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SABBATH SERVICES

Friday Evening, Dec. 5th, 8:00 P.M.
RABBI HERBERT A. FRIEDMAN
will speak on

"PARTITION OF PALESTINE"

What Does It Mean To An American Jew?

When the United Nations approved the partition plan for Palestine, the entire Jewish community realized that a historic event of tremendous significance had taken place. This event has different meanings for the various Jewish communities scattered around the world.

For the Jews of Palestine itself it means they can have their own democratic government. For the DP Jews in Europe, it means they can now have a home and a chance for a new life. FOR THE JEWS OF AMERICA, PARTITION MEANS WHAT?

Kaddish List:

Abraham Rachofsky Matilda Weil
Leon Milton Bronfin

DON'T FORGET FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 12

- o ORATORIO "JUDAS MACCABEUS"
- o SONGS AND PARTY IN ASSEMBLY HALL
- o CHILDREN'S CHANUKAH PLAY
- o LIGHTING OF MENORAH
- o BRING THE CHILDREN

Fri eve, 5 Dec. 47

On Saturday, 29 November 1947, The General Assembly of The United Nations voted to partition Palestine and create independent Arab & Jewish States.

What Does Partition Mean
for American Jews?

1. Jewish State, for ^{present} residents of Palestine, means democratic self-government. Own schools, etc.
2. Jewish State, for DPs waiting to go there, means a home - primitive survival.
3. Jewish State, for The Galut, means what?
 - A. Political Center? NO! - no political allegiance, no question of citizenship, etc. We will vote for its president.
 - B. Religious Center? Also NO. Jews in Diaspora create own religious b'p'n'p. Perhaps influence on observance of holidays.
 - C. Cultural Center? PETEHAPS - Jewish culture finds it difficult to flourish in modern emancipated countries. Hebrew creative spirit will flourish best in

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Palestine, and these creations will beautify
The Galut and also inspire it to produce
itself.

D. Spiritual Center? YES!

Ached Ha-Lev 'אין הלב' "אין הלב"

"a purifying fire and a connecting link"

This is role of Palestine for The Galut;
to warm its spirit and to keep its
parts connected.

~~University
books + art + music
social organization~~

Abraham Ha-Am, in essay called
מחלוקת "ל"ת

"Imitation & Assimilation" says:

"Assimilation, then, is not a danger that the Jewish people must dread for the future. What it has to fear is being split up into fragments.

[Jews work by "competitive imitation" to become like majority in country of residence - and they succeed. This is not bad in itself. But it takes them ^{apart} ~~away~~ from Jews in other countries. This is bad.]

In the end Israel will be no longer one people, but a number of separate tribes, as at the beginning of its history.

There is one escape - and only one - from this danger.

The different sections of the people can be welded together, in spite of their different local characteristics, through the agency of a spiritual centre, which will possess a strong attraction for all of them, by virtue of its own right. Such a center will claim a certain [emotional] loyalty from each scattered section of the people.

Each section will continue to develop its own individuality along lines determined by imitation of its own surroundings; but all will find in this spiritual centre a purifying fire and a connecting link.

PERORATION

Thus, what will the new Jewish State mean to the American Jew?

It will be a spiritual center which will make him proud of its achievements; it will give him something in common with other Jews in the Diaspora; it will be an object of his continued philantrophy until it can become financially independent & secure (perhaps 25 years - one generation); it will be a land to which some colonists may go from America, but probably not many; it will be a source-spring of Jewish learning & culture which will nourish the Galut and inspire it.

All of this is the role of a *gush* *gush*

Long may the new State live and well may it prosper.