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Orthodox Rabbis of Poland Oppose Government's Plan of Jewish Religious Council

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Warsaw, Feb. 4.—The conference of Polish orthodox rabbis discussed yesterday the plans of the Polish government, first, the demand that all rabbis should know Polish, and second, the plan to organize an all-Polish Jewish religious council, which should be the final authority in all Jewish religious matters. The famous rabbi, "Chofetz Chaim," presided.

All the rabbis spoke against both proposals. They claimed that the requirement that all rabbis know Polish would, if carried out, be a death blow for hundreds of rabbis, especially on the Polish border-districts, and would have fatal consequences for the religious life of the Jewish masses, since they would remain without leaders. The only task of rabbis, they declared, is to be religious, not worldly, leaders.

As to a Jewish religious council clothed with authority, the rabbis declared that the only authority in these matters is the Torah and that rabbis who are supposed to uphold the Torah cannot be influenced by external forces, which would be unavoidable were a religious council established. For this reason, too, they oppose the plan of the government to establish a seminary for rabbis and "melamdim" (Hebrew teachers).

The conference of rabbis decided to appeal to the Polish government to ameliorate the recently-adopted Sunday closing law for Jewish Sabbath observers by allowing the latter to engage in trade on Sunday for several hours. Otherwise, they declare, the Sunday closing law may have dire consequences for the economic situation of the Jewish masses and their religious life.

Boycott Agitators Put Up Security and Go Free

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Feb. 4.—Sheik Mouzza Far and other boycott agitators who have been detained in the prison at Acre were released today after the sums required as a guarantee for their good behavior were deposited. The Jaffa Moslem-Christian Association is tendering a reception to them.

Arab Executive Demands

Action on Land Question

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Feb. 4.—The Arab Executive here has presented a memorandum to the Palestine administration, demanding action to prevent the transference of land from Arabs to Jews and also the prohibition of corn and oil imports.

35,000 Answer General Strike Call in New York City's Dressmaking Industry

The general strike call in the dressmaking industry was answered yesterday morning by 25,000 of the 35,000 people employed and the other 10,000 are expected to quit in a day or two. The tie-up in the industry, which does an annual business estimated at over \$350,000,000, was issued by Benjamin Schlesinger, president, International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

Promptly at 10 o'clock, the city's garment center was crowded with strikers reading the manifestoes that had been handed to them.

Vehicular and pedestrian traffic was blocked as girls with red sashes over their shoulders bearing the slogan "Dressmakers' General Strike! Today at 10 o'clock," stood on the corners, passing out the manifestoes. More than two-thirds of the strikers who answered the call are women. A strong detail of police stood by with nothing to do as the dressmakers left the shops and went to a meeting hall to receive instructions for mass picketing.

The strike is aimed at the Wholesale Dress Manufacturing Association, the Association of Dress Manufacturers and the Affiliated Dress Manufacturers. The union demands a \$5 weekly salary increase, ten per cent increase in the minimum basis rate for piece workers, elimination of the sweatshops, confinement of outside production to

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South African Jewry Protests New Immigration Quota Bill

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Capetown, Feb. 4.—South African Jewry is agitated over the immigration quota bill introduced into the South African parliament by Dr. Daniel Malan, minister of the interior. By the terms of the bill no more than 50 immigrants would be admitted each year from any country not in the British Commonwealth or included among twelve so-called Nordic countries of Europe and the United States.

Mass meetings are being held throughout South Africa protesting Col. Josiah Wedgwood, now visiting here, has urged the Jews to fight the bill. From Bethal, a large Jewish farming community, has come a wire to the premier appealing to him to disapprove this racial measure against the Jews and implied aspersions on their loyalty and good citizenship. A similar appeal has been sent to Minister of Justice Pirow, who voluntarily praised the immigrants during the recent elections. The "Capetown Times" is unsympathetic to the bill while the "Argus" is non-committal.

Judge Rules for Jewish Colonial Trust in South African Estate Dispute

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Capetown, Feb. 4.—Supreme Court Justice Tatham of South Africa today rendered a judgment in favor of the Jewish Colonial Trust in the dispute between the Jewish Colonization Association and the Trust over the interpretation of the will of Albert Solomon Nathan of Pietermaritzburg, who left \$1,650,000 to be given 50 years after his death to the "Jewish Colonization Trust" for the purpose of creating funds named after him for the restoration of the Jews in Palestine. As the result of the name "Jewish Colonization Trust," which is a non-existent organization, the Jewish Colonial Trust and the Jewish Colonization Association both claimed the estate. Judge Tatham ruled that the use of the word "colonization" instead of "colonial" was due to some unascertained error and that Mr. Nathan had intended the Jewish Colonial Trust to be his heir.

Roumanian Cabinet Considering Steps to Suppress Cuzists

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, Feb. 4.—A special conference of the Roumanian cabinet is now considering taking steps to suppress the dangerous anti-Semitic propaganda in Roumania, especially the propaganda now being carried on by the Cuzists in the villages, in which they are promising the peasants to confiscate and divide among them Jewish property, should they come into power.

This propaganda is harming the prestige of the government party among the masses, and the Ministerial Council has therefore decided to take drastic steps against this Cuzist propaganda. It has given orders to the gendarmerie as well as the police in all districts to suppress this subversive extremist propaganda, anti-Semitic as well as communist, since it serves to undermine the existence of the present Roumanian government.

Austrian Press Praises Alfred Adler on Sixtieth Birthday

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, Feb. 4.—The Austrian press devotes many long articles to paying tribute to Dr. Alfred Adler, the world-famous psychiatrist, on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday. The papers emphasize his personality, his teaching and his devotion to Socialism. At a festive meeting of the Society of Individual Psychology it was decided to cable congratulations to Dr. Adler, who is now in New York.

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Einstein Forest To Be Opened on February 13th

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Jerusalem, Feb. 4.—The inauguration of the Einstein Forest at Dilb is planned by the Jewish National Fund to take place on Hamisha'asaf Be'shavt, February 12. The initial extent of the wood will be 10,000 trees. The German consul here will be among those to plant one of the first trees.

Jewish Lad Tortured by Communists at Sakhalin

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Feb. 4.—Anti-Semitism, which lately has been felt rather strongly among Soviet workers, has even reached the distant island of Sakhalin where the Jews now living there have come from Bira Bidjan. The "Zvezda," a paper in Minsk, describes the torturing of the 20-year old Jewish boy, David Shuster, by a number of workers in Sakhalin.

According to the "Zvezda" the torture, reminiscent of the inquisition, included tearing out of handfuls of hair, driving nails into his head and pouring water on the boy until he became mad. The local Communists are reported to have been aware of what was going on but nevertheless did nothing.

The incident was called to the attention of a special representative of the Communist Party from Chaborovsk, who ended the inquisition and had the guilty workers hauled into court.

Religious Good-Will Parley at Alabama U.

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Selma, Ala., Feb. 4.—The University of Alabama has arranged for a series of conferences on Jewish-Catholic-Protestant relations to be held on the campus, February 7 and 8. This conference is under the auspices of the Federal Council of Churches, under the direction of the Rev. Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, who will be present to participate.

Minister of Education in Hungary Will Refuse to Permit Numerus Clausus

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Budapest, Feb. 4.—While Hungarian Jewry as a whole is welcoming the participation of Count Kuno Klebelsberg, Hungarian Minister of Education, in the festive session of the kehillah on the occasion of the 50th birthday of the "Egyenloeszeg," organ of Hungarian Jewry, as the first official expression of the government's attitude towards the Jewish community, some Jewish radicals are of the opinion that the main object of the government's friendliness is to counteract the statements being made by Count Michael Karolyi in the United States, where the first president of the Hungarian Republic has been attacking the Bethlen regime.

Whatever the reasons may be for the government's action the immediate result is that Count Klebelsberg has definitely declined to permit numerus clausus in the universities and has promised to do all he can to reestablish a national religious united front.

Government Approves Rules for Assefat Hanivcharim Election

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Feb. 4.—The Palestine government has approved the regulations for the elections to the Assefat Hanivcharim, assembly of representative delegates, the body that elects the Vaad Leumi, or Jewish National Council. Every member of the Keneseth Israel, Jewish communities, who is twenty years of age or over, is entitled to a vote and every member of the Keneseth Israel 25 years or over may be chosen a deputy even if he is not yet a Palestinian citizen.

By the terms of the regulations the elections must be held within half a year after the government has approved them.

Institute To Be Named for Dr. Aaron Mazia

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Feb. 4.—In memory of the late Dr. Aaron Mazia, who for many years prior to his death was engaged on a dictionary of Hebrew medical terms, the new Institute of Hebrew Lexicography which is to be opened shortly will be named for him. Dr. Mazia's family has assigned three rooms in his house to the Institute and has also given his precious library.

Cairo Police Confiscate 500 Arab Propaganda Brochures

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Cairo, Feb. 4.—The Cairo police yesterday confiscated five hundred Arabic brochures which contained material inciting the public against the Jews. The confiscation was ordered by the minister of the interior in conformity with a promise to Rabbi Nahum Efendi last week that the government would take action against the inflammatory propaganda of the Arabs.

Christian-Jewish Good Will Movement Takes Firm Root in El Paso Denominations

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

El Paso, Feb. 4.—Plans for a permanent council of Jews and Christians in El Paso were formed here yesterday at the conclusion of meetings called by an executive secretary of the Federal Council of Churches. Six Christian denominations and the Reform temple participated in the meetings and the local Roman Catholic bishop is to be invited to the next meeting.

When Rabbi Samuel Goldenson of Pittsburgh addressed the union service here last Thanksgiving Day, Reverend Tucker, a prominent Southern Methodist, led a revolt and refused to sit on the platform as other Christian ministers did. On another occasion, Dr. Tucker has also denounced the local rabbi in pulpit and press.

Yesterday through a personal invitation of the Federal Council of Churches, Dr. Tucker met the El Paso rabbi face to face for the first time. After a discussion it was Dr. Tucker who moved that regular meetings to be held at which Christians and Jews can learn more about each other.

During the last two months, cities in Missouri, Colorado, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona and Texas have initiated permanent local councils to cultivate understanding and better relationships between Christian and Jews. These councils will be linked with similar groups in the East through the National Conference of Jews and Christians in New York.

Heads San Francisco Y. M. H. A. for Third Time

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

San Francisco, Feb. 4.—For the third consecutive term, Lloyd W. Dinkelspiel, prominent local attorney, was elected president of the Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association at their annual meeting held recently. Mrs. Marcus Koshland and Robert Levison were re-elected vice-presidents. All of the officers pledged their support to the proposed Jewish Community Chest for which a city-wide financial drive is to be launched shortly.

Trial of Arabs Charged with Attacking Orphanage Continues

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Feb. 4.—The trial of the seven Safed Arabs who attacked and burned the Jewish orphanage during the riots and injured nine orphans and two others, is continuing at Haifa. Dr. Jacob Epstein, a Hadassah physician, a Jewish constable, and Captain Faraday are among the witnesses for the prosecution but the chief accusers are the orphans themselves who, recognizing their assailants, testified how the pogromists shouted "slaughter the Jews." One of the orphans, Isaac Toister, fourteen, turned completely grey.

Rabbi Checks Effort of Passion Play to Invade Louisville Public Schools

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Louisville, Feb. 4.—An effort on the part of the promoters of the Freiburg Passion Play to invade the public schools of Louisville was checked by Rabbi Solomon N. Bazell of Temple B'rith Shalom, this city. The performance is being given locally for a week beginning Saturday of last week, under the auspices of the Jefferson Post of the American Legion.

Miss Nash, advance agent of the promoters, had been granted permission by L. R. Gregory, Superintendent of Public Schools, to visit the schools throughout the city to distribute literature, and to ascertain definitely the number of tickets that could be sold to the school children for the special performances that would be given for them Tuesday and Thursday.

Mr. Gregory had sent a bulletin to the principals of the schools on January 29, soliciting their cooperation with Miss Nash.

Rabbi Bazell, together with Charles Strull, a lay leader, met with Mr. Gregory to lay before him the injustice that would be done to the Jewish children of the schools should the permission not be cancelled. In justice to Mr. Gregory, it must be said that the permission was granted without his realizing the resulting discontent or the objections that could be raised. When it was pointed out to him that the Public Schools should not serve as an avenue of approach to the promotion of a sectarian and sacred performance and that the Passion Play is more sectarian than artistic, Mr. Gregory at once communicated with Miss Nash as well as with the principals to cancel the permit granted the previous day.

Zionism Is Destroying Jewish Internationalism, Says Karolyi

The Zionist movement is "destroying the internationalism of the Jews, which is one of their finest heritages," declared Count Michael Karolyi, Hungarian Socialist leader, in an address on Monday night before a thousand people at the Brooklyn Jewish Center Forum. Characterizing the Zionist movement as "reactionary and destructive," the Count said:

"The Jews should play their historic role of building up a better world; they should bend their efforts toward the rehabilitation of Europe instead of secluding themselves among half-civilized Arabs and nursing a petty nationalism."

Count Karolyi also accused the Jews of Hungary of chauvinism. "They want to be more Magyar than the Magyars themselves. They are guilty of falling in line with the most nationalistic elements of Hungary. The Hungarian press, largely controlled by Jews, condones and insists upon the chauvinistic patriotism which is rampant in Europe," he declared.

Citing Zionism's Failure Since 1921, de Haas Calls for Z. O. A. Administration to Quit and Special Convention to Name Body to Conduct U. S. Zionist Work; Says Agency Must Be Changed

Calling upon all the present officials of the Zionist Organization of America to resign and suggesting that a directorate of "three, five, seven or nine men" be elected at a special convention to conduct Zionist work in this country, Jacob de Haas, in a long article in Tuesday's "Day" cites what he regards as the failures of Zionism since 1921 under its present leadership. Mr. de Haas believes that if within fifteen years there will not be a half million Jews in Palestine, then "Palestine will neither be a Jewish Homeland nor a culture center."

Some of the salient points of Mr. de Haas's article are:

"The first stage of the remedy (for Zionism) is the resignation from all offices in the Z.O.A., the W.Z.O., the J. A. and all affiliations of the present Z.O.A. incumbents, so as to permit a thorough reorganization from top to bottom without any strings, pledges, etc., as to individuals. The theory that the leadership must know who is to succeed it is not sound politically.

"Because the routine of organization calls for it, because the new incumbents must have an understanding with their constituency, because the future policy must be clearly defined, it seems necessary to make the change at a special convention. Because re-organization and the fitness of men and their solicitation to serve is not a 'press-the-button' operation, I believe the transfer should be made by putting the administration temporarily in commission. Three, five, seven or nine men, without group responsibilities should, as soon as possible, submit not only a detailed plan of technical reorganization, but of permanent personnel. Moreover, I believe this placing the administration temporarily in commission will be the first step in a much needed change in American Zionism. Since 1921 it has wholly stressed personalities, personal, individual leadership, so that practically the organization has ceased to exist; nothing but over-advised individuals remain.

"I am perfectly well aware that to many the question of resignations is the hub of the question. In the first place the broad sweep of my suggestion does not imply that all are equally sinners, but it does mean that whoever assumes the responsibility of nominating the new cabinet is not compelled to adjust himself in advance to fixed factors. I know equally well that some individuals will respond to this plan by a challenge: 'Come to a convention and we will wipe you out.' My answer is that I realize that the machine still exists, and that what is necessary can only be done by the action of Zionists and not by a contest. Men who are to be drafted in a serious situation cannot at the same time be invited to enter an election fight.

"My criticism of the Z.O.A., following in this the W.Z.O., is that it has

been planless, that it has never measured its objective, that it has lived and lives by extemporizing. My criticism of the Jewish Agency plan was that it too was basically planless, that it had no blue-printed objective. That criticism published in June, 1928, is fully justified by events in January, 1930.

It is neither in bitterness nor in arrogance that I call attention to this. I say to all fellow-Zionists everywhere, reject or accept my plan, until you face the realities of the Palestine problem you will go one step forward and two backward.

"The Jewish Agency will have to be changed radically. The representatives of the Z.O.A. will have to press upon it some such policy as I outlined. The Agency needs the Z.O., for it has no means of permeating Jewish life with its pro-Palestine policy. Its rabbinic supporters will do no more than they did before, stand on guard to protect non-Zionism or anti-Zionism. A real Z.O.A. is necessary to accelerate the tempo of Agency effort until it operates fairly under its own speed.

"The structure of the organization is subordinate to its objective. My objective is the Brandeis formula 'to populate Palestine within a comparatively short time with a preponderant body of manly, self-supporting Jews who will develop into a homogeneous people with high Jewish ideals.' We can define 'comparatively short time' as fifteen years. The Zionist movement must make or break on this reality. Fail to recognize the fact that time is of the essence of the problem and you are lost before you start. With less than half a million Jews in Palestine, the possibility of reasonable individual success is too remote.

"If within fifteen years we do not meet the Arabs on almost equal terms, numerically, Palestine will be neither a Jewish homeland nor a culture center."

Says I. O. B. A. Sectarian Body, Must Not Use School Halls

That the Independent Order of Brith Abraham is "a purely sectarian organization," and as such is not entitled to use public school halls for meetings, is the opinion expressed by Joseph Lewis, head of the Freethinkers of America, in a letter which he has just sent Superintendent William J. O'Shea, in which he protests against allowing a meeting of the order at the Washington Irving High School last Sunday, which was addressed by Lieutenant Governor Herber H. Lehman.

Mr. Lewis also sent a letter to Mr. Lehman, in which he requests the latter, as a high government official, to refuse in the future "to take part in any ceremonies under the auspices of a religious organization using public property in violation of the law."

C. A. Cowen New Director of Bensonhurst Yeshiva

The Yeshiva of Bensonhurst has secured the services of Charles A. Cowen, a noted Jewish leader, as Executive Director, according to an announcement made today by David Freiburger, President of the Yeshiva. Mr. Cowen who has been associated with various Jewish communal affairs during the past twenty-five years, has been a leader in the Zionist movement ever since 1914, when he was a member of the Provisional Zionist Committee with Justice Louis D. Brandeis as chairman. He has also been active in Jewish relief and cultural work.

Mr. Cowen's appointment to the post of Executive Director, according to Mr. Freiburger, marks the adoption of a program of extension of the activities of the Institute. The Yeshiva, of which I. Z. Frisberg is principal, has six hundred pupils.

One of the first activities initiated by Mr. Cowen will be a series of lectures to be held on Friday evenings, at which some of the foremost leaders in American Jewish life will speak. Mr. Cowen announced that the opening lecture of the Forum will be on Friday evening, February 7, with Louis Lipsky, president of the Zionist Organization of America, as the guest speaker, who will talk on "Present Standards of American Life." Other speakers on the program announced by Mr. Cowen are: Maurice Samuel, Dr. Schmarya Levin, Dr. Israel S. Wechsler, and Dr. Stephen S. Wise.

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union contracting shops, creation of impartial machinery to police the industry, establishment of an unemployment fund and extension throughout the industry of the 40-hour five-day week.

The manufacturers have already agreed to all the demands except the insurance, wage increase and the overtime rate that accompany the 40-hour week. With the industry at the height of its season, and the new styles making it difficult to obtain efficient strike-breakers, the manufacturers admit they are in a hole.

Louis L. Schwartz, president of the Affiliated Dress Manufacturers, said that he hoped for a short strike. "There is great confusion in the industry," he said. "It is an unorganized, struggling giant, and a long strike would cripple it severely. We are ready to arbitrate with the union, but we do not feel that we should make any agreement that doesn't take in the countless hundreds of small shops who are not in any of our associations."

Mr. Schlesinger also expressed the belief that the strike would be a short one. "It will be short, I believe," he said, "short and constructive. It will eliminate the sweatshop, and thus be of great benefit to both the worker and the employer."

J. D. B. NEWS LETTER

Maryland's Oldest Jewish Congregation Celebrates Centenary

(By Our Baltimore Correspondent)

Baltimore, Feb. 3.—One hundred years ago the "Nidsche Yisroel," translated "The Scattered of Israel," was organized by a handful of Jews as the first Jewish congregation in the State of Maryland. It was only after considerable contention that Jewish disabilities were removed and they could formally organize their minyan into a congregation and receive a charter from the State.

Under the name of the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, the congregation has just concluded an elaborate three-day celebration of its centenary. Not only rabbis but Christian clergymen aided in making the anniversary a memorable one.

At the Friday evening services the Rev. Dr. William Rosenau, rabbi of the Oheb Shalom Congregation, brought greetings from the Baltimore Jewish community; the Rev. Dr. David Lefkowitz, of Dallas, Texas, brought greetings from the Central Conference of American Rabbis, of which he is president, and the Rev. Dr. Julius Morgenstern, president of the Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, brought greetings from the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

The Rev. Dr. Morris S. Lazaron, rabbi of the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, for fifteen years, delivered his anniversary sermon on "The Old Faith in the New World," in which re-dedication of his people was urged and a review of the history of the congregation given.

The opening prayer was offered by Rabbi Edward L. Israel, of the Har Sinai Congregation, and the closing prayer and benediction by Rabbi Adolph Coblenz, of the Chizuk Amuno Congregation.

Saturday morning the Rev. Dr. Stephen S. Wise, of the Free Synagogue, New York, delivered a sermon at the temple, his subject being "A Century in American Israel: Summary and Forecast."

"We Jews must refuse to be liberalized into Semitic Unitarians and nothing more," Rabbi Wise told his audience packed every available space in the synagogue. The hearers were warned by Rabbi Wise not to become too liberalized—"not to become humanists with a Jewish accent. We are a people yet, though all the world forgets."

A "fellowship service" was held Sunday afternoon at the temple, with six protestant clergymen bringing greetings.

In the morning the religious school held its celebration, with the program including addresses by alumni of the 'youth school, among these being Mrs. Jacob Schoeneman, a pupil of 1870.

Members of the congregation wrote the epic of the evolution of the temple hat was given Sunday evening at the

Anti-Semitic Soldiers in Red Army at Tula To Be Ousted

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Feb. 4.—At a meeting of the entire military garrison at Tula it was decided to boycott all soldiers of the Red Army there who are spreading anti-Semitism. Such soldiers will be expelled from the Red Army and notice of the action will be sent to their homes and orders given to exclude them from the village collectives and the town professional unions.

These strong measures have been adopted in view of the marked growth of anti-Semitism among the soldiers at Tula. It is hoped that the measures taken will prevent a recurrence of the anti-Semitism.

Union Service of Students To Be Held in Boston

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Boston, Feb. 4.—The first union service of Christian and Jewish students ever held in New England will take place next Sunday, February 9th, at 8 P. M. at the Temple Israel. Rabbi Levy will preach and leaders of many Christian denominations will take part in the services. The union services will be given under the auspices of a committee from the student work council, headed by Dr. William E. Gardner of Trinity Episcopal Church, and including Rabbi Schwartz, Miss Tirza A. Dinsdale and the Rev. Andrew Burns Chalmers.

Palestine Citizen in Transjordan Legislature Ordered to Resign

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Feb. 4.—It is reported here that a certain member of the Transjordan legislative council has received a letter from Sir John Chancellor, High Commissioner of Palestine, telling him that he must resign as he is a citizen of Palestine.

Lyric Theatre. In the cast were 225 persons, and seven episodes from Solomon's Temple to the present time were presented. The pageant was followed by a reception and dance at the Alcazar, this bringing the celebration to a close.

While three years after its incorporation there were only 29 families listed in the congregation's membership, today it has 900 families. Those who have acted as rabbi of the synagogue include Dr. Aaron Seigfield Bettelheim and Dr. Adolph Guttmacher, the latter serving for 25 years. While the manner of worship started to become liberal about a half century ago, it was in 1894 that it was decided that the masculine members should give up the ancient orthodox custom of wearing their hats while worshipping. Rabbi Lazaron came to take charge of the congregation in 1915 and since then the membership has increased and its activities greatly broadened.

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