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WILLS \$1,560,000 TO CHARITIES

Jewish Charities of New York Benefit by Mrs. Neustadter's Bequests

\$1,000,000 FOR A HOME.

New York, Feb. 2.—The will of Mrs. Caroline Neustadter, widow of Henry Neustadter, a wealthy Californian, was filed for probate in the Surrogate's office of this county yesterday. The will disposes of an estate estimated at more than \$4,000,000.

More than one-third of the estate is left by Mrs. Neustadter, who died January 10th, at the Hotel Netherland, for charitable and philanthropic purposes. She left \$100,000 each to the United Hebrew Charities and the Mount Sinai Hospital, \$50,000 to the Educational Alliance, and \$10,000 in amounts of \$5,000 and \$10,000 to other established local institutions.

Mrs. Neustadter leaves \$1,000,000 to establish the Neustadter Home, a charitable institution. One of its functions is to be the care of convalescents. In connection with this foundation she signified her desire that a portion of the money be used for the permanent amelioration of the condition of unfortunates by the provision of better housing conditions in model home dwelling within a radius of thirty miles from the New York City Hall. The provisions for the carrying out of the charitable intentions for which the \$1,000,000 bequest was left are broad, and leave much to actual administration.

Several San Francisco charities are mentioned in the will. The San Francisco Jewish Orphan Asylum is the beneficiary of a \$20,000 endowment, while \$10,000 each is given to the Eureka Benevolent Society and the Children's Hospital of San Francisco.

CATHOLIC PRIEST IN JEWISH PULPIT

Galveston, Texas, was the scene of a very unusual occurrence recently. When at the regular Friday evening services in Temple B'nai Israel, the congregation was addressed by Rev. Father William H. L. Reaney, a Catholic priest, and chaplain of the Battleship Utah, now in Galveston harbor, instead of Rabbi Henry Cohen at whose invitation Father Reaney was present. We wish to add that Father Reaney, who holds the rank of Commander in the navy of the United States, is the highest ranking priest in the world's navies.

In the course of a most interesting talk he eulogized the Jewish sailors now serving the country on the battleships of the United States. Speaking from personal experience, he said with emphasis that there were no abler or more patriotic men anywhere than these Jewish sailors. His pleasure in the visit to Galveston was unbounded, he said, and in his opinion the spirit of her citizens challenged comparison.

DENVER COL. HAS JEWISH POSTMASTER

Upon the recommendation of United States Senator Simon Guggenheim of Colorado, Joseph H. Harrison of Denver, has been appointed postmaster of that city, his term to begin at once. Mr. Harrison is senior member of the firm of Joseph H. Harrison & Co., Denver agents for the Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Company, and the Employers' Liability Company.

He has been prominent for a long time in public affairs, has served the public both officially and privately. His most recent official activity in public affairs in Colorado was during the session of the Seventeenth General Assembly, in which he was a member of the upper house. Mr. Harrison is well known and greatly respected in Denver business circles.

SEEK INNOCENT JEW'S DEATH

Kieff Reactionary Charges Him with Ritual Murder—Plan Fresh Pogroms.

Berlin, Feb. 2.—The Central Jewish Relief League of Germany has received a confidential report alleging a plot at Kieff to railroad an innocent Jew to the gallows on the ground of having committed a ritual murder, in order to provide an excuse for fresh pogroms.

The Jew, whose death is made the pretext of the trial, was a resident of Kieff, named Justsehinski. He was murdered a year ago, and as the slayer could not be found a reactionary caused the arrest of a Jew on a charge of ritual murder.

Although positive evidence was submitted to the authorities this week that the Jew was innocent, they declined to interfere with the trial.

It is feared that a conviction, which is almost certain, will provoke violent anti-Jewish outbreaks.

NATHAN STRAUS GOES TO JERUSALEM

Nathan Straus, who is one of the delegates appointed by President Taft to attend the World's Anti-Tuberculosis Congress at Rome, has sailed for Europe on the new Cunard steamer Laconia. Mr. Straus is going direct to Jerusalem, where he intends to spend three weeks in resting and in studying the foundation of the religions of the world.

Mr. Straus will be accompanied by the Rev. Judah Leon Magnes, who is to spend two months in Palestine studying the religious and educational problems of the Jews there.

Mr. Straus expects to arrive in Jerusalem about February 24th. He has been to Jerusalem on a similar mission before, but this time with the assistance of Dr. Magnes he expects to get a better insight into actual conditions.

ZION COLONISTS NOW PROSPER

Own Their Own Farms, Says Consul H. E. Clark, Back for Short Stay.

New York, Feb. 4.—Among the passengers arriving yesterday on the White Star liner Arabic from Liverpool was Herbert E. Clark, who was American vice-consul in Jerusalem for eighteen years. He resigned on January 1st. When asked by a reporter if the war between Italy and Turkey had caused any bad feeling between Christians and Mohammedans in Palestine and Syria, Mr. Clark said:

"When the war began last Fall we were afraid there might be trouble, as the Syrians in and around Damascus are fanatical in regard to their religion, but it all passed off without creating any disturbance. The Turks in Jerusalem realize that Italy will beat them as she is superior in force, but they declare that Turkey will worry her all she can and will not give in to the infidels any more than Saladin the Saracen did in the times of the crusades."

"What are the Zionists doing in the colonies they have established in Palestine?" he was asked.

"The old Zionists who came first," said Mr. Clark, "have all returned to their own country. They were not agriculturists, and had no knowledge of farming or making their own living in a country away from large cities or towns where they could ply their trades."

"Seven years ago Baron Rothschild of Paris turned over the first colony to the I. C. A. Corporation, which has the management of the Baron de Hirsch fund in Palestine, with \$600,000 in cash in addition to the land and machinery. The colonies are now in a prosperous condition, and the Zionists own their own farms. They are agriculturists mostly from southern Russia, and are happy and contented."

"The land is sold to the colonists on a twenty-five-year installment plan at three per cent. interest. The farmers use modern implements in cultivating the land, and all the machinery comes from Germany, with the exception of a few American mowing machines. Freight rates from New York to Jaffa are about \$12.50 per ton against \$7 per ton from German ports."

Mr. Clark was born in Massachusetts and went to school in Jerusalem where he learned to speak and write Arabic and Turkish fluently.

THE FOUNDERS OF THE PERMANENT JEWISH SETTLEMENT IN BOSTON

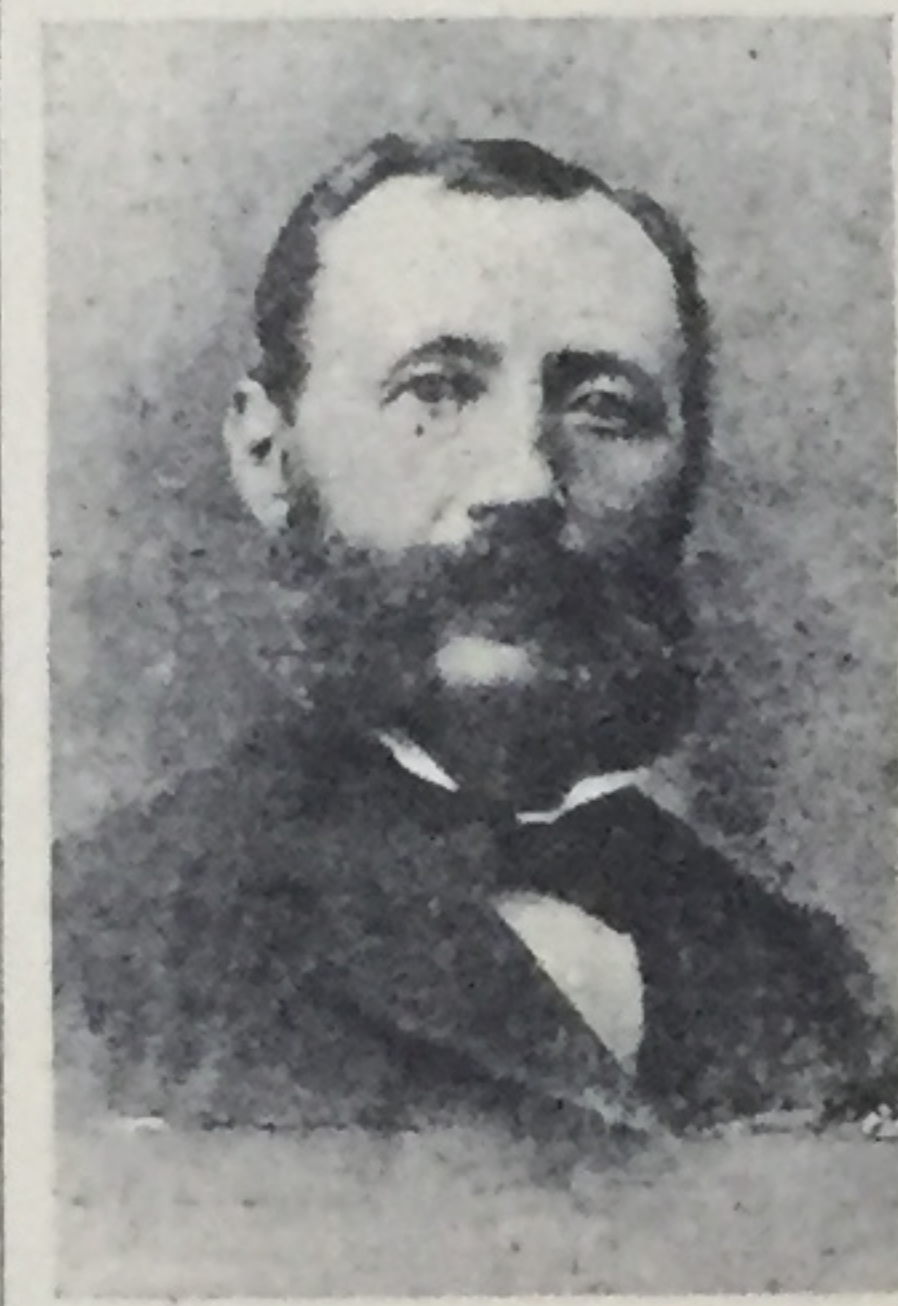
AN AUTHENTIC RECORD

BY ABRAHAM P. SPITZ

In considering the settlement of the Jew in Boston our authentic records date back to just prior to the year 1840 when the first permanent settlement of Jews was established in our beloved city.

In a book entitled "Romantic Days in Old Boston," which can be obtained at the Boston Library, the following notation is found: "Previous to 1840 the family of Peter Spitz represented the only Jews in Boston."

Prior to that time there were undoubtedly people of our faith who established a residence in Boston for a short time, but no record has been found either public or private which can enlighten us on the question. My mother's family, the Wolf's, came to Boston in 1837 and my father's family, the Spitz's, came here in 1839 and in talking with my ancestors in my youth I found that they

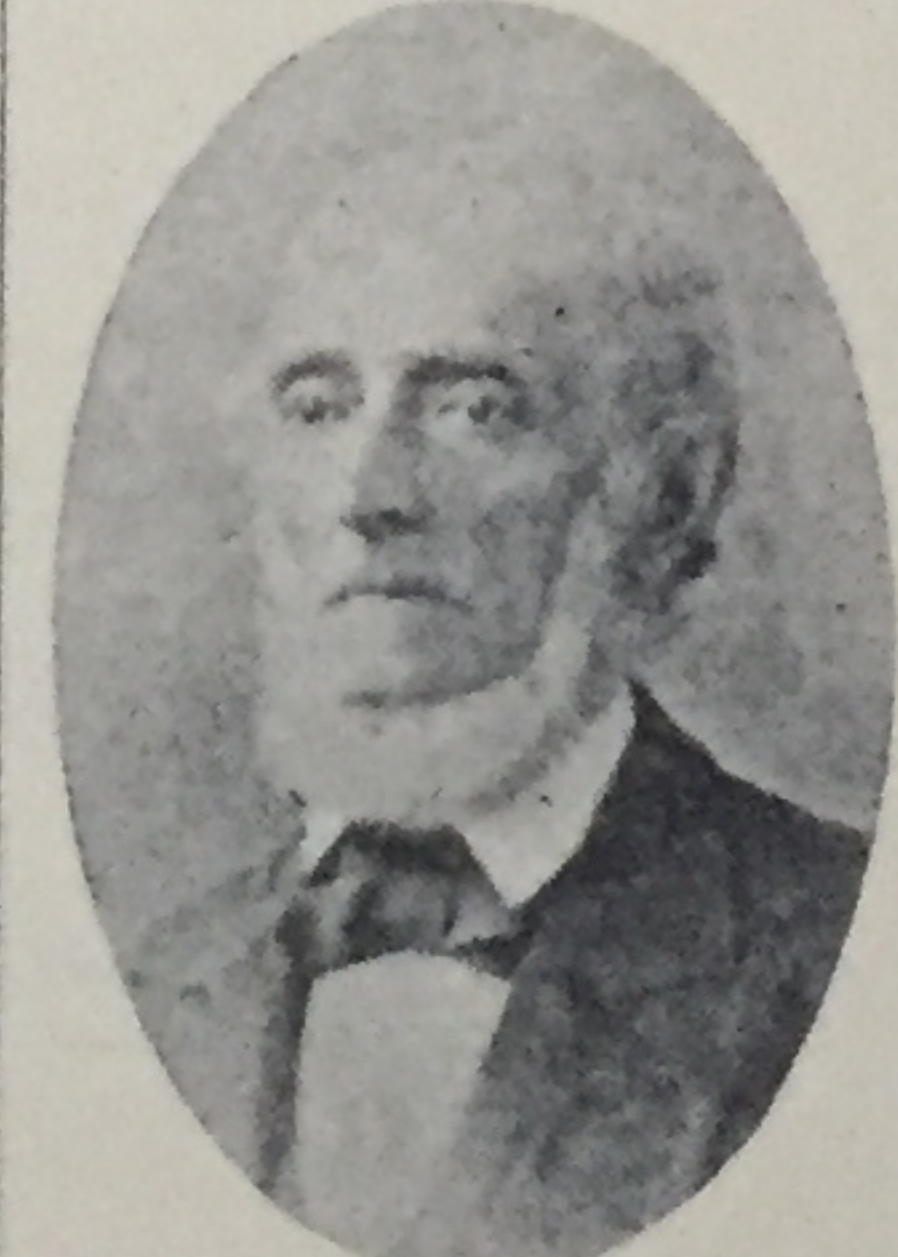


PETER SPITZ
Settled 1839—Died 1885
never heard of others who may have preceded them.

The only known Jew who resided in Boston prior to their time was Moses Michael Hays, a prominent merchant who lived here during the Revolutionary War and became Grand Master of the Free Masons.

About 1840 there settled in Boston, in addition to Peter Spitz and Isaac Wolf, William Goldsmith, Charles Hyneman and Jacob Norton, descendants of all of whom still reside in this city.

Religious services were held at the home of Peter Spitz, the congregat-



CHARLES HYNEMAN
Settled 1840—Died 1901
tion being made up of the few residents and some others who peddled in neighboring towns and came to Boston on Saturdays and other religious holidays.

Others of our faith soon settled in the city and in 1842, William Goldsmith, Moses Ehrlich, Peter Spitz, Hiram Spitz, Bernard Fox, Charles Hyneman, Jacob Norton, Isaac Wolf and Abraham Bloch formed the first Jewish congregation in Boston, then and since known as "Ohabei Shalom" (Lovers of Peace). These men enjoy the proud distinction of being the Fathers of the Jewish Settlement in Boston.

Unlike other large cities on the Atlantic Coast, the settlement increased very slowly, the Puritanical atmosphere and spirit which pervaded the city almost to the present time repelled immigration of every nationality, and so we find at the time of the Civil War (1861-1865) probably less than three hundred families, consisting almost wholly of German and German Poles.

From the close of the Civil War the population slowly increased, at

which time it numbered about 5000 souls.

From 1892, where the atrocious persecution in Russia drove our coreligionists to these hospitable shores, our numbers have rapidly increased and it is safe to estimate, including Malden, Cambridge, Melrose and Chelsea, that we now number at least 100,000 souls, bearing an enviable reputation as useful and law-abiding citizens.

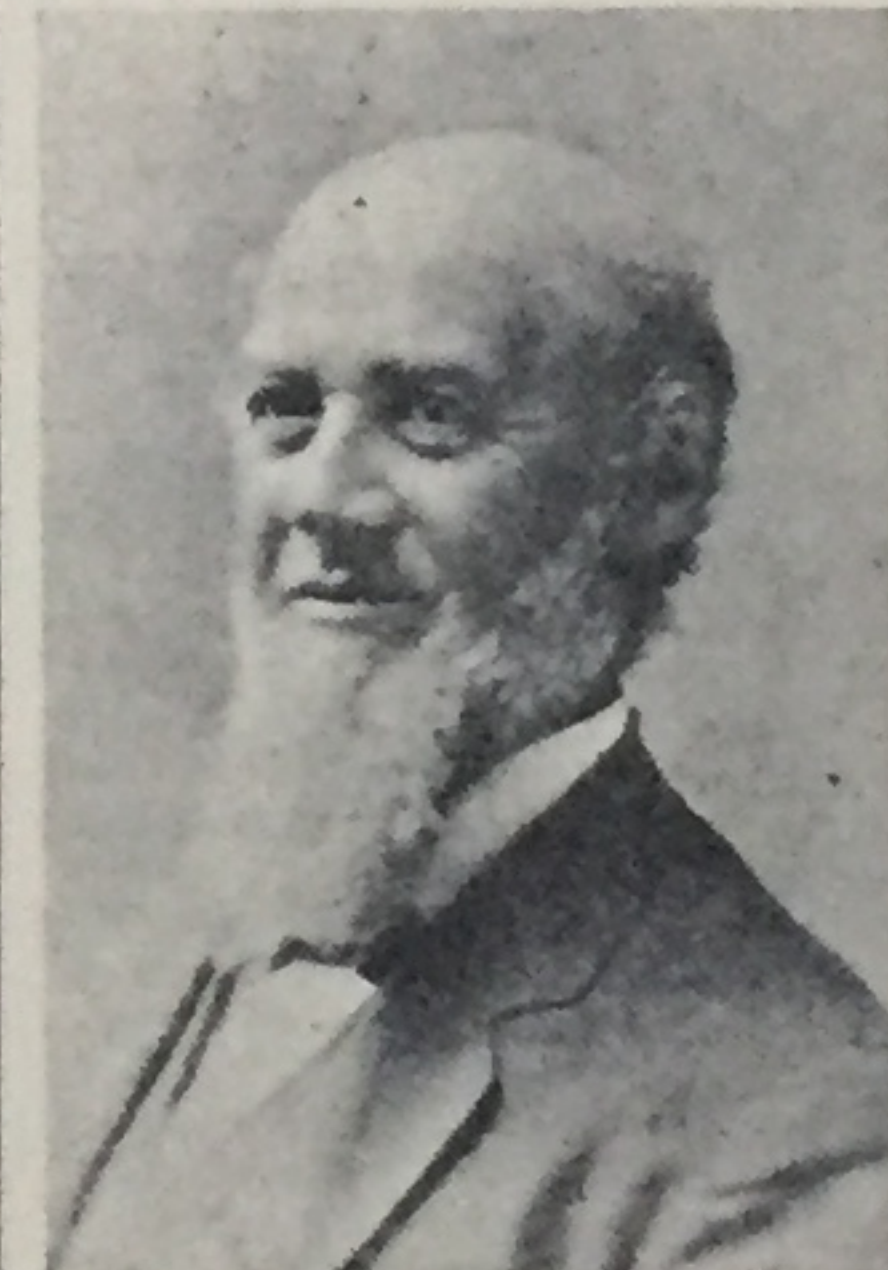
Our Jewish brethren consider it a sacred duty and take great pride in the care of the unfortunate in their midst, and in 1860 formed the United Hebrew Benevolent Association which to this day maintains its prestige as the principal Jewish charitable Association of Boston, taking care of the consumptive and giving temporary relief to thousands of the deserving.

The Jewish population of the city increased the number of our poor increased, and in 1878 the Hebrew Ladies Sewing Society was organized to furnish clothing to the needy.

The United Hebrew Benevolent Society and the Hebrew Ladies Sewing Society worked side by side administering needed relief until 1888, when the Leopold Morse Home was incorporated for the care of the orphan.

Later followed the Baron de Hirsch Committee, the Benoit Israel Sheltering Home, Hebrew Industrial School, Mt. Sinai Hospital Society, Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, and the Home for Destitute Jewish Children, all of which are united under the direction of the Federated Jewish Charities.

These charitable associations are earnest in their efforts to relieve distress and misery wherever found and



JULIUS SPITZ
The Oldest Living Jewish Resident of Boston.

expend annually about \$75,000. Nearly double this amount is needed at the present time to adequately relieve the poor, and with a united Jewish Community great results can be prophesied.

In shaping the affairs and directing the efforts of the people many noble men stand prominent devoted to the public welfare:—

Louis Hecht, Sr., who settled in Boston in 1861, identified with the Temple Adath Israel, rugged, honest and fearless, a father and protector of the people—Leopold Morse, philanthropist and statesman, who served eight years in the Congress of the United States—Jacob H. Hecht and his beloved wife, Lina Frank Hecht, who for 30 years directed the affairs of the charitable societies and preached the doctrine of brotherly love and humanity—L. B. Schwabe, the soldier's friend,—the friend of everybody; ever seeking avenues of employment for the poor—Isaac Rosensky, a leader in civic, religious and charitable affairs, and no Jewish citizen who ever resided in Boston accomplished greater results for the good of the community.

Associated with these striking characters should be mentioned Israel Cohen, Godfrey Morse, Louis Hecht, Jr., Ferdinand Strauss, Lehman Pickert, Joseph H. Herman, Edward E. Norton, Abraham C. Ratschky, Simon Vorenberg, and the writer, who for more than twenty-five years have administered the religious, social, charitable and civic affairs of the Jewish community.

Rapid strides have been made in the last ten years in the development of the activities of the Jewish citizens of Boston, and we can fondly hope that their influence for good will soon be felt in the city, the state, and the nation.

PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE WILL BE KEPT OPEN

Subscription List Started to Raise \$2500.

The appeal recently issued by the board of directors of the Jewish People's Institute has created a profound impression upon the community of Boston. From all sections there have come expressions of regret that Boston Jewry is to lose its only Jewish educational institution. Many have come forward to deplore the fact that the work which has been carried on for the past four years is in danger of being discontinued.

In view of this demand for the continuation of this necessary work the directors of the Institute do not feel justified in closing it without making a determined effort to solve the financial problem which the institution faces. It would be a calamity to close this institution which shelters classes in which 300 immigrants receive instruction in English, Arithmetic and American History; which is the home of a Hebrew School, which has an attendance of 300 children; an institution which is a social and educational centre for hundreds of people who are in need of it; an institution which has done and which can do so much for the guidance of the Jewish youth.

At their last meeting the board of directors, therefore, resolved to appeal to the public to raise a fund of \$2500 and thus provide for the continuation of the Institute.

This sum is small in comparison with the expense attached to other institutions of this character, and if the public, which has responded to the appeals of other noble institutions of this city, will take heed to this call it will be possible for this institution, the only Jewish educational institution in New England, to continue to exist.

Subscriptions may be sent to Rabbi M. M. Eichler, 64 Waumbuck St., Roxbury.

The following subscriptions have been received and are hereby acknowledged:

Henry H. Levenson	\$50
Samuel Carver	25
Samuel L. Dana	25
Jacob Rosenberg	10
William Slutzki	10
Arthur Salaway	10
Jacob King	10
S. L. Cohen	5
M. S. Kirsten	5
Mitchell Freiman	5
Harry E. Dubinsky	5
David A. Marshall	5

HENRY H. LEVENSON,
President, Jewish People's Institute.

BOSTON COUNCIL WINS INJUNCTION CASE

Judge Awards Costs.

The decision in the case of the Council of Jewish Women against the Boston Section of the Council was recorded during the week. Judge Bradley decided to dismiss the whole bill with costs.

Three Colonists Killed in Palestine

London—A wild mob of Arabians invaded the Jewish colonists near Haifa, killed three colonists and wounded seven.

The sad news caused a stir in Jewish circles of London and other European cities because it showed that the way to Jewish colonization in Palestine must be cleared yet of Arabian murderers.

The Jewish colonists have applied not long ago to the Turkish government through the Haham Bashi for protection against the Arabs. The government has promised protection but the massacre near Haifa shows that the promised protection accomplished but very little.

Anti Semetic Russian Journal in New York

"The Russian Immigrant" is the name of a new paper printed in New York in the Russian language and edited by a Russian priest, Benedict Turkewitz. In this week's issue the new publication pays its respect to Theodore Roosevelt whom it accuses of being "in league with the Sheenies" and a "deadly enemy of the Slavs." Morgan Shuster is stamped as a "Sheen" from Minsk whom Russia taught a good lesson." The article winds up by assuring its readers that Russia will not allow "The Sheenies with their long noses to come to Russia and live on the fat of the land."

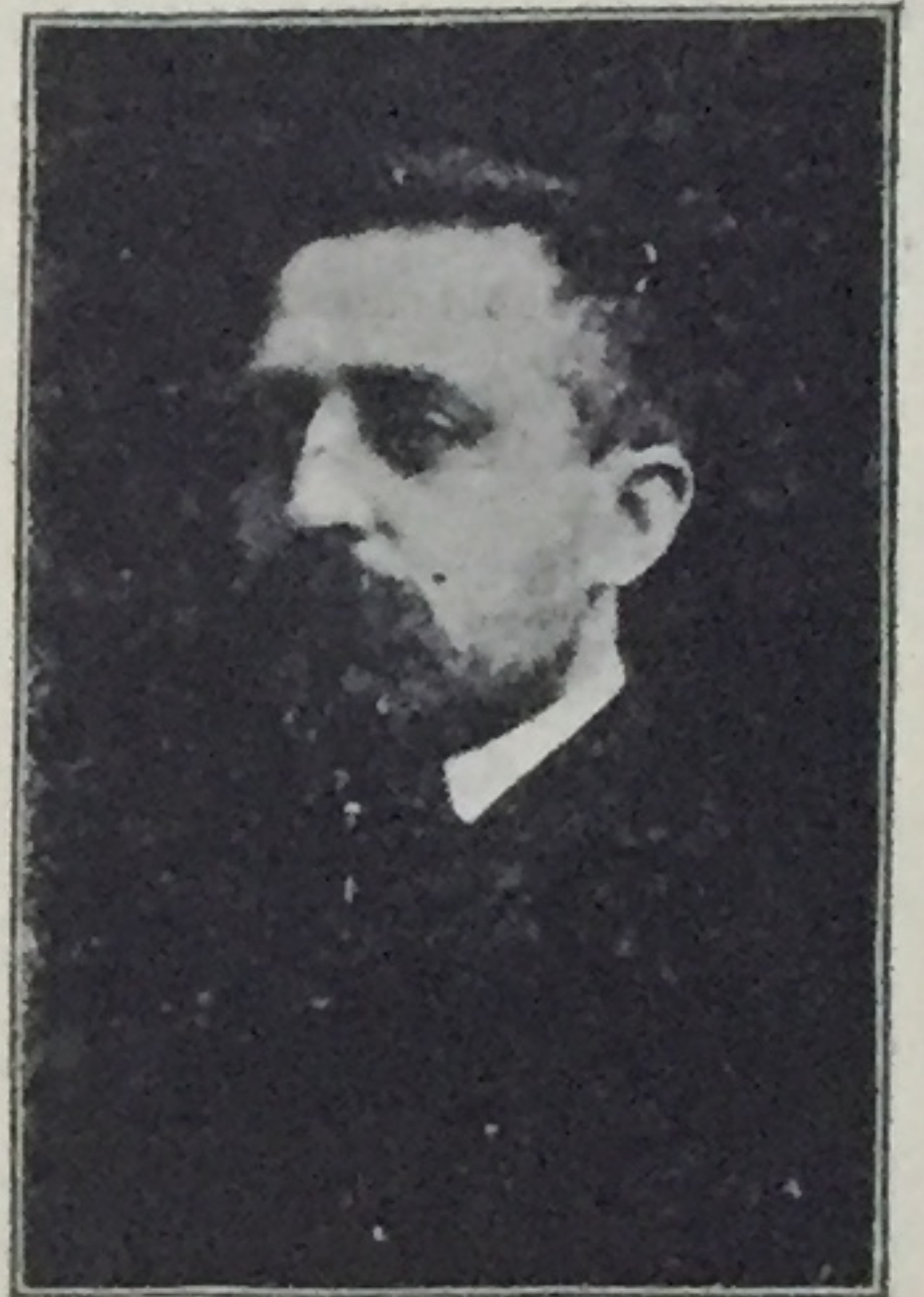
GOTTHEIL SPEAKS HERE SUNDAY

With Rabbi De So'a Pool Before Zion Literary Society Audience

AT TEMPLE MISHKAN TEFILA.

The most important meeting of the season under the auspices of the Zion Literary Society will be held this Sunday evening, Feb. 11, in Temple Mishkan Tefila, Moreland and Copeland sts., Roxbury. Prof. Richard Gottheil of Columbia University and former president of the Federated American Zionists, will be the speaker.

This will be Prof. Gottheil's first visit to Boston for upwards of 10 years. Prof. Gottheil has only recently returned from a year's stay in



PROF. RICHARD GOTTHEIL.

Jerusalem. In his address Prof. Gottheil will make reference to the present strained relationship between Turkey and Italy.

The other speakers at the meeting will be Rev. de Soia Pool of New York and Rabbi H. H. Rubenowitz. The musical program of the evening will be furnished by Rev. E. Wolkowich, Rev. M. Halpern and Rev. J. Karsberg, assisted on the organ by Charles Scott.

AID FOR NEW YORK TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

Directors Give \$50,000 and Undertake to Raise \$50,000 More.

New York, Feb. 5.—The annual meeting of the Hebrew Technical Institute was held yesterday at 36 Stuyvesant street. Three hundred members attended to hear the report of President Morris Loeb.

In his report the president deplored the fact that several of the directors had been compelled by business pressure to resign. The loss through death of several members also was lamented. Stress was laid upon the lack of funds, and a large deficit at the beginning of the year.

"It is our duty," said Mr. Loeb, "to present to you the actual condition of our school. We lack the means for carrying out any extension of the usefulness, and even seriously face plans of curtailment. The institute has only \$30,000 income from members' patrons, and donors, and an endowment capable of producing an income for general and restricted purposes of only \$7,000. Its regular expenses exceed its regular income by about \$4,000 per annum, and we have an accumulated deficit of \$15,000 in our maintenance account. This cannot go on indefinitely."

These officers were elected for the present year: President, Morris Loeb; first vice-president, Abraham Steinman; second vice-president, Joseph L. Buttenweiser; treasurer, Mortimer L. Schiff; secretary, Eugene E. Spiegelberg. The directors for the term to expire February, 1915, elected were: S. Merrill Banner, Louis Kahn, Julius A. Lewinsohn, Ferdinand G. Loeb, Isaac Rosenfeld, Abraham Steinman, Theodore Rosenwald, Moe A. Isaacs and E. S. Shire.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors, following the regular meeting it was voted to raise a fund of \$100,000, half of which was subscribed by the directors and their friends. In recognition of the excellent work of Dr. Edgar S. Barney, Principal of the school, the board of directors presented him with a crisp, new \$500 bill.

LONDON FEDERATION GETS A 'CHIEF RABBI'

London, January 25.—The Federation of Jewish Synagogues, organized by the late Lord Swaythling, has elected as its rabbinical head, Rabbi Yung of Brody, Hungary.