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## INDIFFERENCE GREATEST Foe OF JUDAISM IN U.S., WARNING CALL SOUNDED BY DR. ADLER

Progress of Theological Seminary and Dropsie College Attains 65th Birthday

Declaring war against the indifference that threatens to undermine the Jewish religion in this country, Dr. Cyrus Adler, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York City and of Dropsie College, Philadelphia, yesterday, on the occasion of his sixty-fifth birthday, called upon Jews in this country to strengthen the synagogue as the only source from which Judaism must continue to get its sustenance.

Dr. Adler belongs to the Conservative wing in American Jewry. As one of the founders of the United Synagogue of America he believes that Judaism in this country must strike a happy medium between extremists on both sides. While he has an abiding faith in the future of his people and is impatient with those "who would barter their religion for some new-fangled idolatry" he believes the immediate task of the American Jews is to bring back the large number of Jews, who have drifted away from it, into the synagogue.

Asked what he considered the immediate task of the Jews in America Dr. Adler said: "I do not share the feeling of the pessimists. I am not worried over the future of the Jew in America, or the world over for that matter. I am much more concerned about our duty as Jews."

"The figures published recently by the United States Census Bureau as well as the figures compiled for the American Jewish Committee places the number of Jews in America at upward of four million—4,288,029 to be exact. As I see it the problem is this: compare the number of heads of Jewish families with the number of those belonging to congregations—and I am sufficiently old-fashioned to maintain that it is the duty of the Jew to be affiliated with the synagogue—and you will find the number to be alarmingly small. Our duty is quite clear. We must go out and enlist the interest of the majority in the synagogue. Those people must be made to realize that their place is in the synagogue and that they are not fulfilling their functions as Jews unless they are an integral part of the synagogue, actively participating in all the synagogue representations. That there should be so many

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## FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES ISSUES GOOD WILL MESSAGE FOR ROSH HASHANAH

Progress of Mankind is Common Enterprise, Message Emphasizes

A message of goodwill to the Jews of the world was issued on the occasion of Rosh Hashanah, beginning the Jewish year 5689, by the Committee on Goodwill Between Jews and Christians of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. This is the first time that a Protestant Christian group has taken cognizance of the celebration of the Jewish New Year and has extended a message of goodwill and appreciation on such an occasion. The message read:

"We Christians extend our sincere well-wishes to the Jews. As your 5689th year opens this evening we hope that Christians and Jews may make this a year of increased mutual understanding. Joined in a common enterprise, the progress of mankind, we believe we may find our unity as we realize our interdependence. Christians appreciate your achievements in the arts, the sciences, philosophy, and in religion. In a very real sense you enrich humanity."

The Federal Council of the Church of Christ in America includes twenty-eight Protestant bodies. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman is President.

The Committee on Goodwill Between Jews and Christians includes Rev. Alfred W. Anthony, Rev. Henry A. Adkins, Dr. Samuel M. Cavert, Dr. John H. Finley, Raymond B. Fosdick, Dr. Robert L. Kelly, Rt. Rev. Arthur S. Lloyd, Dr. Chas. S. Macfarland, Dr. John A. Marquis, Dean Howard C. Robbins, William H. Short and Rev. Stanley White. Everett R. Clinchy is Secretary.

## LORD MELCHETT'S NAMESAKE, COUSIN, TAKES LIFE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Sept. 3.—Alfred Mond, namesake of Lord Melchett, the former Sir Alfred Mond, committed suicide at the country estate, Greyfriars, at Storrington, West Sussex. Alfred Mond, the son of Emile Mond, a cousin of Lord Melchett, was 25 years old. He left a wife and five months old son. The body was found hanged.

## DR. KAPLAN CHAIRMAN ZIONIST ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Mordecai M. Kaplan, Rabbi of the Society for the Advancement of Judaism, was unanimously elected chairman of the Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization of America, at a meeting held Wednesday night, at the Alcott Hotel, New York City.

## HOOVER, IN ROSH HASHANAH MESSAGE, LAUDS JEWS FOR RELIEF AND PALESTINE WORK

Says Cooperation with American Relief Ass'n Enough to Make Any Nation Proud

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Washington, Sept. 13. — Herbert Hoover, Republican candidate for the Presidency of the United States, issued a Rosh Hashanah message through the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, in which the philanthropic work of American Jews for relief during and since the World War and their participation in the rebuilding of Palestine were highly commended. The message read:

"On the occasion of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, I wish to express my profound admiration for the fine public spirit and high ideals of my fellow citizens of the Jewish faith. I have had numerous opportunities to observe their wholehearted devotion to American ideals and institutions and their extraordinary generosity in all charitable, humanitarian relief and reconstruction efforts. Their cooperation with the American Relief Association, individually and especially through the Joint Distribution Committee, constitutes a contribution of which any nations may justly be proud.

"I have also watched with keen interest and sympathy the splendid work for the upbuilding of Palestine, in which so many American Jews take an important part, in behalf of their less fortunate brethren abroad. It is a historic task that the Jewish people is meeting with unexampled perseverance, sacrifice and hard work. The Holy Land, desolate and neglected for centuries, is being rebuilt not only as an inspiring spiritual center, but also as a habitable and peaceful land that will in the near future harbor a larger population with increased opportunities for prosperity among the farmers, the industrialists, the laborers and the scholars.

"The reports of my representatives in the Department of Commerce indicate that unmistakable progress has already been made in a very short time and that, notwithstanding all hardships and handicaps, the task of regenerating the Holy Land will be successfully fulfilled, for the good of all the inhabitants of the land of the Bible."

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# ASSERT JEWISH BIRTHRATE HIGHER IN PALESTINE THAN IN OTHER COMMUNITIES

Statistics Show Palestine's Birthrate  
Highest in the World  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Sept. 13.—The natural increase among Jews in Palestine is higher than among any other Jewish community in the world, statistics on Palestine's birth-rate published here disclose.

The figures show that the number of births registered in the Jewish community in Tel Aviv this year is equal to that of Vienna, whose Jewish population is five times as large.

Palestine's birth rate is the highest in the world, the statistics show. Moslems are chiefly responsible for this record, the birth rate among them being 561 for every 10,000, followed by Christians with 389 and Jews with 351. Were it not for the appalling death rate among the Moslems, Palestine's population would be multiplied three times as quickly as that of Sweden and more than 2½ times as quickly as that of England.

The Moslem death rate, on the other hand, amounted last year to two-thirds of the births. Mortality among the Christians was slightly more than half the birth rate, and among the Jews above one-third. Thus, the natural increase among the Jews does not fall below that of the Moslems and Christians.

An effort to bring about the enactment of a kosher bill in Texas, providing for an official inspection of kosher food and meats, is being advocated by Rabbi Abraham I. Schechter of Adath Yeshurun congregation, Houston. The inspector would see that the foods and meats are prepared according to Orthodox Jewish requirements. The law would be modelled after similar kosher laws in New York and California.

# TO USHER IN THE YEAR 5689 TONIGHT WITH ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES

Leaders of Jewish Organizations  
Draw Attention to Various  
Community Problems

Jewry the world over will usher in the New Year, Rosh Hashanah, with religious services this evening. Reform Judaism devotes one day to the observance of this holiday, while the Orthodox observe two days. With the celebration of this festival there will open the year of 5689 of the Jewish calendar.

Over 16,000 persons will attend the religious services for the Jewish New Year and the Day of Atonement to be held in fifteen of the constituent societies of the Metropolitan League of Jewish Community Associations in New York City.

Abraham Herman, president of the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society of America in a Rosh Hashanah message to the members of his organization reviewed the work done by the organization in South America and the tasks awaiting it there. He appealed for continued support to carry on the work.

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, in his Rosh Hashanah message referring to the recently published figures on the Jewish population in the United States, declared: "We have grown, but in what direction has this growth of our been? American Jewry is prosperous, exceedingly so in a material way, but how prosperous are we spiritually? Our spiritual growth has by no means kept pace with our material well-being.

"Thousands upon thousands of our boys and girls are robbed of their heritage by the wilful neglect of their parents. We need more Talmud Torahs, more Yeshivahs. We need to go out into the highways and by ways of our country and bring the message of the Torah to our boys and girls, to our young men and young women."

A letter of greetings upon the New Year was issued to officers of the National Council of Jewish Women by its president, Mrs. Joseph E. Friend of New Orleans, and its executive secretary, Mrs. Estelle M. Sternberger of New York City, in behalf of the Board of Managers. The message read:

"May this year open to you a vista of service to the children of Israel and to all humanity, that shall fulfill Judaism's teachings of the Unity of God, Love, Justice, Righteousness, Peace, The Unity of Man, Charity, Truth, Knowledge and Sacrifice.

"May you find inspiration, throughout the days of the year, in the story and literature of our people and faith.

"May God bestow upon you and those who are dearest to you, His

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# URGES CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR BE CHOSEN ON MERITS NOT FOR 'JEWISH VOTE'

Says Jewish Voter Not Guided by  
Religious Affiliation But by  
Fitness of Candidate

Commenting on the possibility that the candidates of both major parties, the Republicans and the Democrats, in the forthcoming campaign for the governorship of New York may be Jews, "The Day," Democratic Yiddish daily which is supporting Governor Alfred E. Smith for President in the national campaign, urges that if the selection of Jewish candidates is to be made it must be on the merits of the candidates and not merely with a view of attracting what is termed "the Jewish vote."

The newspaper takes the position that there is not and there should not be a "Jewish vote." Jews would, of course, take it as a compliment if Jewish candidates are nominated, but if such nominations are made, the merits of the men and not the Jewish origin is of paramount importance.

"Jewish public opinion must consider clearly the significance of a 'Jewish vote' for the Jews, not less than for America. It must be considered whether it is well for Jews to create such a thing as a 'Jewish vote' in the United States. It must also be conceded that if a Jew is nominated as candidate because he is a Jew, Jewish public opinion has the right to inquire into the Jewishness of the Jewish candidate. Jewish public opinion may say to the political leaders: 'If you do give us a Jewish candidate because he is a Jew, then let us have a Jew who is genuinely Jewish, who has a close relationship to Jewish life, to the hopes and the aspirations of the Jewish masses.'

"We American Jews have no Jewish political questions in this country. Here we have no Jewish politics. America is neither Poland nor Roumania; America is built not on nationalities, but on broad principles of democracy," the paper says.

Declaring that American Jews are interested in questions of religious tolerance and liberal immigration as Americans, not as Jews, the paper proceeds:

"Jews will certainly accept as a compliment the fact that a Jew is nominated as candidate for governor. However, when the vote is to be cast, Jews will first of all want to know what kind of man the candidate is, how fit he is for his office and what is his platform. With Jewishness alone he will not travel far with Jews. If a Jewish consideration is to play a role, then the leaders of the political parties should have in mind that it is by far not enough to have been born a Jew in order to win Jewish sympathy. American Jews today have already out-

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## PALESTINE WILL BE SELF-SUPPORTING IF AID CONTINUES SAYS AMERICAN CONSUL

Stationed in Jerusalem for Five Years, Has Optimistic View of Future

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Providence, R. I., Sept. 13. — The Jewish settlement in Palestine will be able to support itself eventually if outside aid continues for some years, in the opinion of Oscar S. Heyzer, United States Consul at Jerusalem for the past five years, who returned on the steamer Sinaia yesterday for a short leave of absence.

Mistakes were made during the first settlement of the country by the Jewish colonists, Mr. Heyzer said, and the depression of 1925 was the result. Chief among these mistakes was the investment of too much money in city buildings as contrasted with productive machinery. Now, however, the emphasis is on making the country economically independent, and Mr. Heyzer is optimistic as to the outcome.

Relations between Mohammedans and Jews are much improved, according to the consul, slackening in Jewish immigration to Palestine having relieved the Arabs' fear that they would be overwhelmed. There are now from 150,000 to 160,000 Jews in Palestine, he estimated.

He praised the British government  
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## RODEPH SHALOM DEDICATES NEW SYNAGOGUE

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Philadelphia, Sept. 13.—Prominent members of American Jewry from all parts of the country were present Tuesday night at the dedication exercises of the synagogue and synagogue center of Rodeph Shalom congregation.

The entire rabbinate of Philadelphia and many rabbis from other cities were present, as well as lay officers of all congregations in the city.

Lionel Friedman, chairman of the building committee, delivered the keys of the synagogue to Charles Edwin Fox, president of the congregation. Rabbi Louis Wolsey made the closing prayer and pronounced the benediction.

The edifice, which is one of the finest of its kind in America, has been in course of construction about a year, and was erected at a cost of \$1,500,000. It replaces one in which the congregation worshipped for half a century, the old building being one of the landmarks of Philadelphia.

Beth Judah Synagogue of Philadelphia, was dedicated last Sunday.

Mayor Mackey, Rabbi Mortimer J. Cohen and Abraham Wernick were among the speakers. William Taylor is the president of the congregation and Rabbi Matthew S. Rosen is rabbi of the congregation.

## RITUAL MURDER TALES AGITATE VILLAGES IN POLAND AND JUGO-SLAVIA

Unverified Report Speaks of Anti-Jewish Attacks

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Sept. 13.—A second Mendel Beilis case was prevented by a prompt investigation made by the Polish police in Zaklikow disproving a ritual murder tale which spread among the villagers.

The peasants who assembled in the village on market day suddenly discovered that a three year old son of one of the villagers named Smolach was missing. Immediately, witnesses were found who swore that they saw a Jew named Mendel, the son of Bely, kidnap the boy. The tale spread among the mob causing wide excitement and instilling fear in the hearts of the Jewish population. A search of Mendel's house was immediately undertaken by the police. Later, the child was found wandering near the railway station several miles from the village. No action was taken against the witnesses who swore falsely.

Belgrade, Sept. 13.—Forty persons accused of spreading anti-Semitic propaganda inciting the population in connection with the ritual murder tale were arrested by the Yugoslavian authorities in the province of Banat.

The arrests followed the events in Zentar where the rumor was spread that "in every Jewish synagogue a Christian child is immured" following the temporary disappearance of Marguerite Takatch, fifteen year old servant girl, who was found in a neighboring village suffering from exhaustion. The court authorities yesterday published the opinion of the official physician that the girl was the victim of assault which brought about her exhaustion. This fact was not made known before.

Speedy steps were taken by the authorities to restore tranquility and to bring about a pacification of the minds of the villagers. Couriers with trumpets were sent by the Banat authorities to the villages of the province to proclaim to the entire population that the tales of Jewish ritual murder are a silly invention and that every person responsible for spreading anti-Jewish agitation will be severely punished.

Vienna, Sept. 13.—Denials published in the Yugoslavian papers which arrived here today called forth the suspicion that incidents of a serious character may have occurred in Banat villages in connection with the ritual murder agitation.

The denial declares that the rumors concerning serious anti-Jewish pogroms in Banat were unfounded. Similarly, the papers deny that a rabbi and several leading Jews of Petrovoleslo, near Zentar where the agitation arose, were murdered. The newspapers admit, however, that the "agitation of the frenzied villa-

## PROVIDES SITE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CANTORS' SUMMER COLONY

To Furnish Accommodations for 100; Available to Cantors and Rabbis in Adverse Circumstances

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Newark, N. J., Sept. 13.—A colony exclusively devoted to summer residences for cantors and rabbis and as a haven for those members of the calling who have retired or are in adverse circumstances, is to be established at Hightstown, N. J., according to announcement made by Rev. Aaron E. Goldfinger of this city.

Rev. Goldfinger, acting upon the initiative of Rev. Louis Lipitz, president of the Jewish Ministers Cantors Association, has deeded to the association fifteen acres of the thirty-seven acre tract comprising the Roosevelt estate which he purchased last May from Kate Shippen Roosevelt and Dorothy Quincy Roosevelt Goer, sister and niece respectively of the late President.

The fifteen acre tract which he deeded and upon which the Chazanin Ministers' Colony, as it will be known, is to be established, contains a three-story residence erected, eleven years ago at a cost, it is said, of \$125,000. It is planned to use this residence, said Rev. Goldfinger, to house cantors and rabbis who find themselves in adverse circumstances or are temporarily free from their duties. This building, it is said, will afford accommodations for 100 persons. The three-story building will be under the joint direction of Cantor Moses Gann, of Newark, and Cantor Zavel Kwartin, of New York.

## OBTAINS CONCESSION TO INSTALL 'MOVIES' ON TRAINS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Munycz, Sept. 13.—Herr Braun, Munycz Jewish financier, is the first to receive a concession from the Czechoslovakian Government to instal cinematographs on the express passenger trains travelling to Prague, Oederberg, Kaschau and Czop, it was announced here today.

The Czechoslovakian Ministry of Transport has consented to the innovation on this railway system as an experiment.

A campaign for \$9,000 to carry on the work of the Erie Hebrew Institute, of Erie, Pa. will be launched at a banquet on Sept. 18. The campaign closes Sept. 24.

The Jewish National Fund of America has issued its Jewish almanac and calendar for the coming year 5689, beginning with September 15, the first day of Rosh Hashana. Copies of the booklet are distributed free.

gers against the Jews in the region continues."

The correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in Zagreb, Jugoslavia, was instructed immediately to proceed to the scene of the events to ascertain the facts.