

**B'NAI B'RITH'S JUBILEE.**  
**A Parliament of Israel's Pride**  
**to Meet—The Ceremonies in**  
**New York. President Cle-**  
**veland and Other No-**  
**ted Christians**  
**to attend.**

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The most impressive celebration in which the people of Israel have ever participated, begins in New York city on Thursday, October 12, next, and continues for three days. "The Independent Order of B'nai B'rith, or Sons of the covenant, will then commemorate their fiftieth anniversary as an organization. Not only will Jews of world-wide eminence take part in the exercises, but Christians of renown, including Grover Cleveland, have accepted invitations to be present. Mayor Thomas F. Gilroy, Governor Flower, Lieutenant-Governor Sheehan, and perhaps Secretary of War, Daniel S. Lamont, will be among the guests. The well-known Jews who take part include Jesse Seligman, the banker, Senator William Lovenstein, of Richmond, Va.; Simon Wolfe, of Washington, D. C.; Simon W. Rosendale, attorney general of the State of New York; Julius Harburger, grand master of the Free Sons of Israel; Rev. Henry Berkowith, of Philadelphia, and the far-famed Rabbi Gottheil. The two regrets connected with the rejoicings are a letter from Baron Hirsch, Europe's semitic patron, announcing his inability to reach New York in time to be a guest on the occasion, and a message from Palestine and Jerusalem, to the effect that the delegates from the Holy Land, wherein B'nai B'rith maintains a school for the propagation of the English tongue, have been detained so late that New York cannot be reached by the party during the continuance of the festival. The foreign members of the order, however, are to be adequately represented by delegations from Germany, England, Syria, Egypt, Australia, Russia, and all of the United States.

The inauguration of the festival is fixed for 8 o'clock in the evening of October 12. The place will be the Grand Central Palace at Lexington avenue and Forty-fifth street, which is already in the hands of the decorators preparatory to the event. Henry M. Goldfogle, the district court justice, will, as president of district No. 1, with

headquarters in New York, make the opening address. A musical entertainment by an orchestra of seventy-five pieces will next be given, followed by the address of Julius Bier of the executive committee. Then President Cleveland, for whose reception elaborate arrangements are now under way, is to make a short speech, although it is understood that he may not be able to attend upon the first day. Frederick W. Burnham, grand master of Masons, Judge H. Schiff, president of the Montefiore home, the brothers Mendes, both rabbis and sons of a famed rabbi, and Morris Goodhart, will be among the active participants on this evening. It is expected that more prominent Jews will then come together than ever were gathered before under a single roof.

The following day is not to be marked by any public event, as it is proposed that social intercourse and visits about New York city shall afford amusement to the foreign visitors. Saturday, being the Sabbath, is given over to rest and religious observance. In the evening there comes a banquet, at which the guests will be, in addition to prominent Jews like Joseph Koch, Max Cohen, Adolph Hirsch, Mayer Sulzberger, S. D. Sowards, Isaac Rosonosky, J. Kanstromitz, S. H. Seligman, and B. Blumethal, such men outside the race as Roswell P. Flower, Samuel Gompers, Walter Q. Gresham, W. Bourke Cockran, David B. Hill and Leon Abbott. Secretary Gresham has, however, not yet been able to send an unconditional acceptance. It is hoped that President Cleveland will attend, although announcement is made that he cannot appear on more than one day, and therefore, his presence on Thursday would result in his absence subsequently. The toasts are to accord with the spirit of the occasion. The conventional ones of "The Day We Celebrate," "Our Country," "The President," and so on will be accompanied by "The Modern Jew," "B'nai B'rith," "Our Founder," "Jerusalem," and "The Covenant." Jesse Schginar, Rabbi Cohen, Henry M. Goldfogle, Rabbi Gottheil and A. Hummel will be among the speakers.

The following day (Monday) will be devoted to the purely intellectual features of the commemoration. There are to be talks by the visiting rabbis and by Isaiah Cohen,

Jacob Holzoser, Adolph Hirsch and others. The temple of Bethel at the corner of Fifth avenue and Seventy-sixth street, has been chosen as the scene of this day's celebration, beginning at 8 o'clock in the evening. For the first time the women of the race will become prominent in the festivities, and such well-known ladies as Mrs. Seward, Mrs. Koch and Mrs. Gans have consented to interest themselves in the programme. It is hoped, however, that the order's three surviving founders—Michael Schwab and J. Rosenberg, of New York, and Jonas Hecht, of Norfolk, Va.—may attend, although their advanced age renders the possibility remote.

The imposing scale upon which this international gathering of Jews is planned is a fitting tribute to the growth of an order which had the humblest beginnings. Henry Jones of New York, the most respected Israelite of his day founded B'nai B'rith in 1843, the metropolis of the New America having the first interest of an organization which now has members wherever there are Jews. Its objects are social, religious, charitable and political. The members are pledged to make every proper effort to remove anti-semitic prejudice, to provide for the needy, to teach the truths of religion, to preserve social tradition, and to uphold the faith of Abraham. The order in America supports homes, hospitals and asylums in every large city. It maintains an orphan refuge at Cleveland, containing 450 inmates, the Touro infirmary at New Orleans, and a Jewish widows' and orphans' home there. It shelters and educates some eighty children in the orphans' home at Atlanta. Scattered over the republic it has a technical school for instruction in manual training of the young, a religious school for the tuition of children whose faith is in danger of being lost, a seminary for adults, a technical training institute and libraries without number. In New York city the order's Home for the Aged and Infirm is now one of the best equipped of its kind in the world.

Nor is the fame of B'nai B'rith local to America. In Germany it has twenty-nine lodges, supporting homes and asylums and warring upon race prejudice and intolerance. In Roumania the State will recognize no Jewish community,