

PRAY FOR OUR ARMS

HEBREW - AMERICANS BESEECH
THAT VICTORY MAY ATTEND.

Orthodox Jewish Congregations of
the City Join in a Union Meeting
at Turner Hall—Addressed by Dr.
Frey and Mayor Truelsen—Pray-
ers said in Hebrew and English
for a Conquest.

The union meeting of the Hebrew congregations of the city held at Turner hall yesterday afternoon, was largely attended by the Jewish people of the city. The hall was handsomely decorated with bright colored bunting and a number of large and small flags were draped about the stage. W. M. Abrahamson presided and with him on the stage were seated I. Abrahamson, Mayor Truelsen, Rabbi Sigmund Frey, I. L. Cook, Judge McGindley, E. Orecofsky, Rev. Mr. Abramovsky, I. Shapiro and S. Kassmir.

Chairman Abrahamson gave a brief outline of the program, saying that the meeting had been called for the purpose of praying for the victory of the United States in the present conflict with Spain. Following Mr. Abrahamson a number of short speeches were made and among the speakers were Mayor Truelsen, Judge McGindley, I. L. Cook, Rabbi Dr. Frey, E. Orecofsky and I. Abrahamson. All the speeches were of a patriotic character and especially those of Rabbi Frey and Mayor Truelsen. Both speakers were frequently interrupted by the vigorous applause of the audience.

Dr. Frey spoke of the outrages by the Spanish people in the past. He said that Spain was never intended to advance as a nation in civilization and that nobody could be more heartily in sympathy with American people in the present war than the Jews for the reason that it was the Jewish people that had suffered so much at the hands of the Spanish in the past. He said that the present conflict was not for the purpose of enlarging the territory of the United States nor its revenues, but was a war for humanity.

"In this country," said Dr. Frey, "the downtrodden people of all nations find a refuge and protection. No matter from what country they may come the sufferers find peace and protection under the spreading wings of the American eagle. We Jews always sue for peace for the best remembered words of our Lord are, 'Peace be with you,' but in this conflict we pray for the victory of the United States and that in the end he will crown her with a never fading laurel for her effort for the good of humanity."

Following Dr. Frey's speech Rev. Mr. Abramovsky, I. Shapiro and S. Kassmir chanted a Jewish prayer in the Hebrew tongue and it was then translated and read in English by Dr. Frey. The prayer was as follows:

"He that gives victory to kings and dominions to rulers; he whose kingdom is the kingdom of all the world, who saved his sovereign David from the sword of destruction, who has paved the way to the waves of the billowing ocean and a path to the mighty streams, may he guide, assist and bless our ruler, the president, William McKinley.

"May the king of kings, in his mercy, grant him long life and cause his enemies to fall before him and keep far from him grief and sorrow and may he grant his blessing to all the undertakings of the president and his people.

"May the Lord, the king of all kings, in his mercy, give wisdom to his heart and the hearts of his counselors, may he bless all those that are his advisers, may he grant that everybody of the inhabitants of this country rest in peace and that from the soil of this country will sprout forth peace and prosperity, may this be the will of our Lord, Amen."

The meeting closed with a short speech by Mayor Truelsen and the reading, in English, of the following prayer:

"O merciful and gracious king, God of Gods and Lord of Lords, in thy hand is the soul of every living creature and the spirit of every human being. Look down from thy holy dwelling, from heaven, save, we beseech thee, thy servants, the American nation, who dwell in these United States, who adhere to the teachings of thy beneficent attributes, to do good to mortal beings to show compassion to those that are formed by thy hand, and who risk their lives as they do this day, to shed their blood like water in this war which duty commands, to deliver the Cuban people, who sigh and groan beneath the hand of the relentless and cruel Spanish nation, who have thirsted for human blood from days of old.

"O, Lord of compassion, we pray thee, pity and have mercy on our forces on land and sea, and give them strength and courage to stand before the power of our enemies and to subdue the pride of those that rise against us, that they, our hosts, return not in defeat. O do thou avert that! With head bent downward and faces shamed. May thy loving kindness uphold and support us with thy right hand, to deliver the Cubans, who are oppressed and afflicted by their persecutors, and to proclaim freedom for them in order that they also may enjoy the glow of enlightenment and freedom which thou hast apportioned to us, sons of those United States, with thy full, open, holy extended hand.

"We implore thee, prosper our ways that no sickness, misfortune, mishaps, or evil accidents may befall us. Bring our ships to desired havens and lead us by silent waters. Graciously bestow of thy knowledge, understanding and wisdom on our authorities, councillors and commanders, that they may succeed in their plans on the lines of love, mercy and humanity that they may proceed thereon as now. Appoint us for salvation and compassion that violence, outbreak and calamity be unheard of in our land, that perfect peace may be accorded to us and to all that dwell in this country, now and forevermore, Amen."