

PLAN PURCHASE OF PALESTINE

DULUTH HEBREWS HOLD A ROUSING MEETING IN AID OF MOVEMENT.

KASSMIR IS ENTHUSIASTIC

EXTOLS FOUNDER, DR. HERTZELL, OF SWITZERLAND.

Rabbi Eppstein Reviews History of Project from Early Times to Date.

There was a large number present at the mass meeting of the Adas Israel congregation at their synagogue last evening. The movement that has been started whereby the Jews may buy Palestine from Turkey was thoroughly discussed and a number of prominent speakers made stirring addresses exhorting the people to take action in the matter and push it to a successful finish.

The Zionistic movement, as it is called, was started some years ago and many prominent Hebrews have since worked untiringly towards its ultimate success. They propose to raise by popular subscription between \$10,000,000 and \$15,000,000 with which they will purchase their native land from the Sultan of Turkey. Jerusalem will be made the capital city and a government installed which is to be patterned after that of the United States.

Last night's meeting was under the auspices of the Knights of Zion, of which M. Kassmir is president. He made the opening address, explaining the work that had been done in the last five years in the Zionistic movement. The speaker extolled Dr. Herzl, of Switzerland, who is at the head of the movement, and called attention to the steady progress that has recently been made.

Mr. Kassmir was followed by Rabbi Eppstein who gave a picturesque description of Zionism, starting with its ancient origin when the Lord promised the land to Abraham and his posterity. He called attention to the persecution of the Jews in the old European coun-

tries, referring especially to the ill treatment received in Russia and Roumania.

He urged the congregation to lay aside their apathy and to start immediately upon their work of regaining the country.

Rabbi Eppstein was followed by Dr. Silver of the Reformed Congregation, who spoke eloquently of the wrongs the Jews have suffered for the last eighteen hundred years. Now at last though bowed down with the mailed hand of oppression of eighteen centuries, they are beginning to get a glimpse of the jewel promised to their father Abraham.

He urged the reformed and the orthodox Jews to work together for the accomplishment of this purpose. He explained Zionism in its true sense and told the assembly that every government in the world would work for the establishment of a Jewish republic at Palestine.

The speaker closed with a powerful plea for the members of the congregation to become active and join heart and soul in striking a blow to regain the land which is theirs by inheritance. Part of his address was in German.

The meeting last night was the most successful ever held here for this purpose.