

and from Germany, Poland and Russia. There are 14 congregations—Portuguese most conspicuous. The Chief Rabbi is invested by the Turkish Government with power to decide disputes. The Jerusalem Israelites are strict observers of the law of Moses, according to Talmud traditions, and no innovations are allowed and nothing abolished. Their moral character is said to be excellent.

Large sums of money have been contributed by Israelites in other parts of the world to assist their poor brethren in the Holy Land. Sir Moses Montefiore and Albert Cohen were highly lauded for their charitable labor of love.

The Rabbi recognizes the visible hand of God in the signs which indicate the speedy deliverance of the people, and that the day of salvation is at hand. The Arabs are disappearing, the Israelites are increasing. The aspect of the Holy City is being changed very much by the coming of foreign capitalists, and the great fact is announced that Israelites are now allowed for the first time in eighteen hundred years to own and possess real estate. The set time to favor Zion has come, and there is hope that the poor Jews will no longer walk with their heads bowed down, looking like shadows of death, and weeping for the desolation of many centuries.

The lecturer concluded with an affecting invocation of the Psalms of David in Hebrew and English: 'Thou shalt arise and have mercy on Zion, for the time to favor her, yea, the set time is come. For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favor the dust thereof. So the heathen shall fear the name of the Lord, and all kings of the earth thy glory. *This shall be written for the generation to come; and the people which shall be created shall praise the Lord!!* For he hath looked down from the heights of His Sanctuary; from heaven did the Lord behold the earth. To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed unto death; to declare the name of the Lord in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem, when the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms to serve the Lord,' &c., &c."

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