

Talmudist Bids Orthodox Rabbis Join Religious Zionists' Group

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ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 10—A renowned Talmudic scholar who is a world leader of Orthodox Judaism today called on American Orthodox rabbis to enroll in the Religious Zionists' movement.

This appeal was made by the Rev. Dr. Joseph B. Soloveichik of Boston to the 600 delegates attending the annual convention of the Religious Zionists of America. They represent 85,000 members.

Dr. Soloveichik, who last year declined an invitation to become the Chief Rabbi of Israel, is the ideological leader of the Religious Zionists and of the Rabbinical Council of America, which embraces 800 Orthodox rabbis serving 1,500,000 congregants in this country and in Canada.

In his address Dr. Soloveichik cited the accomplishments of the National Religious party in Israel in such areas as religious education, establishment of settlements and encouragement of pioneering.

He credited the party with "the preservation of the spiritual foundation of Israel."

These accomplishments, he added, would not have been possible if the National Religious party had not existed as a political entity.

Need for Rabbinic Aegis

"The identification of American Orthodox rabbis with the Religious Zionist movement," he said, "would be instrumental in consolidating the complex undertakings of the movement and would give more value and meaning to the ideology of this religious force in American Jewish life."

Speaking at the same session, the Rev. Dr. Charles Weinberg of Malden, Mass., president of the Rabbinical Council, appealed to the religious leaders in Israel to give assistance to Jews of South America, Asia, Africa and Europe "by supplying rabbis, educators, social workers and a host of professional workers."

"These far-off Jewish communities have been suffering for a long time from a lack of professional direction, rabbinic in-

fluence and social guidance," he said.

"The sending of the Israel groups would act as a powerful lever in energizing and rejuvenating the vitality of religion throughout the world Jewish community."

Mendel N. Fisher, executive secretary of the Jewish Nations Fund of America, called for greater support of the fund's land reclamation activities in Israel.

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