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## SOVIET OFFICIALS AND COMMUNISTS DIVIDED ON SYNAGOGUE CONFISCATIONS

Lunacharsky and Smidovitch Believe it Provokes Religious Elements  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Aug. 27.—Conflicting opinions prevail among government officials and the Jewish section of the communist party with regard to the confiscation of synagogues for workmen's clubs, according to what is termed authoritative information received here.

It is stated that the Soviet Commissar of Education Lunacharsky and the Soviet vice-president, Smidovitch are against the confiscation policy, believing it to be a provocation of religious elements. The conversion of many synagogues into workmen's clubs this summer by the Jewish section of the Communist party is considered illegal. The Jewish section, however, prevents the leaders of the Jewish communities from complaining to the authorities by intimidating them.

In a despatch from Russia it is reported that the synagogue in Pogornischeze, near Berdichev, has been turned into a cinema. When the leaders of the community protested, the local Soviet declared the action to be legal as the "cinema promotes culture." When it was later found that the Torah Scrolls had been torn a day of fast and mourning was declared by the pious Jews.

A number of children who attended religious classes in Kiev were summoned to the OGPU, the Soviet political police. Several of the teachers were sentenced to five months imprisonment and one to three months at hard labor for conducting the school.

## ORIENTALIST CONGRESS OPENS IN OXFORD

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Oxford, England, Aug. 27. — Many visitors from the United States and Palestine were present at the opening of the Seventeenth International Congress of Orientalists here today.

Among the papers to be presented during the sessions are: "On the Meaning of the Term, 'Am Ha'Aretz'" by Dr. Daiches; "The Origin of the Hebrew Language," by Professor Jahuda; "Semitic Verbs" by J. Cohen; "The Hebrew Conquest of Canaan" by Prof. W. F. Albright, Director of the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem; "The Semitic Conception of the Names of God by Professor Eiss-

## JEWISH FARMERS IN POLAND TO MEET IN SPECIAL CONFERENCE

To Deal with Situation Growing Out of Crop Failure  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Aug. 27.—A special conference of Jewish farmers in the Republic of Poland will take place during October, according to an announcement made today.

The conference was called to cope with problems resulting from the crop failure on Jewish tobacco plantations in the Grodno region, and the failure of the plantations in Volhynia and the cucumber farms in Polesia.

An appeal is to be issued for assistance to tide the farmers over their difficulties until next year. The Jewish farmers now lack the means for seed. Only a small percentage of them are supervised by the Jewish Colonization Association and the Ort, society for the promotion of trades and agriculture, while the majority of them receive no outside assistance.

## LORD BALFOUR JOINS PRO-PALESTINE COMMITTEE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Paris, Aug. 27.—Lord Balfour has joined the French Pro-Palestine Committee recently created, it was announced here.

A message from Lord Balfour, in which he accepts honorary membership in the French Pro-Palestine Committee, was received by the secretary.

## YIDDISH CHAIR QUESTION REFERRED TO COMMISSION

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Basle, Aug. 27.—The commission appointed by the Curatorium of the Institute of Jewish Studies at the Hebrew University to inquire into the subject of the establishment of a Yiddish chair at the Institute consists of Dr. Martin Buber, Professor Felix Perles and Dr. Schorr of Warsaw.

## SAYS 250 CHURCH OF ENGLAND CLERGYMEN OF JEWISH ORIGIN

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Richmond, Va., Aug. 27.—That 250 active clergymen of the Church of England are Jews or of Jewish extraction is the claim made by the "Southern Churchman," published here, quoting an article in "The Church of England Newspaper."

Besides the 250 clergymen, Great Britain has thousands of Jews who have become Christians, the paper asserts.

## COMPLAINS MINORITIES HAD NO OPPORTUNITY FOR SELF DETERMINATION

Jewish Representative Raises Question at Interparliamentary Union Conference  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Aug. 27.—The principle of self-determination for the smaller nations and the national minorities proclaimed during the close of the World War and incorporated into the subsequent peace treaties, has as yet not had a fair chance of application in the case of the national minorities in Europe.

This argument was presented by Rabbi Nurock of Riga, member of the Latvian parliament at the session of the Interparliamentary Union consisting of members of parliaments in various countries. Addressing the conference when the question of the national minorities came up on the agenda, Rabbi Nurock declared that he speaks as the representative of the Jewish minorities who number millions. The terrible misery of the Jewish "staatenlose" (men without a country), the events in Roumania and similar occurrences remind one of the darkest times of the Middle Ages, he declared. The provisions in the national minorities treaties for the national and cultural self-determination are not being enforced in many countries which undertook this obligation, he stated.

## MINORITIES CONGRESS OPENS TODAY IN GENEVA

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Geneva, Aug. 27.—The Fourth Congress of National Minorities will be opened here tomorrow.

The first day will be given up to discussion on the position of the minorities in the various countries and the work of the League of Nations for their protection.

The question was dealt with in detail recently at the annual Conference of the International League of Nations Societies at The Hague, by Sir Willoughby Dickinson, and a resolution was adopted by the Conference calling on the League of Nations to create a special permanent Minorities Commission of the League, similar to the League's Permanent Mandates Commission.

The principal question which will engage the Congress of National Minorities this year will be the moral co-operation of the minorities with the peoples to whom they belong from the point of view of nationality and with the States with which they are identified politically.

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## SOVIET EMBASSY RETRACTS DENIAL; ADMITS J.T.A. REPORT ON JEWISH RIOT CORRECT

Declares However, Report of Youth  
Organ Exaggerated

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Paris, Aug. 27.—M. Merelin, press  
director of the Soviet Embassy in Paris,  
modified the previous denial given out  
by the Embassy of the report that re-  
cruits for the Red army had attempted  
an anti-Jewish riot in Mohilev.

The Embassy's statement declared  
that the Jewish Telegraphic Agency re-  
port, carried simultaneously by other  
news agencies, was correct, but that  
the report of the "Comsomolskaya"  
Pravda, Communist youth organ, had  
been exaggerated in order to discourage  
similar excesses in the future.

## LITHUANIANS SET ELECTION DATE FOR YOM KIPPUR DESPITE JEWISH PROTEST

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Kovno, Aug. 27.—Elections of new  
officials in the Lithuanian sick fund  
Kassas, social insurance semi-official  
institutions, were set for September 25,  
the day on which Yom Kippur falls.

Originally the elections were set for  
September 15, that is, the first day of  
Rosh Hashanah. When the Jewish  
members protested against this date of  
elections because it coincided with the  
holiday, the elections were postponed ten  
days, to the Day of Atonement.

## PERMIT CATHOLIC BAZAAR IN LONDON LIBERAL SYNAGOGUE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Aug. 27.—Permission to hold  
a bazaar on its premises was granted  
by the London Liberal Synagogue to  
a neighboring Roman Catholic Church.

## ENGLISH CATHOLICS COMPLAIN AGAINST PROPOSED TAX REVISION IN PALESTINE Accuse Jewish Attorney General of Favoritism

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Aug. 27.—Complaints against  
the proposed revision of the taxation  
law in Palestine are voiced in the Lon-  
don "Catholic Herald."

The paper states that the Attorney  
General, who is a Jew, favors Zionism  
by tax immunity to immigrants, deny-  
ing the same to pilgrim hostleries. Ex-  
emption from taxes would also be  
granted to the Jewish agricultural  
schools, but not to the Catholic art  
and trade schools, the paper states, de-  
claring that the new provisions would  
force Catholics to abandon their schools  
and hospices in the country.

## DEMAND NUMERUS CLAUSUS FOR PERSONS OF JEWISH ORIGIN

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Aug. 27.—The principle of the  
numerus clausus is to be applied not only  
against Jews but also to persons who  
are of Jewish origin, states a resolution  
adopted today by the Voelkisch-Deutsche  
Academic Youth Congress which is now  
in session in Elberfeld.

The anti-Semitic students reiterated  
their demand that a numerus clausus  
limiting the number of Jewish students  
in colleges and Universities be introduced.

## MAKE CHURCH COLLECTIONS FOR JEWISH MISSIONARY WORK

Berlin, Aug. 27.—Collection boxes  
were passed last Sunday in many Ger-  
man churches to raise a fund for the  
renewal of missionary work among  
Jews.

This action was taken at the demand  
of the church authorities, after it was  
brought to the attention of the church  
dignitaries at the last world conference of  
the missionary societies that the "Jew-  
ish missions" in Germany have fallen  
off in their work.

## BULGARIAN EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS GET LOAN

(J. T. A. M.)

Sofia, Aug. 27.—Relief for the Jew-  
ish residents of Chirpan who suffered  
in the earthquake in Bulgaria several  
months ago will be made available by  
the Bulgarian-Palestinian bank. A sum  
of 200,000 Levas will be granted in  
loans, repayable in ten years.

## 500,000 LEVAS LEFT TO CHARITY BY BULGARIAN JEWISH LEADER

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Sofia, Aug. 27.—David Alcalai, well  
known Jewish leader here, died at the  
age of 73. Included in the bequests  
made by the late Mr. Alcalai was the  
sum of half million Levas for Jewish  
charity.

Mr. Alcalai was a grandson of Abra-  
ham Alcalai, author of many Hebrew  
works.

## LINDBERGH PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE JEWISH AVIATION PIONEER, OTTO LILIENTHAL Tells of German Jew's Contribution to Flying

Col. Charles A. Lindbergh paid trib-  
ute to the Jewish pioneer inventor and  
martyr to aviation, Otto Lilienthal, in  
his article on aviation appearing in  
Sunday's issue of the "New York  
Times."

"America has found her wings, has  
awakened to the realization that she  
can fly," writes Col. Lindbergh. "This  
realization has come so quickly that the  
long process of learning to fly has been  
forgotten, the technical development of the  
airplane has been so unnoticed that the  
labor of years seemed to reach its  
fruition almost overnight."

"Forty years ago a man named Lil-  
ienthal watched the washing hung out  
on a clothes line. He noticed that the  
tablecloths and sheets and other nor-  
mally flat pieces lifted in a strong  
breeze above the horizontal position  
which it would be natural to suppose  
they would assume when blown out  
by the wind. Then he noticed that  
the cloth had been curved by the wind  
and discovered, logically, that a curved  
surface lifts."

"This was the beginning of the air-  
plane—the result of the knowledge Lil-  
ienthal gained by patient observation  
of such things as washing and the wings  
of birds. He learned that a curved  
surface with a thick leading edge like  
that of a bird lifted better than one  
with a thin edge although he did not  
know why this was the case. Now we  
know it is due to the greater vacuum  
produced above the wing."

"There is no greater romance than  
the development of the airplane, and it  
is a pity that the recent flights which  
have done so much to extend its use  
have dimmed a little the less spec-  
tacular achievements of men who began  
this evolution by patient experiments.  
Many of them lost their lives. Lilien-  
thal himself was the first man to die  
in attempting flight in a heavier-than-  
air machine."

He was a member of the German  
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## GRATZ COLLEGE MAKES STAFF ADJUSTIONS

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Philadelpia, Aug. 28.—Rabbi Wol-  
sey of Congregation Rodeph Shalom  
will be special lecturer during the com-  
ing year at Gratz College, it was an-  
nounced by the College. Dr. Solomon  
Grazel, a graduate of the City College  
of New York, of the Jewish Theologi-  
cal Seminary of America and of Dropsie  
College here, and Jacob Beimele,  
cantor of the Congregation of Adath  
Jeshurun, are other new members of the  
faculty.

Extension in the courses of study  
was also announced.

## AGRO-JOINT AND GOVERNMENT COOPERATE TO AID CHERSON DISTRICT SETTLERS

### Introduce Saga Bean; Contract for Oil for Soap

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Aug. 27.—The Agrojoint, the agency of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, as well as the Soviet Government are doing their utmost to improve the condition of the Jewish colonies in the Cherson district, declared Dr. Joseph A. Rosen, head of the Agrojoint, in an interview with the representative of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today.

The soya bean has now been introduced in the Jewish colonies, to furnish an additional source of revenue from the oil extracted from the bean. The oil has been contracted for in advance by the government soap trust, he stated.

## JEWISH COMMUNAL WORKER IN MEXICO GONE; BELIEVED DEAD

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Mexico City, Mex., Aug. 27.—Joseph Wener, who had taken an active part in the life of the Jewish community here, mysteriously disappeared from the steamer Rio Bravo en route to Hamburg, according to word received here.

No particulars explaining the disappearance were received. At a meeting held at the Y. M. H. A. hall here, representatives of the Jewish community mourned him as dead. Tribute was paid him for the work he accomplished as president of the Jewish school here and as former secretary of the Y.M.H.A. The school committee resolved to name the school after him.

## MORRIS D. WALDMAN RETURNS FROM ABROAD

Morris D. Waldman, communal worker and newly appointed secretary of the American Jewish Committee, arrived today on the steamer De Grasse following an extended trip abroad.

Mr. Waldman is expected to assume the duties of his new office shortly. During his stay abroad Mr. Waldman conferred with communal workers and leaders who are active in Jewish relief work and in the protection of Jewish rights.

## HABIMAH TO CELEBRATE 10TH ANNIVERSARY

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Aug. 27.—The tenth anniversary of the Habimah, troupe of Hebrew actors, will be celebrated on October 8. In connection with the anniversary a volume describing the history of the troupe, its productions and travels in Europe and the United States, will be issued.

Several Kehillahs in Germany have undertaken to provide annual subsidies for the Habimah Theatre in Palestine.

## J.D.B. NEWS LETTER

### The How and Why of Labor's Pro-Palestine Committee

(By our Brussels Correspondent)

Brussels, Aug. 12.—The purpose of the Palestine Committee formed in connection with the Labor and Socialist International is in the first place to remind the Jewish bourgeoisie and all anti-labor elements in Zionism and outside Zionism, that the Poale Zion does not stand alone in their fight, S. Kaplansky, leader of the Poale-Zion Party and its representative on the Executive Council of the International, stated in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency representative here today.

"I believe," Mr. Kaplansky said, "that the Committee will issue a number of informative publications dealing with the Jewish labor movement in Palestine and if finances will permit, it will enable several leading members of the Committee to go out to Palestine to study our work on the spot."

"We are satisfied with the results of the Congress of the International," Mr. Kaplansky said. "We thought of raising the Palestine question during the discussion on Colonial questions at the Congress, but we agreed that Palestine as a country of Jewish colonization, occupies a special position and does not come into the category of colonial countries. Palestine's international guarantee for the colonization work is provided for in the Mandate. It was in this sense that Lord Olivier, the spokesman of the Colonial Commission made his report."

Speaking of the opposition to the formation of the Palestine Commission voiced by Dr. Friedrich Adler, the secretary of the International, Mr. Kaplansky said that he saw no reason to think that Dr. Adler's objections were based on anything other than formal grounds. "Dr. Adler is too important and responsible a man, that we should doubt his word," Mr. Kaplansky continued. "He declared categorically that he is in general opposed to the creation of separate international committees in favor of particular nations, and only a few weeks previously, he declared himself opposed to the formation of a committee for the Far East for which the Russian Socialists applied to the International. The Congress has adopted a resolution which says that the members of the International must not take part in the work of committees which carry on an activity which in program or in practice is not in accord with the principles of the International. It is obvious that this prohibition does not apply to the Palestine Committee, and if there had been any doubts on this point, such men as M. Vandervelde

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## SAYS JEWISH LEADERS' STRIFE IN POLAND PREVENTS ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT

### Polish Member of Hague Court Makes Striking Observations

(J. T. A. Mail Service)

Warsaw, Aug. 13.—The President of the Thirty-fifth International Law Congress which is now meeting here, Professor Sygmond Zibichowsky, a member of the Permanent Court of International Justice at The Hague, dealt with the position of the Jews in Poland and the Jewish work in Palestine in the course of an interview he gave to a representative of the Hebrew daily "Hazeifrah" here.

Professor Zibichowsky agreed that the position of the Jewish minority in Poland was on economic grounds not satisfactory. The internal position in the Club of Jewish Deputies was to some extent responsible for this. It was an astonishing thing that it should take so long to agree on the election of a President of the Club of Jewish Deputies, he said. The Jewish Parliamentary representation was wasting too much energy in inner friction. It was time for them to find a *modus vivendi* and put forward a joint reform plan with a united Jewish political action it was possible that their plan should be carried.

Turning to the question of Palestine, Professor Zibichowsky said that the idea of creating a Jewish National Home in Palestine was one of human justice. In his opinion, however, Great Britain, which had received the Mandate for the establishment of such a National Home, had not displayed the proper initiative for carrying out this task.

Professor Zibichowsky stated that he would propose to the Conference that it should deal with the legal position of the "Staatenlose" in all countries. Much of the projects formulated by the previous International Law Congresses, he added, had been carried into effect by the League of Nations.

## DISLIKE COMPARISON OF POLISH FLIERS TO LEVINE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Aug. 27.—Comparisons are odious, especially when one is compared with a Jew, is the sentiment expressed in several Polish newspapers.

The papers criticize a Polish newspaperman, Mieczyslaw Nowinski, said to be the Warsaw correspondent of the Chicago Tribune, who, in writing of the planned new flight of the Polish aviators, Kubala and Idzikowski, referred to the planned flight as "a new Levine affair."

Rabbi Simon Cohen, formerly of Bethel Temple, 76th St. and 5th Avenue, New York, has accepted a call to fill the pulpit of Temple Israel of Washington Heights.

## PROFESSOR DAVIDSON MARKS 80th BIRTHDAY

Professor David Davidson, last surviving member of the first faculty of the Hebrew Union College, celebrated his eightieth birthday today.

Born August 28, 1848, in Lautenburg, Germany, he was educated privately and at the University of Breslau. He taught in the Berlin at the Genérad-Schule. He was instructor in Talmud and Exegesis at the Hebrew Union College. During his long career he served as rabbi of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, Des Moines, Iowa, Shearith Israel Congregation, Cincinnati; Ahavath Chesed Congregation, New York City.

He retired from the ministry and established the Davidson Collegiate Institute. He served as the director of the Society for the Aid of Jewish Prisoners. For a number of years, he was director of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and instructor in Rabbinate.

Among his writings are "Shall We Christianize the Constitution of the U. S. A.," "Sabbath or Sunday?," "The Moral Issue of the World War," "The Maccabean Triumph." He now resides in New York City.

## LINDBERGH PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE JEWISH AVIATION PIONEER, OTTO LILIENTHAL

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Society for the Advancement of Aerial Navigation. He was the author of several works in which he explained the theoretical reasons for the form of his aerial machine.

Otto Lilienthal, German-Jewish mechanical engineer and experimenter in aerial navigation, was born May 23, 1848 at Anklam. He died August 9, 1896 at Rhinow during a demonstration of his aerial machine. His theory was that artificial flight must follow the principles of bird-flight. His aerial experiments, which were made with the assistance of his brother, G. Lilienthal, extended over a period of twenty-five years. In the summer of 1891 he made, with a pair of curved wings designed for soaring, the first practical demonstration of man's ability to fly. He made the flight successfully several times, but finally met death during an experiment at Rhinow.

## UNVEIL TABLET TO JEWISH WAR HEROES IN BULGARIA

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Sofia, Aug. 27. — A tablet to the memory of Jewish soldiers who fell in the World War was unveiled yesterday at the Kustendil Synagogue.

The impressive ceremony was attended by representatives of the civil and military authorities. The military commander of the town extolled the bravery of Bulgarian Jews, in his address at the exercises.

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and Mr. Henderson would not take part in its work."

With regard to the attitude of the Polish Socialists, toward the Palestine Committee, Mr. Kaplan said that the conveners of the Palestine Conference had not invited parties or groups, but only outstanding individuals. "I can only say," he added, "that the leaders of the Polish Socialist Party (P.P.S.) M. Daszynski, President of the Polish Parliament, and M. Niedzialkowski agreed to join the Committee, and Deputy Diamond and other representatives of the P.P.S. participated in the Palestine Conference."

On the subject of the resolution adopted by the Congress under which the P. P. S. is called upon to line up with the Socialist parties of the national minorities in Poland, and in which the Bund is mentioned as the Jewish Party, and not the Poale Zion, Mr. Kaplan explained that the resolution deals only with the relations of the P. P. S. with those parties of the national minorities which are still outside the International. "It is clear," he said, "that if negotiations are started in Poland, the Poale Zion in Poland will join with the P. P. S. and other Socialist parties in the matter of creating a united front. Besides, the representative of the P. P. S. declared at the meeting of the Executive Council that his party is prepared to establish an understanding with the Poale Zion in Poland."

A resolution in support of the work of Jewish labor in Palestine was adopted at the International Congress of Socialist Students' Organizations which was opened here under the chairmanship of M. Emil Vandervelde, and a special committee has been elected to further the work.

The Palestine question came up during the discussion on Colonial questions. The Congress is attended by 132 delegates representing ten countries, besides the Socialist Zionist Students' Federation. A heated debate took place when one of the delegates, a Jew, moved that the Palestine question should not be discussed at the International Congress, on the ground that it is a national and chauvinist question, and aims to drive the Arabs out of their country. A number of delegates, notably, M. Welf, a Bulgarian representative, a non-Jew, urged in reply that the Jewish workers had great achievements to their credit, and have turn non-productive elements into productive forces in Palestine, while the Arabs had for generations allowed the country to fall into neglect.

The result of the debate was that the Congress decided to declare itself in favor of the work carried on by Jewish labor in Palestine.

## HAGUE MUSEUM ACQUIRES JEWISH PAINTER'S WORK

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

The Hague, Aug. 27.—The municipal museum of The Hague has acquired the painting, "Cain was a Tiller of the Soil," by the noted Jewish artist, Abel Pann.

## KING GEORGE EXTENDS THANKS FOR PALESTINE ALBUM

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Aug. 27.—A message of thanks was sent by King George to the Jewish photographer of Tel Aviv, Mr. Schweig, for an album of Palestine scenes.

The album was presented to the King by Mr. Schweig through Lord Plumer, retiring High Commissioner of Palestine.

## BAND OF TORAH THIEVES ARRESTED IN POLAND

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vilna, Aug. 27.—Four members of a band of Torah thieves were arrested by the authorities in Slonim.

The police was informed of the activities of the band, which engaged in invading synagogues, stealing the Torahs and selling them. The four arrested were responsible for the theft of three Torah Scrolls in Melodeczno.

## PALESTINE PAPER REDUCES PRICE PER COPY

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Aug. 27. — The "Doar Ha'yom," Jerusalem Hebrew daily, announced today that it has reduced its prices from ten mils to half a piastre a copy.

The paper will maintain its present size, the announcement declares.

The step is considered here as revolutionizing the standards of the Palestine press.

Dedication of the new temple of Congregation Talmud Torah of Lefferts Park, Brooklyn, N. Y. was held on Sunday.

The new temple has an auditorium with a balcony, seating 1,000 persons on the first floor. In the basement there is another auditorium seating 600 and three classrooms for the Talmud Torah. There are at present about 100 children registered in the school. Simon Ginsberg is President of the Congregation.

## TENOR

Experienced in Congregational Singing seeks position in choir for the coming High Holidays. JOSEPH LIEBOWITZ 508 West 113th Street. Cathedral 7926

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