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Centennial of Cleveland Jewish community, 1937.

1/ "Half-forgotten tales of old" - savor the must of memories - life is too much on the rack to-day for sweet hours of reminiscence.

2/ It is to recount the story of our pioneering - "belong" and
To gain guidance & wisdom for future -

3/ Difficult to speak of our future - not entirely of our own making.

"I dip into the future, far as human eye could see
"Saw the vision, the world & all the wonders that would be"

Prophetically - for now - actually came to be - Airplane
"the nations' airy navies groping in the central blue"
Visions of progress & Sc. fulfilled - surpassed

But... "when the war-drum throbbed no longer and
the battle flags were furled, in the Parliament, Man,
the Federation of the World" - deceived -

Did us foresee - World War - Disintegration - chaos.

4/ Similarly - a man dipping - may be greatly deceived
Scientifically, we shall probably advance
in our life - social relations - pari passu
In Tolerance - Freedom - Peace - retrogress!

3/. In 19C - we Jews banked - Enlightenment
and Sc. progress - to achieve our Emanc.

To-day we know other factors determine -
minority

Universities - Educational classes - social ground

Our Foe - not ignor. but propaganda

4/. We cannot forecast Future with any degree
of confidence - like former - who came
to terms - strong upon foundations - tenacity

Life is full of change -

Monuments big as fate

Axioms - little comforting - negation

Then - Jews was Advancing - Rebuke

Then - Indiv. increasing - Guarantees

19C - Golden Age -

7/. Our future hunkled up -

(1) If Amer. - will remain true - Mosaic

(2) we hope - cannot know - 150 yrs -

(3) we believe - will find Golden way -

(4) we shall be wise - Econ. liberalisation

⑤ It can happen here! But if we avert war

8) Greater Unity

① Gen - E. Eurp. Social Clearing - Solvent -

② Zion - Anti Z. - Time - logic & events

③ Orthodox - Conser - Reform

Eurp. Transplanted

Narrowed by centuries Isolation - Disables

= rigid discip.; Chr. am. Gr. loyalt.

Rational. Incant. 19C.

Futur. criticism. Pol. Experience
hard jud. to rest

In Amer - far removed - Shadow - isolates -

whittle - Synthesis -

9) Rel. continue to be Focus -

Every-thing came out of Synop.

Secular - even one based on Nat. & Polit.

10) Greater euphoria - Rel. Educat. Philanthropy

Raise standards of learning

Reservoirs destroyed - Jamnia

without burning - Jud. cannot survive

People, the Book! - // 27th Sept - Jerusalem

Jewish Centennial
COMMUNITY MEETING



Commemorating the 100th Anniversary
 
of Jewish Settlement in Cleveland



Sunday Evening, October 31, 1937, 8:00 P.M.

PUBLIC MUSIC HALL

SOME IMPORTANT DATES IN CLEVELAND JEWISH HISTORY

- 1837—Simson Thorman, first Jewish settler, arrived in Cleveland.
- 1839—Samson Hoffman brought the first Jewish family to the city.
- 1839—The Israelitische Society, first Jewish congregation, was formed.
- 1840—First Jewish cemetery purchased, on Willet Street.
- 1846—The Eagle Street Temple, first Jewish synagogue, was built.
- 1850—Formal Jewish education begun by Tifereth Israel Congregation.
- 1853—First B'nai B'rith Lodge organized.
- 1857—First Jewish social service agency established, Hebrew Relief Association.
- 1868—Jewish Orphan Home established.
- 1888—Hebrew Observer, first Jewish newspaper, established.
- 1895—Council of Jewish Women organized.
- 1903—Jewish Welfare Federation formed.
- 1904—National Zionist Conference held in Cleveland.
- 1923—Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations formed.
- 1924—Bureau of Jewish Education established.
- 1926—Hebrew Cultural Gardens created.
- 1931—Jewish Welfare Fund formed.
- 1935—Jewish Community Council organized.
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PROGRAM

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| Invocation | Rabbi Hugo Klein |
| Opening Remarks | Edward M. Baker, <i>Chairman</i> |
| For the Federal Government | Senator Robert J. Bulkley |
| For the City of Cleveland | Mayor Harold H. Burton |
| For the Catholic Diocese | Rt. Rev. Msgr. Floyd L. Begin |
| For the Protestant Churches of Cleveland . . | Rev. Miles H. Krumbine |
| Address | Max Simon |
| Address | Rabbi Israel Porath |
| Group of Songs | Massed Children's Chorus Daniel Frohman, <i>Conductor</i> |
| Ayn Kaylohenu | |
| Hear the Voice of Israel's Elders | |
| America | |
| Anu Banu Artza | |
| Cleveland Jewry — Looking Back | Rabbi B. R. Brickner |
| Presentation of Centennial Essay Awards | Simon J. Green |
| Cleveland Jewry — Looking Ahead | Rabbi A. H. Silver |
| Benediction | Rabbi Harold Goldfarb |

PROGRAM
Jewish Centennial Week

CENTENNIAL SERVICES IN TEMPLES AND SYNAGOGUES

October 22, 23, 24

TREE PLANTING CEREMONY October 24

Participated in by Cleveland's oldest living Jewish residents, and descendants of pioneer Jewish settlers. At the Hebrew Cultural Gardens, 2:30 P. M.

CENTENNIAL MUSIC CONCERT October 24

Works of famous Jewish composers, and Jewish folk songs. The Cleveland Jewish Singing Society; Dr. Jerome Gross, violin; Philip Kirchner and Woodwind Group of Cleveland Symphony Orchestra; Emmanuel Rosenberg, tenor. At the Euclid Avenue Temple, 8:45 P. M.

CENTENNIAL ART EXHIBIT October 25-30

Displaying the works of more than forty-five Cleveland Jewish artists, past and contemporary, in Steinway Hall of the Halle Brothers Company.

JEWISH HISTORICAL EXHIBIT October 25-November 13

Depicting the various phases of the development of Cleveland's Jewish community, in the John G. White Corridor of the Cleveland Public Library.

COMMUNITY MEETING October 31

The Centennial Observance has been conducted under the auspices of the Jewish Community Council, and has been planned by a committee including Leo Weidenthal, Chairman; Mrs. Sigmund Braverman, Mrs. I. Fineman, Miss Florence Goldman, Rabbi Melbourne Harris, Leonard S. Levy, Louis Moskowitz, Mrs. Norman Siegel, and Albert A. Woldman. Each activity has been under the direction of a special sub-committee.
