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LOUIS LIPSKY, DEAN OF AMERICAN ZIONIST MOVEMENT, DEAD; FUNERAL FRIDAY

NEW YORK, May 27. (JTA) -- Louis Lipsky, dean of American Zionists, friend and colleague of the late Dr. Chaim Weizmann in the building of the State of Israel, died today at his home here after an illness of two months. He was 86.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at the Riverside Memorial Chapel. Interment will take place at Mount Arrarat Cemetery, in Long Island. The service will be conducted by Rabbis Ira Eisenstein and Joachim Prinz. Moshe Sharett, former Prime Minister and ex-Foreign Minister of Israel, now chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, will deliver the eulogy.

His death ended a career of 60 years as principal Zionist architect, theoretician, orator, leader and writer in the United States. His life and career spanned the entire history of the Zionist movement in America from its beginnings at the turn of the century to the creation of the State of Israel in 1948.

He was American Zionism's helmsman throughout, first as secretary of the Zionist Organization of America, later as president of the ZOA; as a member of the World Zionist Executive committee, and of the executive of the Jewish Agency, serving in London, Jerusalem and New York, and as a speaker and writer. He played a vital role in creating the Zionist movement in America which led to Woodrow Wilson's espousal of a Jewish national homeland, followed by the issuance of the Balfour Declaration.

Organized American Jewish Conference; Served as Co-Chairman

In the stormy years which followed, he organized a powerful movement to support the Palestine Jewish settlement against Arab terror and British violation of the Mandate. World War II saw him in the forefront of the movement to mobilize the entire Jewish community in support of a Jewish State at the war's end through the American Jewish Conference.

He helped to create the American Jewish Conference and served as co-chairman of its interim committee from 1944 to 1949, using its platform to mobilize support for partition of Palestine and, after the United Nations Palestine partition resolution was adopted, to prevent its attrition.

Mr. Lipsky was born in Rochester, New York, November 30, 1876, the son of Jacob and Anna Rose Lipsky. He came to the Zionist movement after a successful career as a writer of short stories, essays, plays, book reviews and drama criticism. From 1910 to 1913, he was on the staff of the New York Morning Telegraph, writing on the theatre, contributing book reviews and drama criticism.

Mr. Lipsky is survived by three sons: David, Eleazer and Joel, and by nine grandchildren. Eleazer Lipsky is president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. Mrs. Louis Lipsky, former Charlotte Schacht, died in 1959.

Was in Forefront of the Anti-Hitler Movement in U. S.

Mr. Lipsky was the editor of the American Hebrew from 1900 to 1914. He resigned that post to become secretary of the Federation of American Zionists. He was the first editor of the first Zionist publication in English, The Maccabean. During his Zionist career he served at various periods as president of the Zionist Organization of America, chairman of the Palestine Foundation Fund, chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, chairman of the American Zionist Conference, chairman of the American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs, vice-president of the American Jewish Congress, and chairman of the Central Committee of the World Jewish Congress.

During the Hitler period he was in the forefront of the anti-Hitler movement, together with the late Dr. Stephen S. Wise, and served as one of the heads of the American Jewish Congress, which he had helped to found.

Committed to the democratic way of life, Mr. Lipsky sought to introduce democratic methods and concepts into the organization of Jewish life in America, and led many of the early battles of the first decades against the concept that devotion to Zionism and the use of the vote in Jewish organizational life involved dual loyalty. He was one of the founders of the World Jewish Congress in 1936.

In 1929, he helped Dr. Weizmann create the enlarged Jewish Agency. In 1930, he became the president of the Eastern Life Insurance Company, a post he held until his

retirement in 1959. He came to know every American President from Theodore Roosevelt to Eisenhower.

Among Mr. Lipsky's published works are: Collected Works, published in 1927; Gallery of Zionist Profiles, published in 1956; and Tales of the Yiddish Rialto, published in 1962.

JEWSH LEADERS, NON-JEWISH PERSONALITIES PAY TRIBUTE TO LIPSKY

NEW YORK, May 27. (JTA) -- Leaders of Jewish organizations, as well as leading non-Jewish personalities, including Mayor Robert F. Wagner of New York, today mourned the death of Louis Lipsky, while messages of condolence were arriving from various Jewish groups throughout the country to central Zionist bodies here.

Mayor Wagner said in his message: "The loss of Louis Lipsky saddened all New York. His dynamic leadership of the Zionist movement will remain as a lasting tribute to his memory."

Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, who is now in New York, said: "Venerable dean of American Zionism, a man of rare nobility of character and political courage, ranking supreme in his intellectual and moral stature--the disappearance of a figure like Louis Lipsky makes one look around to see whether an even remotely approximate succession of that high tradition is in sight."

Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman, in a message from Washington, stated: "The passing of Louis Lipsky is a great loss. His life spanned the decisive struggle for freedom and dignity for the Jewish people. His leadership in that struggle was vital and indispensable. We in Israel are plunged into mourning. Our history will treasure his memory and keep it ever fresh."

Former Senator Herbert H. Lehman made the following statement: "I am saddened to hear of the passing of my old friend, Louis Lipsky. He was one of the earliest and most militant American Zionists, and a dedicated fighter for the Statehood of Israel. His energy and indomitable courage knew no bounds. The Jewish community and Israel owe him a great debt of gratitude. I am confident that he will be long remembered and admired."

Lipsky's Devotion to the Jewish People and Zionism Cited

The American Zionist Council, central Zionist body, of which Mr. Lipsky was honorary chairman and its first chairman after the establishment of Israel, said in a statement issued by Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman, and Rabbi Jerome Unger, executive director: "A gifted writer and a spokesman for American Judaism, Louis Lipsky was its brilliant leader and wise in the fullness of age. His death is mourned by the Jewish people everywhere, even as his life is praised for blessing."

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency, stated: "Zionists of all groups and shades of opinion in America and throughout the world will mourn the death of Louis Lipsky for many years. He was the dean of American Zionism and one of its founding fathers and one of its most distinguished and influential leaders. For long decades, his intellectual force and vivid personality dominated the American Zionist scene, leaving an indelible imprint on the life of the Jewish community. His name will be enshrined in Jewish history as one of the immortals of our movement."

Dr. Max Nussbaum, president of the Zionist Organization of America, said: "Mr. Lipsky was one of the foremost and unique Zionist theoreticians, whose thinking and writings chartered for many years the course of American Zionism and made revolutionary impact on the entire world Zionist movement. His achievements for Zionism and the welfare of the Jewish people for the past seven decades will be written in golden letters across the pages of Jewish history." Mr. Lipsky served as president of the ZOA for 10 years from 1921 to 1930, the longest term occupied by any president of the organization.

Mrs. Siegfried Kramarsky, national president of Hadassah, made the following statement: "As a fearless fighter, thinker and leader, Louis Lipsky wrote a meaningful page in the history of the Jewish people. We shall cherish his memory always. For Louis Lipsky's life will ever serve as an inspiration to us and to generations to come who seek to advance the ideals of creative Jewish living."

United Jewish Appeal Stresses His Counsel and Aid

Joseph Meyerhoff, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, said: "The UJA notes with sorrow the sudden passing of Louis Lipsky. He will be remembered for a lifetime of consecrated service to the Jewish people. We, of the UJA, cherish his past association with us as a national officer, whose counsel and aid were sources of strength as we carried on our tasks."

Rabbi Joachim Prinz, president of the American Jewish Congress, stated: "In common with all of American Jewry, we of the American Jewish Congress feel a keen sense of bereavement in the passing of Louis Lipsky. He was one of the architects of the Congress movement nearly a half century ago, and for many years our organization enjoyed the singular benefit of his inspiring leadership."

Statements stressing Mr. Lipsky's service to the Jewish people and to the Zionist movement were issued also by the Jewish National Fund of America; the national executive committee of the Farband-Labor Zionist Order; the Bnai Zion, fraternal Zionist organization and other groups.

REFORM JEWS DISCUSS NEED FOR CREATING UNIFIED JEWISH COMMUNITY IN U. S.

NEW YORK, May 27. (JTA) -- Lay and rabbinic leaders of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations were today called upon to use their "influence and initiative" in bringing about a unified Jewish community in America as exist in other countries. This plea for action was issued by Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, UAHG president, at the organization's meeting of the board of trustees.

"Jewish life in this country cannot survive the jungle of organizational competition for credit and publicity, the jockeying for power, the babel of voices drowning each other out, and the inexcusable waste of needed resources in arrant duplication of programs. Yet that is, roughly, the situation of American Jewry in 1963," Rabbi Eisendrath said.

"The American Jewish community is a flourishing and, I believe, highly creative community. It is freer, more comfortable, enjoying the most hospitable climate, suffering less hostility and discrimination than any other Jewish community in the history of the Diaspora. It has achieved much and promises more. But, in its inability to achieve co-operation and unity, the American Jewish community betrays a scandalous immaturity and a shameful failure of nerve," he said, continuing:

"I would like to see the forthcoming decade devoted to the objective of bringing about a unified American Jewish community and once again I would like Reform Judaism to take the initiative in this venture." Rabbi Eisendrath specifically urged the lay and rabbinic leaders of the UAHG who are members also of other Jewish organizations to use their influence toward the full unification of American Jewry.

The religious leader hoped that such a unification could be brought about at least in the areas of intergroup relations and civic defense, but "Jewish unity must not be limited to this restricted field. It should, as is the case in Canada, in Great Britain, in France, in South America, in virtually every other land, become all-inclusive," he declared.

TRANSFORMATION OF SYNAGOGUES INTO CULTURAL CENTERS IS URGED

WOCNSOCKET, R.I., May 27. (JTA) -- The Conservative synagogue must transform itself into a cultural center of the highest quality "to meet the challenge of attracting and retaining the interests and loyalty of the new generation of college educated young Jews," 500 leaders of Conservatism in this area were told here last night, at the conclusion of the regional New England convention of the United Synagogue of America. Representatives of 56 congregations in five New England states attended the all-day conclave.

The proposal for the transformation of the Conservative synagogue into the Jewish community's cultural center was made by Rabbi J. Kart, spiritual leader of Temple Beth El, Rochester, N.Y., who was a guest speaker. Pointing out that almost 70 percent of the Jewish boys and girls of college age now attend college, Rabbi Kart said: "The Conservative synagogue must, therefore, speak as did the prophets of old on every vital issue of the day. The Conservative congregations must permit, encourage and challenge their rabbis to become intellectual leaders and creative scholars. Our lay leadership must demonstrate through example that Judaism is not merely a 'grand cause' but a way of life."

The convention adopted resolutions re-enforcing its stand on the principle of separation of Church and State, called for amendments to Sunday blue laws, advocated militant enforcement of civil rights laws, and passed a resolution objecting to the death penalty. Harry Lakin, of Temple Emeth, Brookline, Mass., was elected president. The all-day session was held under the chairmanship of Arthur I. Darman, honorary president of the host congregation, B'nai Israel Synagogue and Community Center here.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN DIASPORA WILL EXIST FOR LONG TIME, SHARETT SAYS

NEW YORK, May 27. (JTA) -- Asserting that the Diaspora will continue to exist for the foreseeable future, Moshe Sharett, former Prime Minister of Israel and now chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel, last night called for a partnership between Israel and the "conscious Jews" in the Diaspora for a more intensive common endeavor to preserve Jewish peoplehood and Jewish culture.

Mr. Sharett spoke at a gathering in the auditorium of the New School for Social Research here, at which he and Prof. Mordecai M. Kaplan, noted American Jewish philosopher, were inducted as honorary members of Farband-Labor Zionist Order. While Israel is already today the potential permanent home not only of its present inhabitants but of all Jews who need and aspire to find their home there, he stated, a realistic approach is required with regard to the continued existence for a long time of Jewish communities elsewhere.

"Even if we were able to maintain a steady stream of 100,000 immigrants a year into Israel," Mr. Sharett said, "it would take at least 100 years to bring the more than 10,000, - 000 Jews of the Diaspora into it--not to mention any natural increase that would occur among them in the meantime. The State of Israel," he went on to say, "is but a means for the preservation of the Jewish people and its culture. 'Conscious Jews' in the Diaspora also seek to preserve the Jewish people. Therefore both have the same purpose and must be partners in a common endeavor."

Prof. Kaplan outlined a six-point program as the "Agenda for American Jewry." Included were support for the State of Israel "as indispensable to the survival of the Jewish people

throughout the world"; the reconstitution of the Jewish people as a world community with the Jewish community in Israel as its hub; the establishment of Kehillot--organic communities--of American Jewry; stressing the primacy of ethical content as "what Jewish religion should mean to the individual Jew in his relation to all people," and ritual practice "as what Jewish religion should mean in his relation to the Jewish people"; living intensively as Jews while at the same time meeting "our wholehearted dedication to our responsibilities as American citizens."

DISPUTE IN 18 NEW YORK JEWISH CENTERS SETTLED; INSTITUTIONS REOPENED

NEW YORK, May 27. (JTA) -- Eighteen YM-YWHA's and Jewish community centers in the greater New York area reopened today after being shut down for more than a week due to a dispute with a labor union representing professional, clerical and maintenance workers.

The dispute was settled in negotiations concluded early this morning by Morris Tarsis, senior mediator of the City Labor Department. The terms include salary increases. The union voted acceptance of the terms.

THREE JEWS WIN FIRST THREE PRIZES AT INTERNATIONAL VIOLIN CONTEST

BRUSSELS, May 27. (JTA) -- Three Jews, two from the Soviet Union and one an American, won the first, second and third prizes here this weekend at the conclusion of the fourth Queen Elizabeth of Belgium international violin contest. In the order of their choice, the top winners were: Alexis Michlin, 24, of Minsk; Semyon Snitkowsky, 29, of Odessa; and Arnold Steinhardt, 26, of Cleveland.

Four Jews, including Josef Zivoni, of Israel, won runner-up prizes ranging from fourth to 12th. The jury of world-famous violinists included two Jews: Yehudi Menuhin, of the United States, and David Oistrakh, of the Soviet Union.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN CENTRAL AMERICA FORM JOINT PERMANENT BODY

BALBOA, Canal Zone, May 27. (JTA) -- Resolutions establishing the Central American Conference of Zionist and Jewish Communal Organizations on a permanent basis were adopted here at the conclusion of a conference of these organizations. The resolutions were hailed by the delegates as a development of great significance to the Jewish communities of this region.

The conference elected Erick Heineman, of Guatemala, as president and Ralph de Lima, of Panama, as vice-president. It also decided to reconvene in May 1964, in Guatemala City. The program laid out in the conference resolutions called for a boost in immigration to Israel and the establishment of boards of education and schools for religious Jewish education in the countries of Central America.

LATIN AMERICAN GENERAL ZIONISTS HOLD CONVENTION IN BUENOS AIRES

BUENOS AIRES, May 27. (JTA) -- A new spirit and dynamism are needed in the General Zionist movement, and "a straightforward Jewish position" must be taken against resurgent Nazism. Herzl Gesang, president of the Latin American Confederation of General Zionists, declared here today. He delivered the presidential address at the fifth annual convention of the Confederation, which opened here today.

Dr. Isaac Goldenberg, president of DAIA, the central body of organized Argentine Jewry, told the convention "we are now in a permanent fighting front" against neo-Nazism. Addresses were also delivered by Mark Turkow, Latin American representative of the World Jewish Congress; Jacques Torczyner, of the United States, who criticized the American State Department's policy vis-a-vis the Middle East; and Joseph Serlin, a member of Knesset, Israel's parliament. Mr. Serlin told the convention that the formation of the new United Arab Republic Federation constituted "only a mask for further Nasserist conquests, meaning greater and not lesser dangers for Israel."

LEHMAN ELECTED FIRST TRUSTEE EMERITUS OF BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

WALTHAM, Mass., May 27. (JTA) -- Former U.S. Senator Herbert H. Lehman has been elected a trustee emeritus of Brandeis University, the first such honor ever conferred by the 15-year-old university. The election followed a recent board of trustees decision to create the emeritus category as a recognition of distinguished service to the general welfare of the university.

Mr. Lehman's official association with Brandeis dates back to 1950, when he was appointed honorary chairman of the then newly formed Fellows of the University, an advisory group to the trustees. Brandeis awarded an honorary degree to Sen. Lehman in 1954. Other U.S. colleges and universities have so honored him. Today he holds honorary degrees from some 20 institutions, including Williams College, his alma mater.

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