

RABBI MAXIMILIAN HELLER, OUTSTANDING LEADER AND EDUCATOR, DIES

Exercised Wide Influence in Shaping
Jewish Community in U. S.;

Leaders Pay Tribute

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

New Orleans, Mar. 30.—Rabbi Maximilian Heller, outstanding leader in the Reform Rabbinate for nearly half a century, scholar and educator and champion of the Zionist cause from an early date, died here at eight-thirty Saturday morning following a short illness. Rabbi Heller was 69 years old. He is survived by his wife, Ida Annie (Marks), his son, Rabbi James Heller of Cincinnati, and other children.

Rabbi Heller, one of the earliest graduates of the Hebrew Union College at Cincinnati, was a leading spirit in the history of American Jewry at the close of the nineteenth and beginning of the twentieth century and exercised a decisive influence in shaping the character of the American Jewish community. As a scholar and orator he was a great factor in presenting the cause of Judaism and in championing Jewish conceptions and ideals both in the pulpit and in the press.

In the Zionist movement in the United States Rabbi Heller was one of the leading figures from an early date. He embraced the Zionist cause at a time when the majority of the Reform Rabbinate was in bitter opposition to it. His appearance at the Pittsburgh convention of the Zionist Organization of America last Summer was a notable event, in view of the attitude he took at a juncture when the convention was torn by bitter controversy in the fight of the opposition group against the administration headed by Louis Lipsky. By his calming influence during an acrimonious debate, Rabbi Heller, who was one of the chairmen of the convention, contributed largely toward steering the assembly into more peaceful waters.

Born in Prague, Bohemia, January 31, 1860, the son of Simon and Matilda (Kassowitz) Heller, Maximilian Heller came to America at an early age. He was educated at McMicken University and at the Hebrew Union College. In 1889 he married Ida Annie Marks.

Since 1887 Dr. Heller was rabbi of Sinai Temple, New Orleans. He was professor of Hebrew and Hebrew literature at Tulane University since 1912.

Rabbi Heller was active in many organizations, was honorary vice-president of the Jewish Publication Society of America, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1909-1911, a member of the Hebrew Union College Alumni Association, the American Oriental Society, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

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PURIM PLAY LEADS TO ANTI-SEMITIC DISTURBANCE IN POLISH VILLAGE

Police and Clergy Act to Calm Population

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Mar. 30.—The police and clergy acted in unison to stop as well as prevent further disturbances of an anti-Jewish nature which occurred on Wednesday, March 27, during Purim celebrations at Bialocow, district of Opoczno.

Several scores of the Jewish residents were reported to have been the victims of attacks which were the result of excitement because of the traditional Jewish Purim plays. Several accounts are current as to their origin and cause.

The "Slowo Radomskie," an oppositional paper, published a sensational account of the event, which led to confiscation of the issue by the authorities, according to the Polish Telegraphic Agency. The paper reported that the disturbances were caused by "a provocative action on the part of the Jewish population."

To the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency the district Chief of Police stated over the long distance telephone that the riots were the result of a skirmish between Purim players and a number of Polish young men in the street. The police intervened immediately and restored order, he stated.

The district chief of police of Opoczno headed a commission which proceeded to Bialocow to investigate the matter. The Catholic authorities instructed the local clergymen to pacify the population, as it was established officially that the events were the result of a planned provocation.

The Ministry of the Interior at Warsaw issued a statement today giving some details of what occurred. According to that statement, the villagers attacked a group of Purim players who carried an effigy of Haman, which they used in the play they presented, going from house to house in the traditional manner. When attacked, the Purim

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LEVINSON, "OUTLAWRY OF WAR" AUTHOR, HONORED

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Chicago, Mar. 31.—Salmon O. Levinson, author of the plan for the "Outlawry of War," who has been suggested for the Nobel Peace Prize, was honored here at a banquet tendered to-night at Congress Hotel by the Chicago Sinai Congregation of which he is a member.

Senator William E. Borah was the principal speaker. His subject was "The importance of the Kellogg Pact to the United States and its effect on European relations. It was Mr. Levinson's plan for the 'Outlawry of War' which formed the basis for the Kellogg Peace Pact.

ZIONIST DEPUTIES PLAN TO HOLD JEWISH CON- GRESS IN ROMANIA

Will Seek to Organize Jewry on
Nationalistic Basis in Opposition
to Union

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, Mar. 30.—An effort to organize Rumanian Jewry on a nationalistic basis is under way, according to an announcement made by the Club of Jewish Deputies in the Rumanian parliament, comprising mainly Deputies elected on the Zionist ticket.

At a mass meeting called in Bucharest under the auspices of the Club, a decision was taken to convoke a Jewish Congress in Old Rumania for the purpose of creating a national Jewish party which would be in opposition to the policy of the Union of Rumanian Jews, a non-Zionist body under the presidency of Dr. William Filderman. The larger aim of this move is said to be the organization of the Jewish communities in Greater Rumania on a national basis. Action to oppose this movement was taken by Dr. William Filderman, who convoked a mass meeting for Saturday night, March 30, at the Czernowitz Jewish National House.

The Jewish deputies simultaneously declared that Rumanian Jewry will soon have the benefit of Jewish schools supported by the state as well as the establishment of a teachers' seminary.

The new citizenship law which will be favorable to the Jewish population will soon be promulgated.

MISSIONARIES TO MAKE PALESTINE FILM

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Mar. 30.—A moving picture of Palestine is to be taken by T. H. Baxter, who produced the films "India Today" and "Africa Today." Mr. Baxter left London for Palestine to superintend the film, which is being made under the auspices of the Missionary Film Committee. He was accompanied by Henry Howse, who was operator in the Shackleton Arctic Expedition, who will act as cinematographer.

"Our aim will not be just to get a traveling picture," Mr. Baxter said to the "Daily Telegraph." "We shall, of course, show the Palestine of today, but when people visit that land, what they are really interested in is the Palestine of the Bible. Our purpose will be to make the Bible real through the existent Palestine. This is still possible, though every year it is becoming less so through the spread of modernity in this petrol age. Even the women who go to the well, as they have done for 3,000 years, now favor the empty petrol tin in preference to the pitcher, though I understand it is being found that the older utensil has certain advantages which are leading to its being again adopted by many."

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DAVID A. BROWN WINNER IN GENERAL MOTORS SUIT

David A. Brown, national chairman of the United Jewish Campaign, was the recipient of congratulations from his friends following announcement of his victory as president of the Absopure Refrigeration Corporation of Detroit in a protracted legal battle with the Frigidaire Corporation, a division of the General Motors Corporation. The suit, which had been initiated by the Frigidaire Corporation against the General Necessities Corporation, involved patent rights in the manufacture of electric refrigerators and was considered as important as the famous Selden suit on the original patent on the automobile which Henry Ford successfully contested several years ago.

When the Frigidaire Corporation initiated its suit three years ago against the General Necessities Corporation, to restrain it from manufacturing Absopure refrigerators, Mr. Brown was in the midst of the United Jewish Campaign. Having pledged himself to conduct the campaign to its close, yet faced by the suit which threatened to annihilate his business, Mr. Brown decided to fight the suit, dividing his time between New York and Detroit. Although the outcome of the Frigidaire suit concerned all other manufacturers of electric refrigerators, Mr. Brown undertook the battle single-handed.

The suit originally begun by General Motors Corporation involved seven of the patents used in the manufacture of electric refrigerators. When the case came to trial before Federal Judge Arthur J. Tuttle, at Bay City, Michigan, all but one of the infringement claims had been voided. In handing down his decision, Judge Tuttle declared the patent void, and dismissed the suit.

MARK 110th ANNIVERSARY OF ISAAC M. WISE

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Cincinnati, O., Mar. 30—The one hundred and tenth anniversary of the birth of Dr. Isaac M. Wise was commemorated today in Hebrew Union College Chapel.

Dr. Wise was born in Steingrub, Bohemia, on March 29, 1819. He died in Cincinnati on March 26, 1900.

His achievements include the organization of Reform Judaism in America, founding in 1875 of the Hebrew Union College, and establishment in 1854 of "The Israelite," which later became "The American Israelite." To him is attributed in large part the birth of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in 1873 and the Central Conference of American Rabbis in 1889.

From 1846 until 1854, he served as Rabbi in Albany, N. Y. From 1854 until his death he was spiritual leader of Congregation B'nai Yeshurun at Cincinnati.

He was a prolific author and published "The Deborah," a German weekly established by him in 1855, as well as "The Israelite."

Rabbi Abram Hirschberg, of Temple Shalom, Chicago, Ill., spoke. Dr. Louis Morgenstern, president of the College, presided.

APPROVE MONUMENT TO HAYM SALOMON

Approval of the statue to be erected to Haym Salomon was given by the Municipal Art Commission, and the monument will be erected in the triangle at 60th Street west of Broadway, New York, according to an announcement made by Benjamin Winter, president of the Federation of Polish Jews, which is sponsoring the memorial to the financier who supplied funds to the colonies in the American Revolution.

More than a year ago the Municipal Art Commission disapproved the erection of a statue with the suggestion that the historical facts about him were insufficient to give him such an important site as Madison Square Park. Later the commission was faced with records of 1865 telling of his services to the cause of the American Revolution.

The memorial will have for its main figure a heroic-size statue of Haym Salomon. Stanwood S. Menken, a descendant of Salomon, will assist in the work.

\$150,000 BEQUEST TO SHANGHAI JEWISH SCHOOL

(U. T. A. Mail Service)

Shanghai, Mar. 9—The treasurer of the Shanghai Jewish School was the recipient today of a bequest of \$150,000 left by the late Isaac S. Perry.

In his will the late Mr. Perry provided that the school was to receive the gift if the Shanghai Jewish community raised an equal amount for the building fund. The local Jewish community succeeded in exceeding the amount stipulated and the bequest was turned over to the Jewish school.

EPSTEIN ART COLLECTION LOANED TO ART MUSEUM

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Baltimore, Md., Mar. 30—A fortune in canvas and oil paints, representing the work of the great masters of the art world, has been loaned by Jacob Epstein to the new Municipal Museum of Art to be shown at the museum's formal opening on April 18.

They were secretly removed Thursday night from the Eutaw place mansion of Jacob Epstein, Baltimore art collector, and are now in the custody of Blanchard Randall, president of the board of trustees of the museum.

A special guard has been placed over the Epstein collection. This group, it was stated, represents one of the finest small collections of old masters in America. Nothing like it has been shown art-lovers in Baltimore before, it is said.

It has just been disclosed that Jacob Epstein is the owner of the famous painting, "Portrait of a Nobleman," by Justus Sustermans.

The whereabouts of the painting, said to represent Cardinal Gian Carlo de Medici, had been unknown since its sale in London last September, an event which aroused the British public over the sale and exportation of English-owned art treasures.

The painting was bought by a British art firm and transferred to Mr. Epstein, whose name did not appear in the transaction.

That the painting was in the Epstein collection became known when a notice was issued detailing the art works loaned the Municipal Museum of Art of Baltimore by Mr. Epstein.

DR. HOLMES STARTS LECTURE SERIES ON ZIONISM

The first of a series of three lectures on Zionism will be given by the Rev. John Haynes Holmes at the New York Community Church, on Wednesday, April 3. Dr. Stephen S. Wise will preside.

Dr. Holmes returned recently from Palestine, which he visited as the representative of Nathan Straus to study Zionist work. The first lecture will be on the subject, "The Task—and the Problems That Will Not Down." The other lectures will be given on April 10 and 17.

A new painting of Nathan Straus was acquired by the national board of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization, and will be sent to Palestine to be placed in the Straus Health Center being built in Tel Aviv.

The portrait, by Edward Salzman of New York, is bust size and gives a full face view of the subject. This is the second likeness of Mr. Straus which Hadassah has sent to Palestine, the first, a bas-relief of Mr. Straus in bronze, to be placed in the Nathan and Lina Straus Health Center in Jerusalem, which will be dedicated during Passover.

Both centers will contain pasteurization laboratories, and a number of other departments for preventive care and health education. They are being built at a cost of \$200,000 and will be under the direction of the Hadassah.

CATHOLICS IN PALESTINE PRESS APPOINTMENT OF HOLY SITES COMMISSION **Latin Patriarch Claims Sites Despoiled Under British Administration** (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Mass. 30.—Political action on which may become a matter of wide international interest, leading to many complications, was forecast in a statement issued several days ago by the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem.

The Patriarch, in commenting upon a survey made under his auspices concerning the status of the Christian holy sites in Palestine, expressed the hope that the League of Nations will soon proceed to appoint its commission on the Holy Sites in Palestine as is provided in the Palestine Mandate.

The appointment of the Commission, long delayed, is now being pressed for because it will be the only authority which can examine the documents now in possession of the Palestine Catholics claiming to show that "many important Catholic Sites have been despoiled by the Protestants." The status quo of the Christian Holy Places in Palestine has been infringed in sixteen cases in the course of the last ten years, since Palestine came under the British administration, the Patriarch's statement declares.

The infringement of the status quo in all these cases is laid at the doors of the Eastern Christians and the Moslems. The Patriarch expressed his expectation that the League of Nations Holy Sites Commission will be called into action to "restore the Holy Sites to their rightful owner."

WILSON'S DAUGHTER OPENS HADASSAH BAZAAR

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Boston, Mass., March 30.—Mrs. Francis B. Sayre, daughter of the late President Woodrow Wilson, in opening the Oriental bazaar sponsored by the Boston Chapter of Hadassah and Junior Hadassah at the Statler Hotel, lauded the Zionist spirit and expressed sympathy with the work in Palestine, which she declared is of great significance to the world. She was introduced by Mrs. David A. Lourie, president. Mrs. A. W. Burmon paid tribute to the late President Wilson for his interest and approval of Zionist aims.

The ball room of the Hotel Statler was converted into a Palestine market scene. The carnival attracted thousands of men and women and the proceeds from the events, culminating in a formal ball, is expected to reach \$25,000. The proceeds will go for the United Palestine Appeal and to the Boston Junior Hadassah quota for Meir Shifey and the Nurses' Training School in Palestine.

JULIUS ROSENWALD GIVES \$25,000 TO KOBE COLLEGE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Chicago, March 30.—A gift of \$25,000 to the Kobe College in Japan was made here. Julius Rosenwald, it was learned here. A fund of \$1,000,000 is being raised for the college.

ROUMANIA PLEDGES SPEEDY PUNISHMENT OF GUILTY IN BRICENI EXCESSES **Officials Responsible to be Removed from Office; Order to be Preserved** (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, March 30.—Representations to the Roumanian government to take stricter measures for the prevention of occasional anti-Semitic excesses, with particular reference to the recent events in Briceni, were made by Deputy Meyer Ebner of Czernowitz, who called on the Minister of the Interior, Vajda-Vojvod.

The Minister promised to take immediate measures to call to account all those guilty in the disturbances and to cause the removal from office of the officials who were negligent in their duties. Generally, the government is endeavoring, with a great deal of success, to preserve order, the Minister stated.

Simultaneously the "Adeverul," Roumanian Jewish paper, states today that the Minister of the Interior is already in receipt of a detailed account of the Briceni events. This account confirms the previous reports of the barbaric character of the outrages, the paper states, and asks why the government has taken no measures as yet by exemplary punishments.

ORPHANAGE GETS ADDITIONAL \$1,200,000 UNDER FOGEL WILL

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

San Francisco, Cal., March 30.—An additional bequest of \$1,200,000 to the Pacific Hebrew Orphan Asylum, from the will of the late Rube E. Fogel, millionaire New York jeweler, will be put into the endowment fund of that institution, according to the announcement today of Dr. Samuel Langer, head of the asylum.

The bequest from the Fogel estate had already given \$1,745,256 to the orphanage. The latest bequest, which stipulated the establishment of an institution for orphans and aged who had come to this country from Great Britain, was termed ambiguous by the trustee, who asked for an interpretation. Surrogate Judge John P. O'Brien in New York, ruled that the money belonged to the San Francisco institution by virtue of its standing as an residuary legatee.

Dr. Langer declared that there would be no changes, but that the additional money would relieve the Community Chest by cutting down the amount allotted to the orphanage.

Fogel in his youth lived at the asylum for five years.

JEWISH CENTERS PREPARE PASSOVER CELEBRATIONS

The Seder service will form the central feature of the public celebrations to be arranged by Y. M. H. A.'s, Y. W. H. A.'s, and Jewish Community Centers in observance of the Passover festival, from Wednesday evening, April 24th, to Thursday, May 2nd, the Jewish Welfare Board, with which the Y's and centers are affiliated, announced. Programs have been arranged by the Jewish Welfare Board.

OPPOSES PROPOSED ABOLITION OF BOSTON SCHOOL COMMISSION **Representative Fox Charges Discrimi- nation by Political Leaders** (Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Boston, Mass., March 30.—Isidore H. Fox of Dorchester, representing a large Jewish constituency in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, speaking before the legislative Committee on Cities, who are considering a bill to abolish the special school house commission, declared that race prejudice and the desire on the part of the Boston School Committee to "pay political obligations," was the reason why the school committee desires to abolish the commission. He charged that most of the appointments made by the committee were men of Celtic origin. He read a list of appointments recently made.

Representative Fox criticized the Boston school committee for failure to appoint a Jewish attendance officer, in spite of the fact that a Jewish woman passed the civil service examination and proved her ability in every other way.

Mr. Fox accused the Boston committee, chosen by popular vote, of "manipulating their vote in such a way as to avoid appointment of a person of the Jewish race to such a position." He further declared that they could have appointed a person who speaks Yiddish and who was first on the list certified by the civil service commission. He launched an attack on the school board and stated that he represented a district "which has been unfairly treated."

The failure of the Boston school committee to appoint a Jewish attendance officer has long been the subject of agitation here. The "Jewish Advocate" recently attacked the Boston School Committee for ignoring the wishes of the Jewish community. Mr. Jennie Loitman Barron is the only Jewish member of the School Committee. Among those who listened to the attack made by Fox was President A. Lawrence Lowell of Harvard, who was an interested spectator at the hearing. Boston labor organizations were among those recorded in opposition to the school house bill.

HIAS GRANTS \$6,000 FOR CANADA IMMIGRANT AID

The Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society, through the Hicem, Hias, Inc., and Engidirect, has appropriated \$6,000 for the year 1929 for Jewish immigrant aid in Canada, the New York office announced. The request came from the Canadian Jewish Immigrant Aid Society which has now become affiliated with the international organization, Hicem.

A group of six Chaltutzim, Palestine pioneers, in Poland who graduated from the agricultural classes conducted by Hias for immigrants, have left for Palestine. Arrangements for passports and visas were made by the Hias office in Warsaw for the group.

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He was editor of the "Jewish Ledger," New Orleans, from 1896-1897 and at one time of the B'nai B'rith Magazine. He was a contributor to the "American Israelite" and many journals on religious subjects.

The receipt of the news of Dr. Heller's death caused grief in many circles in New York. Leaders in the pulpit and public life, in statements to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, eulogized the late Dr. Heller.

Louis Marshall, president of the American Jewish Committee — "The death of Dr. Max Heller is a great loss to world Jewry. During his long and active career in the pulpit and in public life he represented the finest ideals and influenced religious thought through his cultivated intelligence, his uniform toleration for the views of others and by his steadfast adherence to the fundamental principles of morals and ethics. As a writer he wielded a facile pen and wrote in a simple, vigorous and virile style, but what he said was illumined by scholarly thought, good taste and sound sense. His interest in everything that pertained to the advancement of the Jewish people was deep and sincere. He was one of the early followers of Dr. Herzl and his presence at the Non-Zionist Conference which was held here in October last was merely an illustration of his devotion to the cause of rebuilding Palestine. However men may have differed with him at times, they never failed to respect him for his intellectual honesty and his sterling and genuine manhood."

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Rabbi, Free Synagogue, New York: "It is too soon to do more than pay the briefest tribute to Max Heller. We were close friends for many years and long associated in many forms of service. I can do no more than say of Max Heller at this time that he was one of the finest leaders that American Israel has produced. He never permitted himself to become a mere sectarian in American Israel. He was truly a leader of catholic Israel. His were understanding and courage and sympathy and he was one of the earliest to avow himself a Zionist."

"He played a great part in the life of his community in New Orleans and indeed throughout the West, and in our nightly struggle for the decades of life he stood intrepidly by the side of Chief Justice White. His life was a benediction to American Israel and the loving sympathy of all American Jews will go out to his wife and children and most especially to his son, Rabbi James Heller, a worthy follower and disciple of a noble father and a great master in Israel."

Louis Lipsky, President of the Zionist Organization of America: "The whole Zionist world will be greatly shocked to learn of the death of Dr. Max Heller. He was a grand old man. From the earliest days of the Zionist movement in America Dr. Heller gave

of his service generously to the Zionist propaganda. He was among the first of the Reform rabbis to espouse the cause of Zionist idealism. It took a great deal of courage on his part to stand out in his community as an exponent of nationalist ideas. It took a great deal more courage for him to stand among his Reform colleagues and advocate Zionism in the face of what seemed to be almost unanimous opposition. He not only spoke about Zionism but his writing helped to build up a Zionist literature in America of considerable value.

"He was a scholar of unusual attainment. He had a style in his writing which was characteristic of the man. But not only as a scholar did he serve Zionism. He mingled freely with the democratic constituency of the Zionist Organization and at the many Zionist conventions he attended he stood out as a man of great human sympathy, understanding and appreciation. His influence in our conventions was the influence of a great soul. His word came always in support of fairness, appreciation of cultural values and of the deeper understanding of the currents in Jewish national life. He was a standard and rallying center for all those who appreciated genuine Zionist principles.

"His death will be mourned by thousands who knew him and by the tens of thousands who knew of his personality and of his service."

Rabbi Maurice H. Harris of Temple Israel, New York, lifelong friend of Dr. Heller: "Dr. Max Heller exemplified in himself all the best characteristics of modern Israel. He loved the old but was classic in our tradition, and was a brave leader of the new. His sympathies were with the Zionists and his conviction with the Reformer. He had the courage of his convictions. Often his fidelity stood in the way of his material success. But we loved him for the enemies he made. His memory will long be enshrined in the honored annals of Israel."

Praises J. D. C. Aid to Famine Victims (Communication to the Editor)

Sir: I have read with a great deal of interest today's "Bulletin," regarding the \$110,000 of emergency relief fund, that has already been placed at the disposal of the Committee to the population of Bessarabia, Lithuania and part of Poland.

I also note the statement in your report that from California, there was sent some \$2,850. In fairness to the Roumanian-Bessarabian Relief Committee, permit me to advise you that they have already sent the sum of \$6,000, or the population of Bessarabia, Lithuania and part of Poland.

Sums are now being collected, and forwarded direct. The joint distribution committee is certainly deserving of a vote of thanks for its wonderful work and immediate relief they are President, United Roumanian Jews of America, affording our people there.

BEAUGELSTEIN,
New York, March 29, 1929.

An appeal for funds for the New York Guild for the Jewish Blind was made by I. Montefiore Levy, Chairman of Finance of the New York Guild for the Jewish Blind. A fire destroyed the nurses' residence of the New York Guild for the Jewish Blind. Requiring \$100,000 for the new building, the committee, seeking to raise the amount without a campaign.

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players fled, leaving the effigy in the street. Unknown provokers picked up the effigy and nailed it to a piece of wood arranged to look like a cross, thus creating the impression that the Purim players profaned the symbol of the founder of Christianity. When this false rumor was spread, the population was aroused and the attack on Jewish homes ensued.

Windows in seventeen Jewish homes were smashed. No casualties were reported, according to the Ministry.

Blames Zionists for Union Convention's Silence on Agency (Communication to the Editor)

Sir: One of the hosts to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in whose Temple the sessions of the recent Convention were held, I hesitated to comment upon Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan's criticism of the Convention's silence on the Jewish Agency. But the situation is so fraught with lessons for the service that cannot again be mastered in silence.

Rabbi Kaplan does not go far enough in his criticisms. The Convention should, and perhaps would, have taken action against the policy toward the Agency, but whatever was said openly and in private by a voice prominent Reform lay leaders was, as usual, sharply anti-Zionist. For the silence of the Convention is constant. Have themselves to blame.

I did not conceive it to be in place for myself as a host to foster or promote a policy or any resolution in 1925 I led the fight at Cincinnati on behalf of the Palestine clause in the Philadelphia Joint Distribution Committee resolution, and was defeated by a vote of 36 to 24. The silence of the Convention in unremittently vigorous Zionist education among the Reform group and have preached undiluted Zionism in my own pulpit with no restrictions within or without. The Jewish National Welfare Fund of San Francisco is another indication that financial support can be gained for Zionism without destruction of its program or its self-respect.

But the action of the Z. O. A. within the last few years has driven out of active service those Reform Rabbis who have been militant and unflinching in their preaching of Zionism and who have won victories for the cause among its opponents. Moreover, the "hush-hush" mood which has nullified movements of organization, education and resolution among the non-Zionists. The Administration Reform Rabbis are constantly self-demeaning. They believe in pianissimo tactics. The self-silencing of the legitimist Reform Zionists and the dilatory attitude of the lay leaders have the dilatory outcome in the omission of the San Francisco Convention to take cognizance of the Agency.

One of the Reform laymen said to a gathering of friends: "That Rabbi will go far if he does not keep his eyes too much on Palestine. What hope is there for the Jewish Agency if men who speak in these terms control the field? Rabbi Kaplan may well ask: 'Will Reform Jews keep their promises?' The fulfillment is: 'Only if Zionists are given the word.' But the Z. O. A. has deliberately weakened itself by expelling many of its best spokesmen. As an organization it has failed. Life membership is asked once more to contribute to the Organization deficit. Only complete overthrowing of the Z. O. A. and the Z. O. A. is the work of Herzl and Brandeis. This is the supreme lesson of the San Francisco episode.

RABBI LOUIS I. NEWMAN.
San Francisco, March 18, 1929.

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