

PAY TRIBUTE TO ZION'S FOUNDER

Duluth Hebrews Attend Memorial in Honor of Dr. Theodor Herzl.

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Orator Appeals to Countrymen to Continue Leader's Great Work.

The memory of Theodor Herzl, founder of Zionism and the greatest figure in modern Jewish history, was kept green last night at the ninth annual memorial exercises conducted at Adas Israel synagogue. The services were under the auspices of Ohave Zion Gate. Harry E. Weinberg was chairman.

Tribute to the man who did so much for the Jewish cause was paid in no uncertain terms by each of the speakers. Dr. Benjamin Horwitz made the principal address of the evening, saying in part:

"When Herzl first began to give his attention to the Jewish question, what was it that presented itself to him? Looking toward the east he found more than 7,000,000 Jews, more than half of all the Jews in the world, herded together in Russia, Galicia, and Roumania, undergoing undescrivable torture. Turning his gaze to the west he found physical violence giving place to social ostracism—a form of persecution not less felt by Jews in these countries.

"Herzl suggested sending the Jews back to Palestine to isolate them.

"The first Zionist congress composed of delegates from every country in the world was held at Basle, Switzerland, in 1897. From there came forth the declaration of Jewish independence, to the effect that the aim of Zionism is to create for the Jewish people a legally secured home in Palestine.

"A central committee of which Dr. Herzl was elected president, became the cabinet of the congress. A bank consisting of 100,000 shareholders from all parts of the world was launched. Though 15 years have passed the capital of this bank has gone little beyond the million mark. A Jewish national fund with the object of acquiring land in Palestine was also started, and more than a million dollars has been collected for this purpose.

"During the last seven years of his life, from 1897 to 1904, Herzl was active in many ways. He had successive interviews with the kaiser, the sultan and Mr. Chamberlain, colonial minister of Great Britain. Everywhere golden opinions were formed of him. With his magnetic personality, with a transparent sincerity, with a wonderful gift of speech, pleading for so sound a cause, is it a wonder that he made so profound an impression? Herzl's name can disappear from history only with the disappearance of the Jewish people themselves."

Introduced as the founder of the Zionist order in Duluth, A. Mordecai Shulman of Chicago characterized Dr. Herzl as the modern Moses and a great Jewish statesman. He said:

"Herzl labored for a Jewish con-

federacy and freedom, both national and individual. He was the mouth-piece of the yearning of his people and his power was supreme."

Tears were shed when H. Zien, cantor, chanted the memorial hymn, the whole audience rising at the first notes.

Rabbi I. S. Tepplitz of Adas Israel delivered an address in the Yiddish language, making an appeal to the Jewish womanhood of today to aid in making a reality of the fondest plans of Zion's founder. He said:

"We have no king, we have no soldiers; we are a weak nation and can not hope to acquire Palestine by force. We have a greater asset, however, the Jewish spirit, which only the mothers of today can implant in their children, and which eventually will win for us the promised land."