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Hebrew University, Mt. Scopus, Jerusalem, talk re: dedication,
1925.

1. The event which is this day taking place in N.Y.C. is in itself not of immediate significance. 2 relat. small bldg. which would be inconspicuous say on this campus - a Chem. & a new bot. build. are formally being opened in form. An inst. of Jew. studies well is likewise being opened which will for the time being hold its sessions in one of 2 bldg. already constructed. That is all.

2. And yet the eyes of the world are turned toward N.Y.C. to-day. Every civil nation is rep. there on the persons of  or Embassy. The great Univ. of the East have sent messages. And from all parts the best minds in Israel have pilgrimage to be present on this occasion.

3. Clearly the present scope of the event is not the index and symptom rather the actual. ^{the building of} ~~the building of~~ Jerusalem was such an enterprise - of small visible signif. but of ultimate uncompr. importance. When Jew. was in flames. Bleeding - a few scholars extol. an humble Acad. in a little town of I. - But J. saved Israel -

4. Who can foretell what infl. H. V. will exert on future generations - the Near East, the Muslim -

1. Could the humblest theol. who first began to deliver lectures in theol. to a group of educated students in Oxford, in 1200 have foretold what Contrib. Oxford would make to the life of England, & to the world.

2. Could Moses ben Ezer, ^{Haliz. scholar} ~~scholar~~ seized by parasites while on mission of success for his Haliz. & renowned by Jews, Christians, & - have foretold that his coming ushered in the golden age of Sp. Jewry.

3. Cult. influences are ever so imperceptible and silently cumulative. It is diff. to define them.

5. This is clear:-

1. It will be of imm. service to humanity in fostering research into all manner of historical & social discords; in estab. a medical center and med. standards for the whole Near East.

2. It will ^{in the age of death} ~~enable~~ assist by ~~the~~ ^{the} community, than n.c. experience in the world.

3. Jewish Studies. Hist. Archaeol. Language.

6. As it dev. we can discern its expanding influence.

1. Revivify East slumbering - once active -

2. It is well to remem. that Arab. Univ. ant. - dated W. Europ. - ~~that~~ Bagdad, Alex. Cordoba, in fit, time preceded Salerno, Bohlogna and Paris. - and that Eur. Univ. in their ~~as~~ instit. of liberal arts incl. church and ~~of~~ exclus. theol. curricula, were modelled on Arab. Univ.

3. The East has infinite resources - and who can best tell them to life than the Jews themselves a child of the Orient, but one who has had 2000 years of contact with the West (and more) - West-Devil.

7. As far as J. people is concerned.

1. The foundat. of Univ. at this time is logical step. It is coincident with the revival of nat. life in Pal. & in a sense its origin.

2. The Eur. Univ. was the re-awakening of pol. sentiment. When the great monarchs of Eur. in the 11-12 c. began to gain their charter of empire - marking them unlike those

They expressed their new found sense,
freedom + community pride in the
estab. of colleges & their - The pub. upheav.
of the Crusades freed the masses - and
gave rise to Univ. Such is the international
career. bet. freedom and culture

2. The World War - just as The Bal. War.
The Bal. War. made possible the Pub. Univ.
& it is at once respect, our nat. rev. &
symbol of it

8. It is abso. proper, to, that first act of
our nat. life should be an exposure of our
veneration for Learning.

1. Meid - account to speak, Jew. rel. &
Jew. Ethics - Jew. Intelligence. - wherever
given a chance - in Alex. among Jews -
in Egypt. among Persians in Spain among
Arabs & Christians - The Jew aridly met
after learning, adopted & created - little Jew. places.
his man - his spirit - the Beyron - the
Emerson - International bet. Chi. & Arab.

2. In Salerno, Montpellier, Oxford - Jew. present

3. In I.C. Elijah Ulemedjo - Padua.

4. Thousands crowd Hall, Learning

The People, The Nation, The Temple.

9. Main idea.

1. ∴ just in keeping with our Traditions.

10. It is testament, our unperish. youth.
1. We are entering a new era of creativity.
 2. We have not yet said our last phrase.
- The Voice.

11. The dream, the 2nd Temple - Sheching.
1. To a new alien faces.
 2. A new waste fields.
 3. We have been echo - record.
 4. The dream & I are open left up.

11. The H. U. is sym. the kind of Empire would
wish to build - not pure - . Our for.
His return - youth - dominion - say. I am