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## The Wail of a Mighty Nation

Extract from Sermon Delivered by Rabbi Abraham D. Price at Keneseth Israel Synagogue, Baltimore, Md.

"No people have had such sorrow!" When recently talking to a native of Jerusalem about their grief at their wailing place at Jerusalem, I could not but feel as I heard about their desolation that they had reason to mourn. Here once stood their state temple. Here had sat their sunny city, filled with the rejoicing that freely flowed from a people most favored by the Lord. Here the sweetest strains of Zion swelled in harmonic numbers and height of Olivet echoed their harmonic melodic joys. But now the mosque of Omar usurps the place of praise, the colossal fragments of grandeur are the urns that receive Jewish tears. Yet century after century this patriotic people come from many lands to pour out their wild lamentations upon the stony ruins that once in power and pride but tressed Jehovah's temple. No one can read nor hear about the moaning, woes, without feeling the pathetic pliant of a peoples' grief. Cheerfulness has given place to dejection, exhilaration to depression. They cry, "How hath the Lord cast down from heaven to earth the beauty of Israel. How is the gold become dim and the most fine gold changed. Our holy and our beautiful house, wherein our fathers praised thee, is burned with fire. We are become a scorn and a derision to our fathers." No sadder words could be chanted. They are the funeral dirge of departed glory. Like a tragedy written in lines of blood their trail for 1900 years may be traced among the nations. Persecution in every form that cruelty could invent has been heaped upon them. The torture, robbery, exile, and despotic tyranny of almost every nation has pursued them as slaves; they have been sold to the mean and the mercenary as felon; they

have been charged with every crime under heaven. The plague of the middle ages were blamed upon them. The French burned them in every province. The Germans made their lives hideous with horrible severity. The English, even by their cruelties to the Jews, drew from the pen of Sir Walter Scott that burning picture in his Ivanhoe. The Spaniards wrecked un pitying wraht upon them that many were buried alive and about 300 were flayed by the flaming flaggots. Christian Russia so far forgot herself that she enacted and is doubtless today enacting the most heartless policies towards them. In the thirteenth century they were exiled from England, in the fourteenth expelled from France, in the fifteenth driven from Spain, and in the nineteenth and twentieth from Russia.

Now the question is, what is the Jew of today going to do for his down-trodden brethren and the coming generations? Will he stand by and look on without saying a word, or will he at once take steps to remedy the matter which the past left for the present?

Rabbi Abraham D. Price of Baltimore, Md., will deliver this winter a course of lectures in "Modern Jewery and What Has Been Done for Judaism."

## "CHARITY EXALTED A NATION."

The Pride of the Jewish nation from the time of their Patriarch Abraham down to the dark ages of their exile has ever been "charity" as every one of us who is acquainted with Jewish history or with the Jewish life know. Now how can you be so careless and see the Bickor Cholim Society, which does so much good for the poor, abandoned?

Awake! you sons of Abraham! Come to the Bickor Cholim meeting which will be held on Sunday, the 1st of November, 1908, at 2 p. m. sharp, at Adath Yeshurun Hall, corner Jackson and Walker avenue and give the Society your support.

Respectfully,

H. B. Lieberman,  
Secretary.

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