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Louis Marshall memorial, 1929.



1. Coming as I do at the end, the program, after so much has been said, and much perhaps said, there seems hardly anything more left for me to say — I take it however that the real purpose, the ~~most~~ <sup>main</sup> thing will be to ~~extol~~ <sup>exalt</sup> us. It is beyond our power now, & it is to such a memorial meeting is an act of nat. self-indication. We demonstrate by ~~us~~ <sup>such</sup> gathering here tonight that we know how to honor those who by their life & labors have honored us. that by appreciating the merit the lives of our great men show that we ~~are~~ <sup>have been</sup> worthy of them.

2. The glory of a splendid life is that it transcends the perils of the past and continues as a creative force long after its ~~safer~~ <sup>period</sup> ~~is~~ death. These ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> qualities and principles in this life which will be ~~com-~~ <sup>educating</sup> ~~influencing~~ <sup>participating</sup> in the lives of those men in many years to come. It is not with ~~mundane~~ <sup>mundane</sup> everyday abundant life ~~and~~ <sup>can</sup> teach many a lesson, ~~and to the~~ to man.

3. If any man ever fully embodied the idea of Am. Jew. L. M. did — In him the perfect synthesis — for which many are still seeking — a natural amalgam, in which ~~the~~ <sup>a perfect and permanent</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~suppressed~~ <sup>abridged</sup> ~~or~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~eclipsed~~. His Am. was as unadulterated as his Jew. was unassimilated. He glorified the strength in each and fused them into a greater strength. He was a natural one — one of the very few natural ones among ~~the~~ <sup>our</sup> leaders. His love for Am. was as great as his understanding its principles, traditions & institutions. For him Am. was an end in itself —











6. He was a great leader - he. he <sup>was not a doctrinaire</sup> ~~dealt with the~~ <sup>changing</sup> ~~facts~~ of life and <sup>made the</sup> ~~did not~~ <sup>made the</sup> ~~meets~~ <sup>unintell.</sup> ~~adjust-~~  
ment. His <sup>early</sup> ~~life~~ <sup>Ref. career</sup> ~~wedded~~ <sup>that Israel is not</sup> ~~to the doctrine~~  
/ the early Ref. career - that Israel is not  
a people, only a rel. <sup>concern</sup>. - That they  
have no interest in this > rel. which distinguishes  
them <sup>from the people in whom</sup> ~~from the people in whom~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~live~~ <sup>dwell</sup>. It was a naive & comfortable doctrine.  
He ~~grew~~ <sup>nothing</sup> ~~unrelated~~ <sup>unrelated</sup> to the realities  
of the situation. L.M. clung to that doctrine for  
years - as so many still do who live in  
<sup>doctrinaire</sup> ~~intel.~~ <sup>relations</sup> - But his <sup>growing</sup> ~~growing~~  
contact with Jews who would <sup>only</sup> ~~only~~ with  
East Europ. Jews, their <sup>econ. & cultural</sup> ~~problems~~  
led him to revise his view - and at  
the versatile Conf. we find him, championing  
the cause of Jewish rights.

7. Bec. he was great enough to learn - he  
was led step by step by the hard, unyielding  
fact of J. life from a purely theol. conception  
of Jew - to a <sup>repro-</sup> ~~repro-~~ <sup>social</sup> ~~social <sup>conception</sup> -  
to think of Jews as a people - full-  
fledged, racially, rel, culturally distinct.  
and this led him to Palestine. <sup>There</sup> ~~It was not~~  
a break bet. the ~~anti-Zion~~ <sup>Mr. 9 15</sup> ~~anti-Zion~~ <sup>anti-Zion</sup>  
ago - anti-Zion. & Mr. the <sup>advocate</sup> ~~advocate~~ <sup>advocate</sup>  
of Zion - for the upbuilding of Pal. on the  
basis of <sup>Pal. ppl.</sup> ~~Pal. ppl.~~ <sup>Pal. ppl.</sup> ~~Pal. ppl.~~  
- only a logical development of a great,  
opening mind.~~







11. My friends - we need the joining of a prince  
in Israel. layman - How few are our  
lay leaders - We have to-day many fine  
J. laymen, cultured, men in the main  
of life - but they refuse the serious tasks  
of leadership. At best their leadership  
is limited to local churches & local  
congregations. They feel that they  
must do the work - our nat. & international  
problems, which cry for ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> great  
hands & great leaders - do not reach  
them, & reaching them leave them un-  
moved. I. M. should be a challenge  
to them. I in the modest <sup>his way</sup> & personal,  
exactness, professional career, to find  
time & discover energies to work for  
the J. causes - led to you many, only  
not to study them, analyze, guide,  
teach, combat.

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'There is in such a life a principle which  
does not admit of death'



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1. American - nature -

① Shows first of German Jews  
② " of all Jews.

2. Orig. Am. Jew. Can. nearly 1/2 cent. ago. - defined  
where, ① Immigration, ② Russia - Paraph  
1911 - ③ 1832

3. From Rel. to Nation absm.

4. Democracy - Masse - 1877 Jude - Memoranda

5. "Joint" - Russian Colonization -

6. Catholic Jews ① Reform - Em. ② Culture  
③ Orthodox Culture  
④ Yiddish.

7. Agency

8. Jew. Education - Chorland -



9. Layman. Sad in one day -  
Philanth. only -

10. His mother - must, & Psalm  
what she says to him accompa  
nies him thru life.

11. Tribune of people -

12. Just -

13. Pres. of U. S. State College; Friendly  
Conversation -

14. 40 letters a day

15. Religious War - In Trump's Era  
Friday - Seder - Fast -  
Sabbath light -

16. Learn Yiddish

17. Need not remain in intell  
volunteer, paid volunteer -  
Masse -

18. Protocols -

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"There is in such a life a principle  
which does not admit of death"  
- Socrates.





If any man in American Jewish life deserved the title of American Jew in its fullest implications it was Louis Marshall. He succeeded in making the most perfect synthesis, the most satisfying adjustment between his unadulterated Americanism and his unassimilated Judaism. He discovered the strength in each and he fused both into a greater strength. Being without guile or servility he saw in Americanism and Judaism not a conflict but a concordance.

The catholicity of his Jewish interests, the bigness, scope and encompassing intelligence of Louis Marshall enabled him to be a pioneer in the work of bringing all the scattered elements in American Jewish life into closer contact and cooperation. His methods were not always approved. He was the last of the great school of Jewish tribunes to which Manasseh ben Israel, Moses Montefiore, Adolph Cremieux belonged. But in the latter years of his life Louis Marshall became aware of the rising type of democratic sentiment and because he had the true elements of great leadership in him he adjusted himself to the realities of the situation and became the chosen leader of the very democratic forces which up to that time had apposed him.

He was not a doctrinaire. Though reared in the philosophy of anti-national Reformed Judaism, his closer study of Jewish life soon enabled him to pass from a purely theologic conception of Judaism to a religio-sociologic one. He came to think in terms of the Jewish people.

Ultimately he was led and almost inevitably to the gates of Palestine.

There was no break between Louis Marshall the anti-Zionist of years ago and Louis Marshall the co-creator of the Jewish Agency - only the logical development of a great and growing mind.

He was one of our few great lay leaders. We have many great laymen of culture and capacity but they do not wish to take on the cross and the crown of Jewish leadership. The life of Louis Marshall challenges these men. In the midst of his crowded professional career he found time and energy to



wrestle with Jewish problems not only local but national and international.

What was said of Socrates may be said of Louis Marshall:

"There is in such a life a principle which does not admit of death."

Abba Hillel Silver

