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Palestine rally, 1935.

ABSTRACT OF ADDRESS DELIVERED BY RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER AT THE PALESTINE
RALLY AT THE COUNCIL EDUCATION ALLIANCE ON SATURDAY EVENING
JANUARY 19, 1935.

The Jewish need for Palestine is being demonstrated daily. Tens of thousands of Jews of all classes are besieging the officials of the Jewish Agency and government consulates for certificates or visas which will enable them to go to Palestine. In one instance -- in Poland -- nine thousand applied for ninety available certificates. One quarter of a million young Jews are in training in various parts of Central and Eastern Europe awaiting their turns to migrate to Palestine.

The terrible political conditions in Germany have forced tens of thousands of Jews to flee to Palestine. The desperate economic plight in Poland is likewise forcing Jews to emigrate to Palestine by the thousands. At the present annual rate of immigration, Palestine will have over a million Jews in less than ten years.

The country is developing amazingly as a result of the investment of Jewish labor, capital and enterprise in the upbuilding and modernization of that land which not so long ago was a place of ruins, waste and desolation. Palestine promises to revitalize the whole Near East and to make it once again one of the great centers of industry, commerce and culture in the Mediterranean world.

The American people as well as the American government has always been sympathetic and helpful in this fascinating and momentous project of making the Holy Land again the homeland of that people which once created in it two great religions which have blessed mankind, as well as a literature which is today the sacred literature of nearly half the world.