

DENIES JEW IS MATERIALISTIC

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One of Dreamers.

DELIVERS LECTURE ON JEWISH LITERATURE

Traces Its Development From the
Beginning in Comprehen-
sive Manner.

"Those who charge the Jew with being materialistic are either ignorant or malicious. He is and always was a most pronounced dreamer."

Judge Philip P. Bregstone of Chicago so declared last night in a lecture on "The Rise and Development of Jewish Literature" in Moses Montefiore auditorium, between Third and Fourth avenues East on Third street. A large audience greeted him.

Traces Literature.

In a comprehensive and logical manner, Judge Bregstone traced the development of Jewish literature from its inception. He dwelt on the poetic works of writers in Yiddish and expressed a preference for the latter-day authors whose art is reflected in subjects delineating nature's beauties as opposed to the old-time poets, who dealt almost entirely in dirges and lamentations.

Speaking for himself, Judge Bregstone declared that the Yiddish language is not preferred as a vehicle for truly great writers. His opinion was that many prominent authors in that tongue would have been much more popular and even more effective in any other language.

Pays Tribute to Artists.

He paid deep tribute to those artists who succeeded in lifting themselves from obscurity despite the unwellody nature of the language. As proof of the idealistic among the Jews, he cited a number of references to the work of poet and prose authors in Yiddish. "The Jew is decidedly not materialistic," he said.

Judge Bregstone spoke under the auspices of the Kodivrim society. A. Magelson presided. So favorably received have been lectures in Duluth this week, that an attempt will be made to obtain another series before next fall.

Is Zionist Worker.

Judge Bregstone is an ardent Zionist worker, known almost everywhere in Zionist circles. He is the author of numerous magazine articles and books, and is regarded as an authority on the subject. Members of Ohave Zion gate of Duluth, who were instrumental in obtaining his visit, affirmed their pleasure in his lectures. It was this organization that introduced him to Duluth Zionists last year.