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Masliansky memorial, 1943.

1) Add - Master of the spoken word - Guide of his Generation - Faithful servant of his People.

Am. Israel owes him much. Many of us personally
my own early years - as a youth on the East Side - were beg.
under the spell of his ~~personality~~ ^{personality} - matchless oratory.
There were years - when I sat - spell-bound - by the side - at
his invitations - for he was kind & tender to youth - fri.
end after Fri. Eve - and worshipfully drank in his words of
passionate & by his wisdom - shaped by the moving
cadences of his enthralling speech - rising with him to
the superb climaxes which he so often attained - of pathos
of sorrow, of exhortation - and ~~so~~ ^{made happy} by the wit,
the ~~power~~ ^{force} of his bygone words.

- 723, 1910/1911 - was a glad ^{irresistible} summons to many youths,
 to many older men & women - who gladly responder -
 to his uplifted - instructive - comforted - so only
Sabbath word - wings again - & visits

- Here came the Tired Heart - back-breaking weeks work
sweat-shop - peddler - ship-keeper - ^{movements} to enter another
world - finer - nobler - world of ideals - ideas - aspirations
and for an hour or two forget what is - reach out
for what ^{was} ~~might~~ ^{might} he.

- Here came the immigrant - homing bet. 2 worlds -
left - not yet enterer - confused - disturbed -
wishing for some one to recall for him - the things
which made him & the world he came from significant
- & interpret for him his place - role - destiny - new world

(2)
Here came parents - tried to understand children - drifting
away - caught up in the sweep & surge, Ammer -
and youth who tried to preserve the life & intell. contacts
with their parents.

Here came men who had fled from European persecution - with
the burden of their dread remembrance - who craved for
some one who would exorcise these memories and in
their place put peace & warranted hopes for to-morrow
and make their spirits soar again.

Here came philos - scholars from the old world & teachers -
writers - and plain folk among whom the reverence
for Baume, & Levi & Israel, were strong.

And 2231 - he would speak to all, then, to each
according to his burden & the need, his life. He under-
stood them all - and unerringly knew the way to their
hearts & minds -

He had
a simple parable for the simple soul - a homely
anecdote - a bit of humor to smooth out the
deep wrinkles on the forehead & heart, his listeners -

a more weighty discussion for the more learned -
drawing upon his rich treasury of Baume -

a deft interpret. of a biblical text, or a Rabbinic
message to adjust the congruence - initiate

An heroic appeal - suffused with fervor & proph. passion
to his listeners to rise to the highest & the urgent

9 + was a ^{colony} world of Confucius, aspiration, carpenter - that. 17.
for more > 3 decade - preached his message - as theme
in many phases - a mighty theme - Orientalism! ~~the~~
Past with future! The ind. must adjust himself to his
new experience - without breaking visibly with his past -
without expecting the improbable, the future. Israel must
orient itself - without breaking with its past - without
expecting what history does not warrant us to expect from
the F. future.. His two main interests were the problem of the
Jews in the new world - & the problem of Israel everywhere
in the world - National > personal

① He behaved in Amer - spoke with benevolence on his opio
was not concerned about Americanization -
was concerned - where but old Jews. too not talked all.
old world - & new Jews - too visibly enamored.
- confusing the superficial - surface materialism - Communism
Hence - reminded old Jewry - not to idealized too
shells - upheavals - mean - drab - degradation
- reminded new - of rich J. cultural character
- beauty of J. customs - holidays ¹⁷⁰⁰ sublimity (Dante)

W. D. Howells

Glories of ancestral Faith - which their father preserved
others beaconed - Superiority to Paganism - old Jew
Exalted Israel - the eternal - whom suffering refines
whose history is the most glorious Epic, thankful
Should such a noble heritage be squandered or given?
(Berk) such a people be abandoned?

no escape into self-denial - assimilation - It is unworthy.

It is impossible! It has been tried! It failed!

Then M. spoke - ^{Prophet of Truth} recurrent theme of ^{Beloved People} Bridge. "Orient" - by living their experience, then see - ^{historical} bridge

4). It is was the most potent & lyrical voice for Pinchas Stav among his people in his generation - Zionism - Hebrew

① Saw in Zion. movement the spirit which would turn the hearts of children to their parents - when N. Loyalties were abolished.

5). Was the Philistine - Theologian - The great Agadist - The great Preacher - C. 31 - whose lips were touched - divine fires!

6). Traces he remains enduring in the prayer heart Israel

