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Zionist memorial, Trumpeldor, 1920.

1. Joseph Trumpeldor. - Simple. 1880 -

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1912 - goes to P. Migdal -

1914. War - (Note)

1917 - Revolution - Pogroms.

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1919 - In Pal. again

1920. - Gedas 12. -

2. Significance - Physical Courage - Jews - Joshua -
in SA - 23/10. Count on it!

3. T. Symbolized a movement. Main 7 left.
Program

① National Redemption then Self redemption
Other similar movements - Ideals -

② First goal - 23/10 said - Save ourselves
- proxy - If many will do it -

③ Work - Can save ourselves only.
Luftmenschen - small fry - Our souls
Pioneers of a working Pal - A new land

← (Note)
④ Work ourselves - not hire Arabs -

⑤ Work Socially - All for one - New world
less cruel - Prophets - Private Property

⑥ Preparation

⑦ Hebrew

This is program - And if Pal. withstood.

4. Our future lies in making 1131/15 - not Politics

1. Every decision out of Pal. adm.

2. Last Rpts., 133- 339 - aggrieved
sided with Arabs.

3- Shaw Report - Terms & Reference.

4. Our pol. position weakest - Liberals -

1. Too big Hebrew who need
majority.

2. Same problem even Naturalism

5. Our future lies in 1131/15 - More Liberals
Strength.

① We want Peace with Arabs - no
peace as long as weak - Survival -
Arab Execution refused.

② No Talk of Constitution - Parliament.

6. 1131/15 - Proclamation of Pal. Jews! (Quote)

7.- Slow & Hard - Challenge! If not
possible then concede it -

8. American Zionism - New Era - Agency -
Propaganda, Education, New Personal -
Lost prestige - membership - youth -
classes & masses! -

1. Parent bodieship - tried, spent, played -
out - Change



The gallant Captain Trumpledor differed from his compatriots in this respect, and I never once saw him give way to any of these emotions. On the contrary, he would remark to me over the body of a badly wounded Zionist: "Ken, Ken! He crew for 'Yes, yes !'") A la guerre comme a la guerre!" And I must say that he himself bore a bullet wound through his shoulder with the greatest fortitude, carrying out his duties as if nothing had happened and absolutely refusing to go into hospital. I am glad to say he made a speedy and good recovery.

Lieut. Col. J. H. Patterson, D.S.O.

1. Joseph Trumpfelter. b. 1880. - youth spent in N. Caucasus -
 How left Russian. Father, soldier in army of Nicholas I -
 - Natural born soldier - Russo-Japanese war - was at
 Port Arthur during siege - Wounded, left arm amputated -
 Decorated - Studied law - Studied Sociology - J. problem - Zionism -
 Socialism - Organize committees in Pal - lectures, with letters -
 Preparation, key-note - Work & as farmer - learn age & Hebrew -
 Just as hard to learn new lang -
 1912 goes to Palestine - Worked in Migdal, Amman lasted
 short time - Scattered - Then worked in Haganah -
 1914 War - goes to Alexandria - refugee - Jewish movement -
 Zion Mule Corps - distinguished - Porters (quote) - absorbed -
 1917 - Revolution in Russia finds T in Petrograd - Pogroms -
 Self defence - Bolsheviks - To sympathize with ideals - but for
 Palestine - Organizes Cholutz - Travels - field work for 2 1/2 yrs
 in midst of upheaval - Movement spreads
 1919 - in Pal organ, to prepare way - for short time. But was
 needed in Galicia -
 1920 - 12 Adar - in 1361 200 - had attack on ^{35 men} _{in 12}
 9 men + T. turned there - Surrounded by ²⁰⁰ Bedouins - Jews
 accused of helping French - Affray - within house - T. at gate
 wounded. Order them to carry in - instead carrying him out house -
 wounded again - replace intestines into abdomen - "I will
 show you - full - Relief - "It is good to die for our country -
 Wound to 1361 200 - in kitchen - died on way - Buried
 in dead purgatory - was 1361 200 - 4 men + 2 girls killed - 5
 unharmed -

Nikolai

Preparation

2. This is a myth story, drama, pathos & ^{heroism} grandeur which lends grandeur to Pal.
T. story significant for many reasons: & phys. heroism not most important.
There is a history of desperation, which while praiseworthy is with common.
Was demystified it - Jews have always demon. phys. courage, features (?)
notwithstanding - ~~Exp. in defense~~ what people can have mirrored. If it
did not have phys. courage a wall or moral - Exp. in defense
of Pal. - As a fort - From Jerusalem to Bas. Hoshana - Legion of Antiochus
& Titus, & Hadrian have been gallantly & courageously fought against
overwhelming odds - T. ~~and~~ his camp. & the continued
a gl. Jewish tradition - 9 yrs. later, had again involved at
31/10 - we can count on it! It is an asset!

② T. story is significant ~~more~~ as much bc. ^{because} of his life as bc. ^{because} of his death - He symbolizes a movement the noblest in 19C -
mov. of Aliyah - Program.

① National redemption thru self-redemption. Then 7/10 came
with you 15 yrs ago - Before that ~~you~~ you want to settle, to build colonies, to uphold Israel. Then was 1/12 in
1905 - Then was settle want after 1905 - Colonists had tribulations -
heroes - Motives in many instances - the same - But ~~in some~~ ^{in some}
of the earliest Aliyah - was the ideology so clear, so certain,
so determined & so consistent - ~~there was~~ ^{there was} great idealism - no
sentimentalism. Great concentration - no heroics, Vision coupled
with a cold realism and a hard discipline.

② First fall - the ~~settle~~ said, we must save ourselves. Our
land, we are impotent, Sp. we are homeless. We are not
rooted. We don't belong. We are unhappy. We are, as
individuals. Hence, we ourselves, as a nation, to find Sp. total equilibrium.
must empathize to E. gov - Rebuild our lives from ground up.
Hence our Pal. is not a means either, for others - but a self.
body & soul - need for ourselves. We need Pal. Hence we will do this

See how deep, this is from our Zion - We are proud of - Our
Jewish spirit - evaporates in expression itself but in Canaanism
at worst in talk. There became a driving force for ^{actual} self-emanipation.

(2) To be sure we want to save of nation - but first of all
ourselves. To be sure we want to build up nat. homeland -
but first of all our own ^{minor} lives. If many of us would do just
that - Homeland would be built & of nation saved.

(3) Work. ~~It can be about only~~ We can save ourselves
only then work - production, creation, honest work. And Pal.
can be built up only in this manner, too. We have been
left miserable, meat for capitalists, hangers on of a Engl.
Cap. system. ~~We~~ In the ghetto, Europe ^{we were} forced into bitter
competition which degraded us - ~~we were~~ Each one of
us has been ^{WRITING} ~~unprepared~~ ^{AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES} the auction to escape
phys. labor, as ~~nothing~~ ^{deterring} the ~~first~~ ^{first} ~~rank~~ ^{rank} ~~careers~~ ^{careers}
~~as~~ ^{as} ~~system~~ ^{system} ~~keepers~~ ^{keepers} ~~spelly~~ ^{spelly} ~~merchants~~ ^{merchants} ~~traders~~ ^{traders} ~~men~~ ^{men} ~~or~~ ^{or} ~~profession~~ ^{profession}
Our souls cannot be at rest there. Work alone will
save us - ~~work~~ we must to be builders! On farms, on
roads, in towns, in quarries, in mills - anywhere, just
as we build, produce, create. We will become the
pioneers of a working Palestine. A new land needs our
labor - A new life needs our life force.

(4) And we will work socially. All for one. One for all.
no exploitation. No careerism. No grafting + chumming.
We will exploit no one. No one shall exploit us.
We will try to build in our new world - in new social
order. Less cruel, less harsh & as we know in old world.
The Soc. Vision is our prophet - There was once a kingdom

3/ Our future in P. lies in the value of ^{the B. H.} ~~commerce~~ and politics.

Pop. WE reached high water mark in 1917. and declined ever since. Every disturbance marked a wholly down. Every desire act, M. Govt. was without ref. to J. Nat. Homeland.

① Pol. Ad. has ignored it - lost vote - failed to protect.

133 killed - 339 wounded - actually felt oppressed against - not Arabs but Jews - At bay - Pol. Ad. rebelled with Arabs - now side again - M. Govt. still holds + Pol. Ad. is split Arabs were the murderers -

② Shan Commission - worst part is not that I went beyond terms reference - violated every Arab guarantee - Recomm. 2 threats which would nullify Homeland - But whole report was written as if B. W. had been here as if mandatory Govt did not have obligation - of placing country under govt. adm. & econ. Council & will secure estab. of Nat. Home - as if J. people had no best connection with claim upon P. - as if Jews were then only a minority - and at that, as minorities & minority matters -

4/ Pol. in practice is wreck at any time.

Liberals lost - Went, then an actual beacon.

not prop. enough of the center & too far to the Right.

A fairly liberal majority is majority. Majorities

are right - Could not summarize J. problem in short.

Our settlement scheme shall be cooperative.
We shall stress not private property but inst. freedom
and social solidarity.

④ Reparation. It has given us the ideal prepar.
Let us give similar functional prep. letters
train for effective workmanship. Let us learn
farming or craftsmanship before we go to Pal.
And so scattered along Vilga, in S. Russia, in
Crimea spray up training farms & p.s. -
Trained not only to work - but to evolve.
discipline. A Jew works ^{and} ~~without complaining~~,
endures. His wants are few for his ideal are
many.

⑤ And we will unite - not her Arabs to work for us -
for our salvation lies in our own personal work.
And the salvation of J. people - J.P. will either be a
nation of farmers, workers, builders & creators or a
nation of ~~middle class~~ bourgeoisie, of shock workers
& exploiters, and middle class intellectuals - like
Russia & Poland.

⑥ Hebrew. We shall speak Heb. for in order to be
whole, in character, we must have in our speech -
our own medium of Expression.

This is program, p.s. -

And if Pal. stood fast in the trying days (last August
& Sept - due to discipl. life goal - steady rebirth & these p.s.)
Port-tn, inspired -

being seen in their new coat, they can afford to
read interest. to Jew -

5/ Our future lies in 1915 - in setting new etc.
The world has respect for facts only ^{and} not for ideas.
In building up a majority in Pal -

~~1915 will be as good as 1914~~
6/ This will not be so easy - Hence we need
patient persistence & political spirit -

6/ We want peace with Arab - We have as
long as we are weak - ^{we are weak to appearance} unless WE surrender.
^{national unity} and contend ourselves with ~~perhaps~~ unity
right within Arab values. If so why Pal? The
whole tragedy of the Jewish movement is that
when we are strong they ~~will~~ ^{will} speak a diff. lang -
Arab respect strength - They will not beat down & say
~~nothing~~ ^{nothing} says when we play at the W. And so
will the P. Arab. Every two, respect for strength -

Then ought to be no talk, to (contingent) Pal.
at the time, no Pal - Israel self seen by all means -
element of Arab communities by all means - When we
do things - much things - we shall speak of it - For the
present must on our side right for colonies &
for migration - & why is? why is?