

Dinner Rally Opens Zionist Drive Sunday Evening

LEADERS ISSUE STATEMENTS



Joseph Porter



Saul Spiro

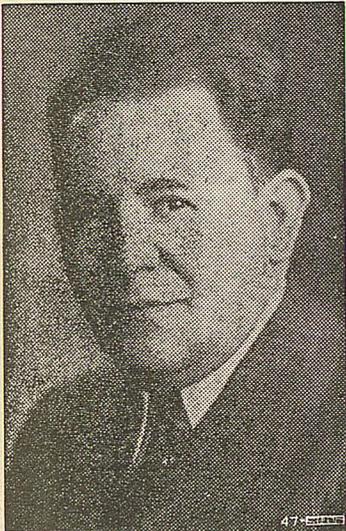


Emanuel Spector

"Fate placed us in America and placed upon us the duty to find a refuge for our persecuted brothers in the land of our fathers."

"Arise to the historic occasion! make possible the saving of the remnant of Israel that can still escape destruction in the hell of Communazi-Poland and Eastern Europe and find salvation in Eretz Israel. Join the creative forces of the Zionist movement!"

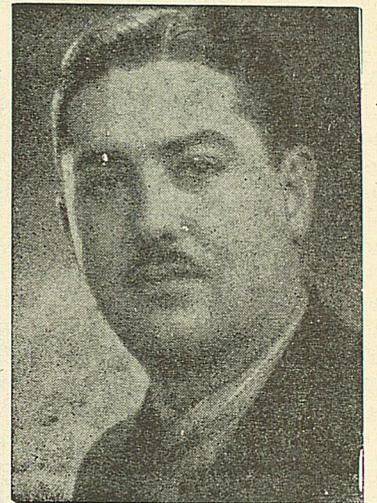
"In the hands of American Jewry is the destiny of Israel. They alone are free from the burden of war but not free from the obligation of Aid."



Harry Letwin



Harry Berlin



Herman Fineberg

"The rebuilding of Palestine was a dream of the Zionist founders, an accomplishment of the pioneers, but a necessity for the destitute refugees."

"Refugees in Palestine have rebuilt their lives. They have also rebuilt the land by harnessing the Jordan to make barren land fertile so that still more Jews may be aided."

"Thousands of Jews have been slaughtered or have died of disease and hunger but the army of bewildered refugees increases. This must be met by an increased Zionist membership."



Israel A. Abrams

A drive on all fronts to enlist new recruits in the Zionist ranks will mark the campaign to achieve a new high in District Zionist membership. Plans have been completed for a short but vigorous drive to enroll every Jew in the Pittsburgh area in the Zionist Organization of America.

The campaign will be launched Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock in the Webster Hall Hotel with a workers' rally under the leadership of Judge Henry Ellenbogen, general chairman. Judge Morris Rothenberg of New York and Tri-State civic and Zionist leaders will speak.

Pittsburgh led the country in membership gains in 1939. The National Zionist leaders have informed local officials that further gains in the Pittsburgh District would stimulate country-wide interest in the Zionist campaign.

Judge Ellenbogen confidently predicted a membership in excess of 2500 for the Pittsburgh district by the first of February.

Saul S. Spiro, President, disclosed that campaign workers are guided by the motto: "A goal that is reached

can be exceeded—By a little bit of extra work."

Two pre-campaign tests reveal enthusiastic support of the Zionist program. The result of preliminary efforts presage a successful campaign.

Assisting Judge Ellenbogen in the 1940 Zionist membership campaign are Saul S. Spiro, Pittsburgh district president and Harry Berlin, chairman of the membership committee, Herman Fineberg, Harry Letwin, Joseph Porter and Emanuel Spector, veteran Zionist officials, are associate chairmen.

Statements issued by these Zionist leaders point to recent tragic events which have increased the army of refugees and which, they assert, demands an increase in the army of American Zionists upon whom has fallen the responsibility of continuing the rehabilitation of Palestine and the revival of hope among despairing people.

Zionist leaders maintain that Palestine can absorb 500,000 refugees if the Zionist organization is numerically strong to provide for the economic rehabilitation of the newcomers.

Pittsburgh Jews are aware of the possibilities of providing a permanent home for helpless and homeless Jews. Their co-operation has been indicated by their enthusiastic support of the Zionist membership drive.

While the lights are out in Europe, the torch of Zionism is the only guiding light for bewildered refugees hoping for a haven in Palestine. A larger Zionist membership will rekindle their hope.

Zionist headquarters announced the following co-chairmen for the membership drive:

Israel A. Abrams, E. L. Braunstein, B. Chait, Dr. M. H. Fisher, Julius Halpern, A. LaVictoire, Jacob Lichter, Louis Michaels, Max Rogal, Nathan Savage, Chas. Silver, Leonard Amdur, Walter Burke, Harvey Deaktor, J. W. Goldbloom, Bernard Kaplan, Esq., Dr. Abraham Lewin, A. L. Mars, Harry I. Neaman, Hyman Rogal, Harry Schaeffer, Abe Weil, Ben Paul Brasley, H. M. Caplan, Abe Dunn, Samuel Goldstock, A. R. Kletz, Dr. M. B. Lichtenstein, Morris Mayerstein, Al Rice, Oscar Robbins, Jacob Seder.

*Chairman Board of Directors
"Israel must be united in this crisis, for in unity there is strength. Let us all unite under Zion's banner."*