

The Rev. Dr. D. de Sola Pool
The Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue
New York 23, N. Y.

8 West 70 St.

Nov. 3. 1959

Dear Evelyn

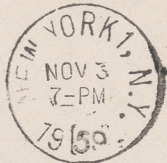
You were kind enough to ask for a copy of the invocation which it was my privilege to deliver at the Bicentenary Dinner on Saturday night. I am sending you herewith a copy of it.

As to deSola material, that will have to wait a little until I can come up from the pressure under which I am working at the moment, & ultimately until I can get my library & papers out of the storage warehouse! But I won't forget your request, nor the good time we had in meeting again so many charming members of the family.

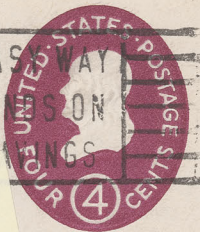
As ever,

David de Sola Pool

Pool
8 W 70 St
N.Y. 23



SAVE THE EASY WAY
BUY U.S. BONDS ON
PAYROLL SAVINGS



Ms Evelyn Silver Miller
742 Upper Koslyn Ave
Montreal
P.Q.
Canada

Rev.
David de Sola Pool

Sent home by Tamar
(Mrs D de S P) See letter for
date.



AFFIRMATION OF LIFE

from THE SPIRITUAL TESTAMENT of
RABBI DAVID de SOLA POOL

סוף דבר הכל נשמע אתה'

ירא ואת מצותיו שמור ביה קלה אדם:

Ecclesiastes XII: 13

Whensoever death shall come, it will find me unafraid. I pray that it may find me ready. I have ever tried so to live that I might be prepared to meet my God. I love life and the exquisite gifts of work, of play, of joy, of chastening, of light, of laughter, and most of all, of love that it has brought me. I am, and have always been, deeply grateful for the abundance of life with which I have been blessed. Life has been inexpressibly sweet to me. Yet, come death when it may, I yield up life as gladly, as gratefully, as I have accepted its gift for the while it would be selfish to ask for more. All my life long I have been blessed with the gifts of love, far, far beyond my deserving. I have tried, haltingly, inadequately but sincerely to repay through service some of the debt I owe to life for its profuse bounty towards me. I gave three years (the happiest of my life because the richest in service) to the Holy Land. I have tried at all times, and for all who called upon me, rich as well as poor, gentile as well as Jew, to give service through such poor gifts as my physical strength, my mental power and my spiritual resources enabled me to offer. I have tried so to do. More than that I cannot say, for I know that often, pitifully often, I have failed through weakness and inadequacy---physical, mental, and spiritual. Yet the stimulus and the joy of trying have been mine.

From anyone towards whom I have failed in human kindness I ask forgiveness. I do not feel and I never have felt, any unkindness or malice in my heart towards anyone. Where I have failed, it has been through my insufficiency, never through ill will.

But I would not leave with you who care to hear, and even perchance to cherish a message from me, any emphasis on failure. Though in tangible achievement I have not done what perhaps I dreamed of doing and what the world may rightly have expected me to achieve, the very living of my life has been supremely successful. There has been no day in which my heart has not leaped with gratitude to God for the joy of life and its fulfillment in the perfect love that has been given to me both as a child and in every moment of my sacred married life. There has yet never dawned the day when I have not been able to give thanks unto God for His goodness, and the day of death shall be but one more such day.

Therefore I would not have my death darken the life of anyone. Life to me has always been joy with humor and laughter and happiness. I would have it so, and I have tried to make it so for all others with

whom my lot has been cast. I have tried to comfort others in their sorrow and to show them the sunshine of life's path. So if any would remember me, let my name be mentioned with a smile, with brightness, with humor, with happy memory, with wholesome gladness. Pain not my memory with tears or regrets, but let my spirit live among you after death as it has on earth, with joyousness. I would have the children of the religious school of my congregation gladdened on the Sunday nearest its anniversary or, should that be in the summer, then I would have some other children's lives made sweeter on that day, and at all times I would have my wife and children and those w-ho have been the sweetest blessings in my life recall me with a smile as they think how much of heart-warming love they gave to me.

I can never even begin to express my thanks to all whose goodness, whose forbearance and whose friendship have made my life so wondrous an adventure. May God bless you all for the blessings you have given to me. I have had all and more than man could dare ask for---a life that has known no want, a life of wide and varied interests, with music, travel, humor, work, opportunities of spiritual service. But most of all I have had friendship and kindness from everyone, and a perfect, exquisite love from my life's partner.

"Many waters cannot quench love
Rivers cannot drown it"

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Hear then my infinite conceit; I fear
That those I love, who love me too,
may heap

Small portions of their lives upon my bier.

Would there be tears and I not here
to bring

A cause for living laughter?

Would there be darkness and pain,
and I not here to sing

Return of day? Oh, take this from me--
Promise that when I'm one with all
the after

You still will greet each new born day
with laughter.

To all I would sum up what I have tried to be in the deep wisdom of the ancient words: "The end of it, when all has been heard, is revere God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole of man."

So,
"I rest my spirit in His hand,
Asleep, awake by Him I'm stayed.
God with me still, in life, in death,
I face my future unafraid."

Reggie's

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FINAL TESTAMENT
of
David de Sola Pool

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Life has meant so much to me that it were selfish to ask for more. All my life long I have been blessed with the gifts of love, far, far beyond my deserving. I have tried, haltingly, inadequately but sincerely, to repay life for the rare, wondrous love that has enveloped me, by such poor service as I have been privileged to give. I have tried to repay through service some of the debt I owe to life for its profuse bounty towards me. I gave three years (the happiest of my life because the richest in service) to the Holy Land. I have tried in other ways, and at all times, and for all who called upon me, rich as well as poor, gentile as well as Jew, to give service through such poor gifts as my physical strength, my mental power and my spiritual resources enabled me to offer. I have tried so to do. More than that I can not say, for I know that often, pitifully often, I have failed through weakness and inadequacy — physical, mental, and spiritual. Yet the stimulus and the joy of trying have been mine.

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INVOCATION

Given by Rabbi David de Sola Pool, on Saturday evening, October 31, 1959, at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal, on the occasion of the Bicentenary Meeting of Canadian Jewry, Organized by the Canadian Jewish Congress.

We are meeting in thanksgiving to God, the Divine Father of all mankind, for the blessings of freedom and brotherhood that for two centuries have marked Jewish settlement in this land of beauty, progress, freedom, and democracy. Let us all together pronounce the hallowed prayer uttered by generations of the Children of Israel in gratitude: (Sheheheyánu)- "Blessed art Thou, Lord our God, King of the universe, that Thou hast given us life and sustained us to this happy day."

The Jewish people who have known so much of suffering, persecution and oppression, know therefrom all the more vividly what mean the blessings of justice, opportunity, freedom and brotherhood, which are the very definition of this happy land of Canada. Our thanksgiving would be as nought without re^{re}consecration and re^{re}dedication to the ideals which have made this country great.

We turn to our Heavenly Father in prayer that we may have the vision and the strength to enrich the glorious spiritual heritage of this land, and we pray that future generations may remember with gratitude what has been achieved to this day.

Loving Father, we invoke Thy blessing of the government of the Dominion of Canada, on the Mother Country, on the leaders of this land, its Prime Minister, and all who with him guide its destiny. May the leaders of Canadian Jewry here assembled be blessed in their devoted

October 31, 1959

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Invocation given in Montreal

labors on behalf of their people and of mankind. May their labor of love be a powerful factor in bringing men of all the world into closer fellowship and a more complete brotherhood.

May we all, wheresoever our lives are cast, unite in bringing the glorious vision of the Prophets of Israel ever nearer to its fulfilment in abiding peace for one united humanity under the fatherhood *of the one*
~~the~~ God.

In joining in thanksgiving and prayer, as we break bread together, we unite in blessing Thee for the bread which gives us life, the symbol of all our blessings; (Hamotzi) "Blessed art Thou, Lord our God, King of the universe, Who bringest forth bread from the earth.

Amen."



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Madame Evelyne MENDES MILLER

742 Upper Roslyn

MONTREAL P.Q.

(CANADA)

*Miller/Mendes
1960*

PAR AVION
AIR MAIL

aux quelles vous vous
attachez. J'espère seulement
ne vous avoir pas trop importuné
~~et~~ et je vous prie de croire
à toutes ma gratitude pour
votre grande courtoisie.

Veuillez agréer, cher
Monsieur M-7 l'expression
de ma profonde considération

A.M. Hyman
A. Hoxby & the firm
Inc.

Chère Mous M.F.

Permettez-moi de vous
remercier très sincèrement
de la lettre que vous avez eu
la bienveillance de m'envoyer
en réponse à mes questions
concernant la famille Kudes.

Je suis particulièrement
touchée de la promptitude
avec laquelle vous avez bien
voulu m'écrire, malgré les
occupations si nombreuses
et si importantes.

Dear Mr. Mendes France

Since the July 19, 1954. issue
of Life which has your biography,
our family has been very interested
Dear Mr. Mendes-France, Cher M. Mendès F.

Since my mother's maiden
~~name~~ le nom de jeune fille
name was Mendes, our family has
de ma mère. Mendes, ~~notre~~ famille a été
been most interested, in discovering
s'et demande s'il est possible
if there was a possibility of a
que votre famille et la nôtre soit
relationship between the apparent
les deux familles étaient

a likelihood which was suggested
C'est une possibilité qui est suggérée
by the article contain you too in
par un article ~~autobiographique~~ qui's
apparu dans the July¹⁹ issue of the May Life 1954
le May Life the P. de ~~19~~ juillet, 1954

Mariette de écrire cette lettre en
Français ~~est~~

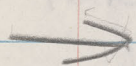
~~Ma cousine Lily qui a~~

Je vous prie d'agréer, ~~mon~~ cher
M M F, l'expression de ma très
profonde considération,

est aussi apparentée aux Pereira.
Le Dr S. Pereira a été institua le traitement
scientifique pour des Souds - Muets,
chez Monsieur Mémle. π

Le nom de jeune fille de ma
mère étant Mary Meml. Notre
famille se demande s'il est possible
que votre famille et la nôtre soit
apparentées. C'est un possibilité
qui a été suggérée par un article
biographique qui appar dans le
~~magazine "Life" de Juillet 1954 e~~

Je joins à ma lettre un très court
résumé de l'histoire de votre famille
rédigé par l'oncle de ma mère, le regretté



Nous vous en serions tous
infinitement reconnaissants

J'aimerais dire ici que,
de toutes manières, tous ceux de vous
qui porte le nom de Mendes et tous
les Israélites en général sont profondément
fiers de l'usque qui vous ~~apportez~~^{apportez}
au nom Mendes et à l'histoire de notre
peuple.

Ma cousine Lily Mendes Hockman qui
a été à Paris et qui demeure à MIT
maintenant, est la personne responsable de me
permettre d'écrire en français

Rev. Dr. Henry P Mendes de la
de Pales
Syn^o portugais "Shear Es" de N.Y.

Ma mère a subi une grave maladie

il y a plusieurs années qui l'a

beaucoup affectée mais qui semble

avoir vivifié son intérêt ~~de ses~~ ^{de sa} ^{histoire}

anciêtres ? Dans le cas où il y avait

un lien entre nos deux familles

puis-je prendre la liberté de vous

demandeur de vouloir bien me le

confirmer ~~de cette chose~~ par quelques

quelques lignes →

La famille Men fut expulsé
du Portugal ^{en} 1496. Parmi les membres
des plus éminents de la famille
il y eut Jacin Mendes, une femme
et très éminemment cultivée et charitable
qui défendit toujours son peuple
et fut une grande influence dans
plusieurs Courts ^{de son} ^{se fait} ^{nommer} ^{aussi} ^{son} ^{neveu} ^{José} ^{Nasi}
(José Nas Mendes) qui devint Duc
de Navos. ^{de} refusa le titre de Roi de
Chypre. Il a et Suleiman le Magnifique
lui ^{le} fit don de la ville Libériack
et de terres en Palestine où il essaya
d'établir des réfugiés juifs.

Une branche de la famille s'en
fuit en Hollande où elle aida
à divulger ^{en} notre religion ^{par} ^{l'impression}
des livres ^{de} prières. La famille est
étroitement unie aux Meldola et
aux de Sola.

Une autre branche s'est établie
dans le Sud-Ouest de la Fr. (Aquitaine) ^{de}
vécurent à Bayonne et à Bordeaux. La famille ^{est}

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PIERRE MENDÉS FRANCE

LOUVIERS, LE 19 janvier 1960.

Chère Madame,

Je m'excuse de répondre avec un peu de retard à votre aimable lettre du 6 janvier que j'ai trouvée lors de mon passage à MONTREAL. Je regrette de n'avoir pu y rester plus longtemps, ce qui m'aurait peut-être donné le plaisir de faire votre connaissance. Mais j'ai lu avec beaucoup d'intérêt ce que vous m'avez écrit sur votre famille.

Je connais bien l'histoire des Juifs originaires du Portugal et tout particulièrement celle de Gracia MENDES et de José NASI MENDES. Ces deux dernières personnes ont joué un rôle historique brillant que vous évoquez dans votre lettre.

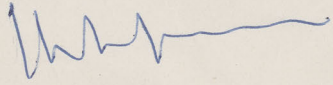
Mais tous les MENDES, qui sont nombreux aujourd'hui à travers le Monde, ne descendent pas forcément de ces personnes illustres. Le nom de MENDES a en effet été porté par plusieurs familles venues du Portugal et qui se sont fixées soit aux Pays-Bas, soit en Amérique du Nord et du Sud, soit en France, spécialement à Bordeaux comme vous l'avez mentionné. Parmi ces MENDES - appartenant, je le répète, à des familles différentes - quelques uns ont pris au XVII^e siècle le nom de MENDES FRANCE qu'ils ont conservé depuis. C'est l'origine de ma famille.

Il est donc possible que nous ayons des ancêtres communs. Cela remonterait alors à une période fort ancienne.

Je vous remercie encore une fois de la lettre si aimable que vous m'avez adressée, et je vous prie de croire, Chère Madame, à mes sentiments les meilleurs et les plus dévoués.

Madame Evelyne MENDES MILLER
742 Upper Roslyn
MONTREAL P.Q.
(CANADA).

Pierre MENDES FRANCE



Received Sir -

I have been directed by the Board of
Magistrates of the Portuguese Jewish Congregation
of this City to address you on a subject
of importance to that Congregation ~~of which~~
I the only apology they can plead for
thus troubling you is the anxiety they ^{feel}
to adhere as strictly as possible to the
ancient forms & customs of our Religion &
not in the slightest way to infringe
upon any of those forms or ^{customs} ^{proper authority} ~~is~~
desiring you to state to you that
we ^{some time since} ~~have~~ ^{built} a Synagogue here - that we
have Leffers, a Hazan, Schuchet &
every thing requisite

Praying

but ~~that~~ the number of the Congregation as it
at present exists is so ^{limited} ~~small~~ that it is
barely possible to get together the number
ten, so as to enable us to read the Leffers
or to say Kadesh & our wish is now
should you feel yourself authorized to
write to obtain permission from you
to read the Leffers & say Kadesh to
a smaller number than ten, and that
he may continue ^{to doing} ~~to do~~ till our
number increases sufficiently to enable

has to ~~alter it~~ to retain contact has
always been the partur — I have
I have the
An early reply to this would
Oblige much —
I have

Reverend D. Mehdola
Presiding Rabbi
Spanish & Portuguese Jews
No. 10 Bress Mark
St. Mary Axe
London

Copies of letters to
the Rev. D. Mehdola
London
14 March 1844

Mr Aaron Hart

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London March 18. 1791

Dear Sir

Your kind Letter of the 5 of Nov^r. I have
Rec^d. And agreeable to your Order have sent the second Volume
marked with your Son's name, and also a first & second Vol.
with the Ceremonies of the Jews, for Mr Phineas. Another
Volume will be completed in about ^a fortnight, and which I
shall then forward (God be willing) as I shall the other
with ^{the} utmost dispatch, as soon as completed. I have taken
the liberty to send you a few Proposals of an ^{Work} Important
which I intend to Publish shortly; I should be much obliged
to you Dear Sir, if you will take the trouble to distribute them
among your friends and acquaintance. I cannot sufficiently
thank you for the high compliment you paid me, but be
pleas'd to accept the grateful Thanks of One who is your
Sincere friend and Humble Serv^t David Levy
Green Street Near the Lee Hoag Church Street Milbourn New
Town.

P.S. My most respectful Compliments to Mrs
Hart & family, as also to Mr Phineas and family if
any. Mrs White Capel and Henry Levi desire to be
remembered to you

David Levi
London March 18. 1791

To
Mr Clavin Hart
Three Rivers

Composed by Isaac Leseur For
for H. J. Joseph

Prayer at Rising

Father and God! guarded by thy grace I am again permitted
to open my eyes to the beauties of thy creation, and the hours of sleep
have passed away and imparted to me new strength bestowed in thy
presence. I feel that all I am, I am through Thee, and that it is thy
wondrous power which has ordered things so, that the apparent death
of sleep gives fresh vigour to the weary limb, and a renewed power
to both exhausted spirit to toil, and to labour, and to enjoy. O let me
be conscious of this during the hours of working, that I may not defile
my soul with the impurity of sin, and sink unawares into the
pitfalls of iniquity. Stand by me, O omnipresent God, to teach
me to distrust my deceitful heart, that I may not be misled by
the wiles of the ungodly to seize on the evil instead of the good, and
to choose thus death instead of life. For in thy law alone can we
live, through obedience to thy voice only can we enter the portals of
happiness. Yet it is difficult for an humble mortal to be faithful
without wavering; for in thy inscrutable wisdom Thou hast decreed that
the righteous shall not be always prosperous, and that occasionally
the wicked should triumph while they dare to rebel against thy
decrees. It is in such moments of doubt, that man will falter, and
not value enough thy holy will. Therefore O I beseech Thee,
to open my eyes to the truth of thy word, that I may see the
wonders of thy law; that I may be enabled to battle firmly
against the pride which dwells within me, and which would per-
suade me to measure my wisdom against Thine, to wander in
the deceitful dream of my own imagination far from the bounds
set down by the religion which Thou didst reveal to our fathers.

Thy help thy servant with thy spirit, that thy wisdom may enlighten me, to distinguish mercy in punishment, and kindness in sore disappointment. For lo! our days are but shadows on the earth, and soon they will call us away, and darken to our breaking eyes the earth and all its glory. Bless me therefore with understanding to distinguish thy paternal care in all that may happen to me, during my earthly pilgrimage, that my path may be open before me; and I become worthy of thy love and mercy by the deed which thou permitst to acquire an inheritance of peace.

Joseph
family

Bless those who are dear to me, may not toil in vain, nor need this day and blood; but give us all our hearts to be human and quiet, that fed from thy woful hand, we may have time to means to exert ourselves in thy service to scatter blessings among the afflicted whom thou hast left with us, that we may imitate thee in thy work of goodness to be purifiers of mercy, to dispense charity and kindness on the path of our journey to thy mansions.

If it be thy will let this day hope without tribulation, and grant me bodily health and cheerfulness of mind to a high and contented age. But if it be decreed from thee that pain should reach my bones, and disease invade my heart and limbs, then let me find in thee a refuge in my sorrows, that I may be resigned and cheerful though all around me be shrouded in gloom & darkness.

Be my support in all positions which may be assigned unto me, and let me recognize thee at all times as the Almighty, Eternal One the God of our fathers, Abraham, Isaac & Jacob, who art the same in life and in death, in our joy and our sorrow, who wiltest to help because thou art good and merciful. - Amen.

This is to Certify, that on the fourth day of
 May of the Christian Era, One Thousand Eight Hundred
 and nineteen, corresponding with the ninth day of the
 Hebrew month, Year 5579, I performed the operation
 of Circumcision on a son of Henry & Rachel
 Joseph, and named him Yse-born in Berthier
 in the Province of Lower Canada, and aged, at
 the time of his receiving the Covenant, twenty one
 months and seventeen days.


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Berthier May 8th 1819.

Jacob De La Motte M.D.
 of the State of Georgia
 U.S. of America.

Received Barthier in the Province of Lower Canada
May 8th 1819 of Mr. Henry Joseph, One Hundred
dollars for performing the operation of circumci-
-sion on his son Jese.

Jacob De La Motta



This is to Certify, that on the 22nd Year 5582^⑤
Corresponding with the 13th May 1822 I perfor-
-med the Covenant of Circumcision on
M^r. Henry Joseph son of Bertheis, in his
~~seventeenth~~ month, and named him Gershon
after the late Rev^d. Gershon Lipas of
New York. U. S.

Montreal Lower Canada May 18th 1822

Jacob De La Motte

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Certificate of Naming of Sarah M. David

Mrs. Sarah M. Hart.

296. Sherbrooke St. west

Montreal.
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As it became generally known that Col. Hart and his estimable lady were about taking their final departure from Coaticook, some of their many friends waited upon the Colonel, at the residence of Mrs. Capt. Thompson, on Thursday evening, and presented him with the following address as a small tribute of the esteem in which they held the venerable couple:—

To Col. Arthur Wellington Hart, J. P., &c., &c.

DEAR SIR.—Permit your fellow citizens and friends of Coaticook to offer you the sincere expression of their regret at the departure of Mrs. Hart and yourself.

It is with pain that we see an influential and loyal gentleman leave our village, at a moment when all announces an unprecedented return of prosperity, and towards which you have so much contributed. We must however, submit ourselves to the separation, however painful, as it seems inevitable, and necessary for the re-establishment of the health of Mrs. Hart and yourself.

Let us hope that during your leisure hours your thoughts may turn now and then upon your Canadian friends.

Permit us to offer you the accompanying feeble testimony of our esteem and respect.

The address was presented by Rev. John Foster, and was numerously and influentially signed. The Colonel, in a very feeling manner replied as follows:—

Mr. Foster and Gentlemen:

I am profoundly grateful for this kind manifestation of good feeling and regard toward Mrs. Hart and myself on our approaching departure from Coaticook, and I fully appreciate the warm sentiments contained in your address. I leave the village with sincere regret, the only cause being the declining health of my wife and myself. During the time I have resided among you I have endeavoured to promote the interest of Coaticook, I believe I have done my fair share. In leaving you I pray our Heavenly Father to shower upon you and yours His choicest gifts, and as you all glide down the stream of time may every retrospect of the past be stamped with a blissful influence. May peace be within your walls and prosperity in your palaces. It is with sorrow and regret that I leave you, and however painful it is to me, I bid you all an affectionate farewell.

Coaticook Observer

My dear Mother
The above was presented to me on my leaving C. The full book of signatures signed and all the officials: Even the American Consul. It was my fault in being unexpected. I was at the house when it was started. John H. Kelley, give her this enclosed

(7)
Montreal 17 March 1845

Bro^r J. Pigeon Esq

Dear Sir

A Gentleman call'd on me yesterday afternoon, for the purpose of informing me, That the Portuguese have stated, That if any part of the proposed alterations in the mode & Service be carried out, you will decline acting in capacity of Chaplain to the Portuguese Congregation & this City on any terms. -

I have therefore to request of you the favour of an Answer in Writing, if this be the case, or if this be your determination, that I may communicate the same to my Friends who are desir'd to carry out the proposed Alterations

Yours Respectfully

J. H. Hunt

Alterations proposed.

1. The Portuguese Hebrew & Prayers, to be continued until used.
2. The Ten Commandments to be writ in Hebrew at the door of the Ark, except when they make part of the Service
3. That taking up and offering be abolished - because the custom is an innovation to our Holy Religion introduced not over 1000 years - or 800 years after Christ, and over 1800 years after we had the Law handed down, and the entire Law writ every Sabbath, between Sun Day & Sun Day - That offering Money or contracting to pay Money on the Sabbath, is a Violation of the Laws of God -
4. That on such days that the Priest gives a Lecture in English - The afternoon to be held in the afternoon
5. The Women to be clad by the Committee of Five - hereafter named to manage the Church, Santa & so on
6. That according to the Law of Moses, Gathering is commanded - Gathering to be introduced on the Holy Festivals, and for any particular occasions on any Sabbath, to be paid for the day before - and no Gathering under one Dollar - This is all that is desired for

J. H.

MAISON JACQUEMUS

32, RUE BELLEVUE, 32

BEAUSOLEIL

(A. M.) FRANCE

January 11th 1926. (5)

1926

Dear Sir or Madam

A number of letters had been sent (remailed) to you.

You will be surprised at my receipt of your condolence upon the death of my Sister Miriam (Lalla) wife of Alfred Belasco, which occurred while on a three months visit with me at London, England, on the 18th. August last, after she had a slight attack Haemorrhage in her forehead, on the evening of August 14th., the result of an annoying, entirely unjustified, and uncalculated for letter, from the flat keeper she had rented rooms in N° 4 Bellefields Road, Brixton for the visit, which in my absence she was in the act of answering. Up to that occurrence, she was in fairly good health, going about as usual with her proverbial activity and no doubt had returned with me, in a week or two more, for which we had already secured passage to the perpetual sunshine of Beausoleil, and enjoyed life for several years longer (D.V.) as the climate agreed with her.

When the Doctor ordered her to keep in bed, she sent for Mrs Sloman, a friend who at once came and attended to her during the night, which however did not do any good, and she died in the morning. The Doctor had given her an eye lotion, which was to be applied five hours. She had taken the one at 5 o'clock and said she took and immediately began crying and said "Why do I suffer worse?" and which were the last words she spoke intelligently. She lay on her side and began, as I thought to sleep and I went for the Doctor, and he just passed away. He claimed the pain she suffered was not from the eye lotion but a second stroke of hemorrhage which had just then occurred. As she was unconscious, her end was very peaceful, she seemed simply to glide into eternity.

Being in an unkindly house and anxious to get out of it as quickly as I could, I decided to bury her as soon as possible so availed myself of Mrs Sloman's suggestion to buy a lot in the cemetery where her husband's folk are buried, and where she could look after her grave, and she lies, in East Ham Cemetery, in lot N° 28 Block T. Row 5; until her Executors could have her removed to where they would prefer to have her removed to where in Montreal, Canada, since she had expressed any such desire, unless she had expressed otherwise.

I would her Husband, her Parents, and all her Ancestors lie buried in Canada. I would her deposits of money over here. "The Banque Nationale de Montreal" where she had left them written instructions to pay over the sum of money in her account. They promised to do it (so she told me) but when she died they refused, and claimed that under the French Law the Will had to be probated first, which, as it had to be done in Montreal, took several months to obtain. Finally after filing the probated copy, they found other excuses to hold on to the money, and up to today, I have not had a full settlement of what they owe her, which I have ordered was to be used for her burial and other expenses. Had I not had money of my own to pay these requirements, what would have become of her corpse? Such a law is inhuman and would be better honored in the breach than the observance. Moreover they at me and the Estate to considerable expense in cables and legal fees quite unnecessarily which they justly should repay, but of course wont, unless I can compel it by law and claim damages as well which I can readily prove to be heavy.

As many of you are unaware of her family history, her retiring disposition never seeking social distinction or publicity, I think I will mention it in a summary manner, particularly as she and I are the last of the elder branch, in a direct line (male issue) of Com-Gen. Aaron Hart.

As far back as August last I received only lately. They were sent to the wrong address.

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ed their property upon the real legitimate descendants, in the manner of landed English Aristocrats of ancient age. Bernard Hart is the reputed father of the great-writer Bret Harte; but of him I have very few records.

My Sister Lalla was born in Brooklyn New York, at the time that her Mother made this claim upon Astor family where our Father Adolphus Hart was then living as a practising Lawyer having been admitted to the Bars of Canada, Missouri, Louisiana, Ohio and New Y. He was also a Journalist and connected, editorially, with Horace Greely's Newspaper on the return of the family to Montreal. Lalla was educated at the Notre Dame Convent school. She was very fond of skating, and joined the Victoria Rink, where numerous of her friends, like herself, obtained colds, which resulted in more or less infirmities that remained with them in life. Deafness was the result of Lalla's, and which as you all know, crippled her throughout her existence, depriving her of all amusements, as it became more and more incurable. As a Girl she had a fair voice, inherited from her Mother, but was unable to continue this, as she could no longer hear her accompaniments even played by herself. Her Parents endeavoured to prevent her going to the Rink, but did not succeed. She was always very self-willed. She was fond of theatricals and in our Home private charades, in which I notice the present Lady de Blaquiere (a Miss Lucy Desbarats) took part, but all this she had to abandon, due to her affliction. She was pronounced incurable. She devoted herself therefore to household duties, of which she inherited the Hart family traits in the female line, of being excellent cooks (she published a Cook-book, "Household Receipts by a Montreal Lady") and house-keepers. None among them (or even those of the present day) became Suffragists, Women's Rights, Politicians, Smoke-puffers, with painted cheeks and lips, Bobbed-hair, Immodestly indecent dressed females, or imitators of Men, in short "Hermaphrodites", which the Almighty never intended women to be, but the Help-meet of Man, as He ordained. (Gen 2:21 et seq.) She was generous by nature. Had a happy faculty of making friends, keeping them, and very fond of dogs as many of her relatives were. An Aunt left considerable sums to their Institutions to the deprivation of her own blood relations.

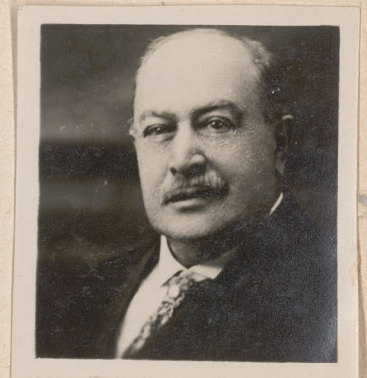
So many harked for my Sister's portrait I attach one of her and myself taken about a year ago, in compliance with the French law of residence. She was 71 and I, 76, when we had both of our own good looks. The law did not permit any personal embellishments I wonder if the painted ladies who patronise the Casino, comply with the requirement and look like their natural selves! I am sorry however to add, that my Sister's "Will", like so many others of our female relatives, do not show her, or them to advantage, as too many injustices exist, in the distribution of their belongings and in passing over them to their relatives to give to strangers and unconsidered allotments to them in some cases, as should have included, more observing than some she mentions I can only attribute to the fact, that their Wills were made after they had passed the "three score and ten years" which the Almighty seems to have ordained as the allotment of man's and woman's period of full faculties of mentality. Laws exist dealing with almost every phase of human life, why not, have one prohibiting making Will after 70 years of age, and decreeing that the belongings should go to blood relations and next of kin, in the proportion of their relative-ity to the deceased; and another law, ordering Banks to obey the expressed desire in writing of their Depositor, outside of any Will, when the said order is virtually and practically a check made *inter-vivo* and not a legacy coming under the Will. That would be justice and common sense and prevent such a dangerous miscarriage as might have occurred in the present instance. With compliments of the Season.

I am yours truly,

Gerald E. HART



Lalla Belasco
Gerald Hart's Sister



Copy

Montreal 6th January 18th

A. Jacoby Esq

Dear Sir

I am directed to acknowledge & receipt, of your communications, dated 28th & 2nd January, addressed to the Board of Commissioners, and to state that after the due and proper consideration of your complaints which were fully investigated, and the persons explanations given by you with reference to the brought against you, the Board sees no reason for altering the arrangements hitherto made for the residence in the School house of the Janitor and his family, or for the holding of the Meeting in the school room, at such times as it may be required, and a resolution ^{was} ~~has~~ passed to this effect.

The Board requiring that no obstacles be placed in the way of those members of the Congregation desirous of holding Meetings in the School-room at

hours as may be deemed convenient for the purpose
it was further resolved that you be informed of
this desire ^{of the Board} and ^{and} their further determination that no
engagement can be entered into with any one as
teacher of the school which does not include an
obligation to attend Gwynau unless prevented by
reasonable cause also to share the house peacefully with the parents.

I am

Dear Sir

Yours faithfully
(signed) Emile A. Hart

Secretary Board of School Commrs

To A. Jacoby Esq
533 La Gauchetière St
Montreal

If a School - the best Money - what is the Support of a School - would be as follows - The offering - 10000 the best Money - and if the offering are more than the best Money - the difference is paid to the School -

The Men's Seats in 3 Classes
1st 2^d

Mrs Hays
D Hunt
J Valentini
G. David
Ab David
Morris David
Morris Hunt
Alex Hunt
Jacob Joseph
M. Schomons
A P Hunt
W. Hunt
+ J. Jacobs -
+ Mrs Morris -
+ H. Myers -
+ J Jacobs
H. Schomons -
~~Mrs Mendley~~
Jacob Wendley -

Ab. Joseph
J. Joseph
J. Schomons
Thos Hunt - York
Hen Hunt York
Sam Hunt 3 Burn
A P. Hunt Ambrose
Chs Hays - "
Abd Hunt - "
Eug Hunt - "
J. Chaucas N. de Loake
Jacob Mendley Hampton
Jacob - Dundas -
And Hunt -

3^d Boys -
L Schomons
D Hunt
G. Joseph
J. Schomons
G. Schomons
Mr Pennington
Mr Pennington
Hays -
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Stranger not
return
Mr Adams -
Mr Adams
Mrs Adams
Mr Wolf
Mr Alexander
Mr Myers -
Mr Chum
Mr Luffe
Mr Kinke
Mr W. Joseph -

The Women's Seats in Two Classes -

Mrs Hays -
Hunt
Valentini
Joseph
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G. David
Hays -
Mrs Hunt
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Mrs H. Schomons -
Mrs Mendley

2^d Men
Miss Joseph
Mrs - "
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Mrs Ab Joseph
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+ are Gentlemen
now in England - but
may be called residents
here, and prefer the
Portuguese Language -

Barthier, in Canada - Nov^r 5th 1811

The Subscriber does hereby certify that on this day he named a Son born to M^r. Henry Joseph & M^{rs}. Rachel Joseph, his Wife, according to the ritual of the house of Israel. the 1st Child being of the age of five months three weeks & 4 days - to be hereafter known & distinguished by the Name of Benjamin Joseph - in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & designated the Office which I hold in the City of New York - Done in Barthier this day as above mentioned -

Gershom Mendes Seixas -
{ Minister of the Congregation
{ Shearith Israel in New York.

Samuel David His Book
for what it cost you

Samuel David His
Book, God gives him grace
to look, not to look but
understand for Learnings
better. Then house or
Land, when I am dead and
in my grave, and all my
bones are rotted, when this
you see remember me when
I am quite forgotten
~~see see see see see~~

1799

Elexzer D. David
Montreal 16th
March 1821

Elexzer David

Montreal

Samuel David

Samuel David 1823

Feb 8th 1775

~~Samuel David~~
~~Samuel David~~

Sunday
Samuel

Sunday

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Paul L. Bond
 Jules G. Bond



This is to certify that the Doctor Joseph was legally & religiously
 married to Mrs. Abine Smith Lyons on Thursday March 14th 1841 by
 the Order of Congregation Emanuel.
 San Francisco May 12/41 Henry Seligman
 President Cong. Hill

It may be proper to observe that the Book
from whence the foregoing is principally derived
is "The Grounds of Christianity examined by com-
paring the New Testament with the old" by
Geo Bethune English. Formerly a Minister of the
Gospel at Boston. — This Book is highly recommended
as affording an easy reference & settlement of
various points urged by Christians in behalf of their
faith & their charges of obstinacy & stiff neckedness
of the Jews — It will scarcely be deemed requisite
in answering the questions relative to the passages
in Isaiah, to apologise for presenting the reputation
of the attempt to apply those passages to the Found-
a of the Christian faith — besides affording the Jewish
explanations of them — for they are the great ~~supposed~~
foundations of that faith, and are never adduced
by Christians unless with that particular reference

the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hands" This proves that this prophecy cannot refer to any Individual but may refer to the Jewish Nation, because one individual cannot be put to death as mentioned in this chapter, and yet see his seed (posterity) & prolong his days."

The rest of the chapter is also explained, but it is scarcely worth while to transcribe. The work from which this is principally derived, refutes the attempts made to apply this prophecy to Jesus Christ. - The remarks are -
"Such is the explication given by the Jews of this prophecy - I have made no important alterations of the common English translations; except, that in some passages I have made it more conformable to the original, by substituting a verb in the past tense instead of leaving it in the future, as in the English version - Those Translators have taken certain liberties in this respect to make this prophecy (and several others) more accordant to their own views which are not supported by the Hebrew - many of these expressions however we have left unaltered, as they are quite harmless" - Here in this work we shall content ourselves with proving that this prophecy can by no means relate to Jesus Christ from these circumstances - 1st Jesus certainly was not exalted and magnified, and made very great upon Earth, which as has been shewn was to be the scene of the exaltation of the old testament Messiah, but was put to a cruel & disgraceful death - 2nd He was not oppressed by pecuniary exactions as is said of the subject of this Prophecy - 3rd He was never taken from Prison to die, for he was never in one. 4th He did not "see his seed" nor "prolong his days" since he died childless, and we will not furnish the word "seed" to be spiritualised on this occasion, for the word seed in the old Testament means nothing else literally than children which it is not pretended he ever had, and how could he "prolong his days" when he was cut off in his 33rd year - Besides, who were the strong & mighty, with whom he divided the spoil? Were they the 12 Fishermen of Galilee? and what was the spoil divided?

Isaiah CIX-6 this Chapter together with the VII 14 - the VIII 2 & 18. all have reference to the age then present - the 14 ch 6 & 7 are generally supposed to point to Hezekiah a virtuous & pious Prince who succeeded Ahaz the then Hebrew Monarch - VIII alludes to Rezin the King of Syria mentioned in 10 of ch VII. It should be observed that the Hebrew word translated Virgin VII 14. is merely a young woman. There are others who believe the prophecy relates to the promised Messiah - but who of course look for a temporal (earthly) fulfillment, for it says plainly "of the increase of his government there shall be no end, upon the throne of David & his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment &c &c"

The 53^d Chapt: alludes to the Hebrew Nation, and is found forth as the exclamations of the Gentile Nations or lookers on, the Hebrew interpretation is given thus. ("That the Jewish nation is spoken of in the singular number and under the title of Gods servant frequently in the Old Testament is well known & will be here made certain by a few examples - Isa: xli "But thou Israel my servant, thou Jacob whom I have chosen" - also, "saying to thee thou art my servant" + xlii "Now therefore hear Jacob my servant" see also chaf xli - Jeremi: C xxx Po: 136. Isaiah throughout &c")

"As many were astonished at thee (his visage was so marred, more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men)" that is - as many were astonished at thee on a account of thy abject state & miserable condition, being squelid with misery, & suffering more than any man.

"He was despised & rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, and we hid, as it were our faces from him, he was despised & we esteemed him not." - that is they (the children of Israel) were despised, sheld in abhorrence, they were men of sorrows & familiar with suffering. we looked upon them with dislike, we hid our faces from them & esteemed them not. - "But it pleased the Lord to bruise him, he hath put him to grief - when thou shalt make his soul a propitiation for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and

jeousnignes, Leclair arpenteur ~~arpenteur~~ Résidant au trois Riviere
sertifi^s que Lan mille sept^{cent} soixante è oute Le premier è le deuxiè
è Le trois de juillet a las Requete de Monsieur Brüyere è Cuyez è
officiers du cinquante sième Régimen de sarmajutes è seigneurie an
partis du fief de belancow de présent appelle le fief Cuyere pour
sente partis aux quelle jemesuyt tranee portez à Compagnies du lieu
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fleuve S^t Laurent a prendre de las Riviere Godefrois donte nous a von examinez
an Redemandante tous les titre de conscriion des seule que les
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de fin aux desirs de l'act de partage pour le quelle nous
nous somme tranche portés entre la concession dudit Jean pare
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de temoien a la verification des dite borne quis sonte
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saignievis pour faire la se paracion du fief bruyere
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Bray

Louis Davis Esq.
President Montreal Branch
of the Anglo-Jewish Association,
Montreal.

Dear Sir,

At a special meeting of the Council of the Montreal Branch of the Anglo-Jewish Association, held this day, the following resolutions were unanimously passed:-

Whereas, it has pleased the Almighty to remove from this earth Mr. Charles Davis, the respected father of our highly esteemed president, Mr. Louis Davis, and as we, the Council of the Montreal Branch of the Anglo-Jewish Association, are desirous of expressing our sincere regret at the sad bereavement our president has sustained, be it

Resolved, - That the Council of this Branch assure Mr. Louis Davis that they have learned with heartfelt sorrow of the sad loss with which it

has pleased an all-wise Providence to afflict him.

Resolved, - That we convey our earnest and most sincere sympathy to our president, and offer to him our condolence in this the time of his sore trial.

Resolved, - That these resolutions be inscribed in the minutes, and that a copy of them be sent to Mr. Louis Davis.

With the assurance of my own deep sympathy, and hope that your future may be exempt from all such trials as those of the past, and with kindest regards

Believe me,

Very sincerely yours

Clarence J. de Sola.

Hon. Secretary, Montreal Branch
Anglo-Jewish Association.

Montreal 19th Shebat, 15th February, 5644. (1891?)

Montreal January 28th 1883

" At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of
" the Corporation of Portuguese Jews held
" this day, the following resolutions were
" unanimously adopted

" Resolved- That this Board has received
" with sincere sorrow the sad intelligence
" of the demise of Mrs Louis Davis,
" a lady in whom we have ever recognized
" a faithful type of the virtuous woman
" whose works praise her in the gates"

" Resolved- That we deeply deplore the
" irreparable loss her husband has sustained
" and that we assure him of our most
" heartfelt sympathy

" Resolved- That we earnestly pray that
" he may speedily find consolation
" from our merciful Father in Heaven,
" who alone can heal the bruised spirit
" and lift up those who are bowed down

" Resolved- That these resolutions be
" entered in the minutes" and that
" a copy of them be forwarded to
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