanthropic and egotistic. The Jews, by observing their Sabbath, compel us to buy our provisions on Friday. On the other hand, there are Jewish pupils in the schools who participate in the celebration."

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PALESTINE GETS APPARATUS TO FORETELL EARTHQUAKES

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Mar. 30.—Twelve instruments were ordered by the Palestine government to foretell approaching earthquakes, it was learned today.

Professor Evans, vice-president of the London Geological Society, lecturing in the Hebrew University, stated that he had invented an apparatus which would prognosticate earthquakes several hours in advance of their occurrence. The Palestine government had ordered twelve of these instruments, he stated.

LATVIAN PARLIAMENT VOTES JEWISH FARM SCHOOL FUND

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Riga, March 30. — The amount of \$3,000 was voted by the Latvian parliament for the establishment of a new Jewish agricultural school.

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COURT MAY HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER ABSENCE OF JEWISH BLOOD CAN BE PROVEN

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Budapest, Mar. 30.—The claim that the possession of Jewish blood can be demonstrated scientifically, which was put forward by Professor Mehely, the Dean of Budapest University, in his official address on assuming office last September, may be tested by a Court of Law shortly.

Some time ago, Eva Barsanyi, the daughter of the famous surgeon, Professor Johann Barsanyi, supported by her mother, obtained a ruling from the Court setting aside a provision contained in her father's will excluding her from the inheritance of his fortune, which would then go to Budapest University, if she marries a man who cannot prove by scientific tests that he has no drop of Jewish blood in his veins. The mother and daughter contended that it is impossible to prove such a thing scientifically, and that the will therefore amounted to a prohibition of the daughter's marriage and was consequently immoral and should be declared null and void.

A member of the family, Colonel Illsi, now claims that Professor Mehely is able by his method of bio-chemical blood reaction to identify Jewish blood, and is seeking to obtain an order from the Court restoring the provision made by Professor Barsanyi, on the ground that it is scientifically workable.

Eva Barsanyi contests Professor Mehely's claim. "My father," she declares, "hated the Jews fanatically. Hatred dis-

NATIONAL ORIGINS BILL POSTPONED FOR ANOTHER YEAR BY CONGRESS VOTE

Measure Now Goes to President for Signature

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Washington, Mar. 30.—The House yesterday passed two important bills relating to immigration. The first was the bill previously passed in the Senate postponing the national origins plan for another year. The bill will now go to President Coolidge for signature.

A second bill passed by the House provided for the refund of visa fees to those aliens to whom visas were issued after the present immigration law was passed but before the consuls abroad were notified.

At an executive session of the House Immigration Committee yesterday morning, Congressman Jenkins of Ohio submitted a new bill to the committee which would wipe out fifty percent of the quotas now allotted to agriculturists and give this preference to the wives and children of declarants. Under the Jenkins bill this additional fifty percent would be given to these relatives, would be within the quota and would not increase the total immigration to the country.

The Committee discussed the bill at length but no definite decision was reached. The meeting will be continued this morning for further consideration of this bill. It is understood that the possibility is developing that Jenkins' plan, perhaps with certain modifications, may be accepted, rather than the bills submitted by Congressman Dickstein or MacGregor.

PROF. LAZARSOHN, LATVIAN DEPUTY, ON WAY TO U. S.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Riga, Mar. 20.—Professor Lazarsohn, Zionist leader and member of the Latvian parliament, sailed for the United States.

The purpose of his trip was said to be the raising of a fund to construct a building for the Hebrew high school in Riga.

ITALIAN CROWN PRINCE IS ON VISIT TO JERUSALEM

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, March 30.—The Italian Crown Prince Humbert is expected to arrive here on Sunday. He will be the guest of High Commissioner, Lord Plumer, for two days of the nine he will spend in the country.

Visits to Jewish institutions and Holy Sites are not included in the program for the crown prince.

torted his vision so that he imposed this impossible condition, which would prevent me from fulfilling my natural right of marriage."

ROUMANIAN GOVERNMENT ASSIGNS INDEMNITY SUMS FOR JEWISH COMMUNITIES

Commission Will Determine Value of Religious Objects

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Bucharest, Mar. 29.—The credit of 19,636,000 lei, which the Premier and Finance Minister, M. Vintila Bratianu, has assigned for distribution among the victims of the anti-Jewish excesses in Oradea-Mare, Cluj, Jassy, Timis and Tirgu-Ocna, will be allocated in the following manner: 9,600,000 lei in Cluj; 8,800,000 lei in Oradea-Mare; 136,000 lei in Timis; 120,000 lei in Jassy and 980,000 lei in Tirgu-Ocna.

This sum does not include compensation for the Scrolls of the Law, Talmim and the sacred objects destroyed in the synagogues during the disturbances. A special commission has been appointed, including representatives of the Ministry of Public Worship and of the respective Jewish Communities, which will draw up an estimate of the value of these articles.

The Police Commissioners Paranka and Ikac, who were dismissed from their posts in Cluj after the devastations, have brought an action against the Government to the Appeal Court of Cluj on the ground that they were wrongfully dismissed. They contend that they were not responsible for what happened in Cluj.

"The devastations in Oradea-Mare which showed the complicity or lack of authority of the Government have injured Roumania's prestige abroad." Deputy Madgearu, one of the leaders of the National Peasants' Party, declared speaking in the chamber on the decision of the League of Nations in the Roumanian-Hungarian dispute over the optants question.

"The devastations," he said, "were not followed by the political sanctions which would have meant that the country dissociated itself from these humiliating activities. There were only penal and administrative sanctions enforced which hit rather those who were made scapegoats for what had happened than those who were really guilty."

Johannesburg, Feb. 26.—"In view of the renewed anti-Jewish excesses in Oradea-Mare, Cluj, and other places in Roumania, exceeding the previous outbreaks against Jews in that country, this meeting of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, on behalf of South African Jewry, respectfully urges the Union Government to make representations as it may deem suitable, either to the British Government or to the League of Nations, with a view to influencing the Roumanian Government to make, without loss of time, a comprehensive effort to deal radically with this evil, and so remedy the legitimate grievances of the Jewish Minority in Roumania, in accordance with its solemn treaty obligations."

This resolution was adopted by the meeting of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies held here this morning.

WARSAW MUNICIPALITY VOTES SUBSIDY FOR JEW- ISH FREE LOAN SOCIETY

A subvention of 24,000 zloty was granted by the Warsaw municipality for the local Gemilath Chesed Kassa, free loan society, according to a report received by David A. Brown, National Chairman of the United Jewish Campaign, from the European representative of the Joint Distribution Committee.

The Warsaw free loan society which was organized with funds furnished by the Joint Distribution Committee had a budget of over 600,000 zloty (about \$65,000), last year. The Joint Distribution Committee contributed 380,000 zloty toward this sum, and the Jewish population of Warsaw furnished an amount of over 220,000 zloty.

A rate of 2,000 zloty per month, will furnish loans to only a limited number of families. The Warsaw Jewish population, however, regard this subvention as significant since it establishes the principle that the Jewish free loan society is entitled to subsidies from the city government, and it is hoped that in the future these subventions will be enlarged.

The example set by the Warsaw municipality has already been followed by a number of smaller municipalities—Pinsk, Lentshik, Garvolin, Kartuz-Bereza, Sochochov, Liebartov. Although in each instance the subvention is small and does not amount to much in actual relief, the official recognition given to the Jewish institution is regarded as a definite step.

Up to this time, the loan societies already in existence in 500 towns in Poland have received the larger part of their funds from the Joint Distribution Committee. About 40% of the operating funds are supplied by the local population through various taxes, collections and entertainments. The Jewish population in the city of Warsaw has introduced a voluntary room tax, which last year yielded the sum of 181,000 zloty. A room tax has also been adopted in Brest-Litovsk, Pinsk, and other towns. In various localities, taxes are levied on Schechita, fuel, and some communities have initiated a cemetery tax.

OBJECT TO JEWISH WORKERS ON WARSAW STREET CARS (Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Warsaw, March 30.—A strike was threatened by the workers of the Warsaw street cars, members of the Christian Democratic party, in case the management will employ Jews in accordance with a decision recently adopted.

MIZRACHI IS BUILDING SYNAGOGUE AT AFULEH (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, March 30.—Construction of a synagogue in Afuleh, the planned city in the valley of Jezreel, has begun. The synagogue is being erected by the Mizrahi with funds furnished by American Jews.

J.D.B. NEWS LETTER

League of Nations Union Hears Appeal

(By our Brussels Correspondent)

Brussels, Mar. 16.—The situation in which the Jewish minority in Roumania finds itself is the subject of a memorandum submitted by the Palestinian, Austrian, Czechoslovakian and Bulgarian Jewish League of Nations Societies to the Minority Commission of the International Union of League of Nations Societies which is in session here.

Since the last meeting of the Union which was held in Berlin in May, 1927, the memorandum states, events have occurred in Transylvania surpassing in gravity those which took place in Besarabia in the course of last year. The Commission of Minorities of the Union of Associations cannot allow these events to pass without giving them the attention they deserve.

These excesses which are repeated year after year, it proceeds, are the direct result of an anti-Semitic propaganda which has been carried on in Roumania for six years and is daily growing in strength.

Until the summer of 1922, the various nationalities and religious communities in the country lived peacefully together and their relations were of a very friendly nature. It was only at this time that the agitation was started against the Jews. Hundreds of thousands of pamphlets and proclamations stirring up and inciting the population against the Jews have been distributed, and the Roumanian students in particular were urged to attack the Jews.

The beginning of this movement coincided with the restrictive measures taken by the Government with regard to the schools and universities, and especially with the period when the Jewish schools and the schools of other minorities were Roumanized, notwithstanding the promises to the contrary given by the Government in the Royal Decree of 1918.

After enumerating a number of instances of the anti-Jewish campaign and excesses ranging in period from November 1922 to 1926, the memorandum speaks of the lenience with which the anti-Jewish rioters are treated, and of the fact that the Roumanian anti-Semitic press is permitted to go on inciting the Roumanian population to maltreat and even massacre the Jews, and remarks that the explanation may be one of two reasons, the fact that at the head of the Government were men who never made a secret of their hostility to the Jews, such as the former Minister of the Interior, M. Goga, who was elected one of the honorary members of the Students' Congress at Oradomare, or, on the other hand, it may be that the Roumanian Government may be anxious not to fall out with such an important power as is the University youth.

The present Roumanian Government,

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MOLDAVA BISHOP ATTACKS JEWS IN ROUMANIAN SENATE DEBATE ON GOVERNMENT BILL

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tion of Christmas and adopt our national garb.

"A father of a Jewish high school pupil confessed to me that his son prays to Christ before going to bed," the Bishop continued. "I know the influence of the Jews upon our Moldavia. You Jews are alone responsible for the unpleasant events recently. The Jews of Groswarden are more dangerous irreverentists than the Hungarian Count Aponyi. Besides, Cuza is not the greatest enemy of the Jews, but the Jewish senator, Carp, whose newspaper is filled with hatred of us," the Bishop of Moldavia stated in his tirade.

Senators Niemerower and Bercevic, in protesting against these remarks, expressed their regret that it was clergymen like Tritianu who exercise an influence upon the people of Moldavia.

Senator Bercevic, in speaking against the bill, declared that the measure is anti-social and anti-state. "I as a true liberal will vote against the government bill."

Rabbi Niemerower appealed to the government that it enable the Jews of Roumania to observe the tenets of their religion by promulgating such a law which would correspond with their needs. "The sad events of the recent days have made it clear how necessary such a bill is. These events prove that human passions disregard even the sanctity of houses of worship and the Holy Scrolls. Why compel Jewish school children to write on the Sabbath? What good purpose will it serve the state? Why is it impossible to coordinate the principles of law with the authority of the state?"

"We will be grateful for provisions in the bill creating a state budget for the needs of the Jewish religion and for the maintenance of a rabbinical seminary, but the most important point of the bill, pertaining to the disunity of the community, notwithstanding the minor differences between the Sephardim and Ashkenazim in Old Roumania and the Orthodox and the modern in Transylvania. The dox and the modern too, demands a unified form of community organization. Failing this, there will be no end to the possible harm to the state which may result from the creation of many factions and sects," Rabbi Niemerower declared.

THREE JEWISH CEMETERIES DESECRATED IN GERMANY

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, March 30.—Three more cases of desecration of Jewish cemeteries were reported from several parts of the country.

During the past week the Jewish cemeteries in Eilendorf, Rheinland, in Baisingen, Wuerttemberg, and Fulda, Prussia, were entered by vandals who destroyed many tombstones.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO CLOSE ON FIRST DAY OF PASSOVER

The public schools of greater New York will be closed next Thursday the first day of Passover. The regular Easter vacation of the public schools would ordinarily begin on Friday, April 6, and end on Monday, April 9.

Following representations made by Rabbi Bernard Drachman, honorary president, and Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, president, of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, to President Ryan, Vice-President Stern and Dr. O'Shea of the Board of Education, it was decided to close the schools on Thursday, the vacation beginning with the end of the school day on Wednesday. The decision applies to both the day and night sessions.

This is the first time in the history of city that such an order was issued, enabling the Jewish children to observe Passover without absence from school.

CHICAGO U. P. A. CAMPAIGN CONCLUDED, NETS \$103,000

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Chicago, March 30.—The four-day campaign of the United Palestine Appeal here was concluded last night at a dinner of the South Side branch. The sum of \$15,000 was contributed at the dinner, bringing the total amount raised to \$103,000.

Max Goldberg was chairman of the dinner. Judge M. Lewis, national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, Judge Harry M. Fisher, Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof and Fred Bernstein were the speakers.

HENRYK GLICENSTEIN IS RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Washington, March 30. — President Coolidge received Henryk Glicenstein, noted Jewish sculptor of Italy, at the White House yesterday.

The President expressed great interest in the exhibition of Glicenstein's works at the Anderson Galleries in New York and inquired whether the sculptor would also hold an exhibition in Washington, indicating his intention of attending such an exhibition.

Mr. Glicenstein was introduced to the President by Jan Ciechanowski, Polish Minister to the United States, who later entertained the sculptor.

The Building Fund Committee of the Jewish Center of East Flatbush announced through Samuel Shulman donations amounting to \$25,000 toward the erection of its new synagogue and center, at its first campaign dinner, held Thursday night. A sum of \$300,000 is sought.

The Center proposes to erect on their present site, two buildings: a recreation and study hall and a synagogue.

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although it has repeatedly declared its intention to respect and to realize the rights of the minorities, has also proved itself weak in regard to the students. The Minister of the Interior, M. Duca, was warned by the Jewish members of the Roumanian Parliament that the Students' Congress at Oradea mare had been convened for the purpose of letting loose the passions accumulated against the Jewish and Magyar minorities. The Congress, authorized by the Government, was under the personal responsibility of M. Tatarascu, Under-Secretary of State at the Ministry of the Interior. During the fortnight preceding the Congress M. Tatarascu visited the towns subsequently devastated by the students and gave assurances that public order would be maintained. The Congress was held only as a result of the official support it was given, such as free railway tickets to the students, requisition of rooms for the accommodation of the students, etc.

At the opening of the Congress the Prefect of Oradea mare, whose duty it was to safeguard the maintenance of public order, sanctioned the disturbances in advance when he outlined the anti-Jewish and anti-Magyar character of the Congress. The students had every reason to expect that they would be left off scot-free as had happened in the past. While the excesses were in progress the police made no attempt to protect the life and property of the Jewish population.

In spite of all the assurances given by the Roumanian Government, the memorandum declares, neither the Roumanian Jews nor public opinion have yet been calmed.

Although the Roumanian Jews are only too anxious to collaborate in the development and progress of the political and economic life of their country, neither their lives nor their property are sufficiently protected. They are, of course, fully aware of the fact that many elements in the country are opposed to pogroms. In this connection it is only just to call attention to the courageous attitude of M. Ciorogaru, the Roumanian Bishop of Transylvania, who at the opening of the Congress implored the students not to disturb public peace and order and not to dishonor the good name of Roumania. The Roumanian Jews also know that the major portion of the Roumanian nation is opposed to the anti-Jewish excesses. In particular is this the case with the Roumanian peasants who live in excellent relations with the Jews. The Roumanian Jews are also aware of the fact that even in the Roumanian Cabinet there is no lack of members who are strongly opposed to pogroms. But the Jews of Roumania do not feel sure that the students, stirred up and incited as they are by a persistent agitation which has been going on for six years, may not at the first opportunity renew the excesses.

\$30,000 IS RAISED AT U. P. A. DINNER IN BENSONHURST

Weizmann Week of the New York Campaign of the United Palestine Appeal ended last night with a dinner tendered by the Bensonhurst Division to Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, at the Bensonhurst Jewish Community House. Contributions totaling \$30,000 were announced by Samuel Kramer, chairman of the \$60,000 campaign, who presided as toastmaster.

Dr. Weizmann, Federal Judge Grover M. Moscovitz, chairman of the Brooklyn Division, Rabbi Nachman H. Ebin of Congregation Sons of Israel and Mrs. Adolph Slomka, president of the Brooklyn Chapter of Hadassah, were the speakers.

More than 450 guests, the largest gathering in Brooklyn this year in the interest of the Palestine Appeal, attended the banquet, of which Leon Luft was chairman.

Two contributions of \$5,000 each were received from Isaac Meister and Irwin S. and Henry I. Chanin. Lee Levy and Morris L. Baird pledged \$4,000; Bensonhurst Hadassah, \$1,500; Mr. and Mrs. A. Kaplan and Abraham Mazer, \$1,000 each.

Agudist and Zionist Clash at Session at Polish Sejm

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tion in the number of Jewish deputies and expressed regret that "a certain Jewish group" is busying itself with pursuing an Ugoda (pact) policy. These deputies, he stated, do not represent the Jewish population.

Deputy Kirschbraun, in taking the floor to make a personal statement, rebuked deputy Gruenbaum for his remarks declaring that, "it is unpleasant to polemize with Gruenbaum, who is a demagogue." When Deputy Gruenbaum interrupted the speaker to say that he had not mentioned him by name and that his personal statement was therefore unwarranted, Kirschbraun retorted: "Gruenbaum is a political adventurer. I alone am entitled to speak in behalf of the Orthodox Jews."

The encounter between the two deputies called forth smiles of satisfaction among the Polish deputies.

An original etching of Jacob H. Schiff by Herman Struck, German Jewish artist, who is now in this country, the gift of Mrs. Jacob H. Schiff to the New York Public Library, has been given a permanent place in the Jewish Division.

Over thirty years ago Jacob H. Schiff, presented a gift which made possible the acquisition of books on Jewish subjects and the organization of the Jewish Division in the New York Public Library.

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