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October 2nd, 1929.

Rabbi A.H. Silver,

Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

I have drafted the enclosed resolutions on the death of Louis Marshall, which are not entirely satisfactory to me, and in which, perhaps, you can give me some suggestions. You are at liberty to make any change whatsoever which you may desire.

I would like some time tomorrow or Friday to send a copy to the representatives of the various organizations. Possibly some of them will wish to have the resolutions on their minutes or may wish to include them in some way with their services over the holidays.

With reference to the personnel of the Committee: Mr. Wolf left this to me, and I have included Rabbi Brickner's name as I have no doubt that the Euclid Avenue Temple was included in the invitations to the meeting. Perhaps you will wish to add the name of the Labor representative who appeared and spoke at the meeting.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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The synagogues and the Jewish social and industrial organizations of the City of Cleveland, which held a joint memorial meeting at The Temple on September 18th, 1929, desiring now in pursuance of action taken on that occasion to epitomize the sentiments expressed by the speakers of the evening, do hereby record their profound sorrow at the death of Louis Marshall, and in so doing they wish to pay this tribute to his memory:

American Jewry has lost its greatest lay leader. Louis Marshall was not only a brilliant lawyer, but also a great publicist and patriot, a public benefactor -- a lover and patron of literature and art. He was a thorough American whose charity of mind and purse knew no race or creed.

Spiritually he was above all considerations a loyal Son of Israel -- a Jew who really loved the traditions and ideals of his faith, and who dedicated his life to the noblest ideals of Judaism and all humanity.

In his chosen field of endeavor, the Law, he was outstanding. The esteem in which he was held by the Supreme Court of the United States, where he fought so many battles on behalf of the under-privileged, has just been attested by Chief Justice Taft. In a position to command a large clientele in every branch of the profession, and with overwhelming demands upon his valuable time, he preferred, without regard to the emoluments involved, to devote his efforts to those cases in which human rights seemed to be invaded, for his heart always beat in sympathy with the oppressed and the down-trodden. No people of any race or creed in distress came in vain to his door for aid. Whatever rights he asked on behalf of the Jews, he demanded on behalf of the persecuted of other peoples. His sympathies were enlisted at Versailles for the unfortunate minorities of all countries just as he had interested himself years before in inducing our country to rebuke Czarist Russia for her mistreatment of the Jews.

In every crisis in Jewish affairs for a quarter of a century, he was looked to instinctively for leadership and advice, and he was never found wanting.

He was a master with the written and spoken word. The annals of the American Jewish Committee, as whose President he so frequently took up the cudgel in protecting and proclaiming Jewish rights, bear cumulative evidence of the

eloquence of his tongue and the forcefulness and virility of his pen.. His thoughts were expressed in the purest diction, and they struck with unerring accuracy at the very heart of the subject under consideration. A man of modest and kindly disposition, yet of rugged strength and courage, a veritable intellectual giant, he feared no foe and did not hesitate to attack vigorously wherever he found injustice and oppression.

On innumerable occasions, even at an advanced age and to the detriment of his health, he journeyed to other States to speak there a word in behalf of worthy Jewish causes. He was a great believer in thorough Jewish education for our young. The Bureau of Jewish Education of Cleveland owes him a debt of gratitude for the impetus given by his forceful speech at the first public gathering in Cleveland to form that organization.

While associating himself principally with Reform Judaism, he was the patron of the conservative and Orthodox sects as well; in fact, he served to unite all Israel into one harmonious family as evidenced by the crowning work of his career in his major participation in the recent formation of the Jewish Agency.

As the advocate of peace, he served many times as a successful arbitrator of disputes between capital and labor in the industrial world.

As illustrating his many-sided worthy activities, it should be noted that he was a great lover of nature who made studies of trees, and that he found time to act as Chairman of the New York State College of Forestry.

It is sad, indeed, to contemplate that this great master mind has gone out forever; that the clarion voice which responded so willingly to the appeals of the distressed has been forever stilled; that the light has gone out from those eyes which so vigilantly guarded the people whom he so dearly loved.

His sacred memory will be enshrined in the hearts of all lovers of liberty and justice. His countless deeds and benefactions will be acclaimed by myriads all over the world for his life was rich in service to all mankind. The luster of his name will serve as a beaconlight to generations yet unborn. The indelible imprint of the example which he has set will be a monument to his memory more enduring than shafts of marble.

His death leaves a fearful gap in the ranks of able Jewish lay leaders in America. In is, in fact, a

challenge to the Jews of America to produce and bring into the foreground strong and capable men to carry forward Israel's banner. May God endow with wisdom, courage and strength those of our remaining standard-bearers upon whom has now fallen the resplendent mantle of Louis Marshall.



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