

# SEEK FUNDS FOR WAR ZONE JEWS

**Local Branch American Relief  
Committee Formed—Cam-  
paign Planned.**

**SAY RUSS KILL PEOPLE  
AS MEANS OF RELIEF**

**Calls Present Conflict Greatest  
Calamity to Jew Since  
the Diaspora.**

Organization of a local branch of the American Jewish Relief committee, plans for weekly house-to-house collections, a tag day to be held at an early date and election of a paramount executive committee to have charge of raising funds for relief of Jewish war sufferers, last night resulted at a mass meeting of Jews at the Hebrew Institute, Third avenue East and Third street.

That Russia ended the sufferings of defenseless Jewish widows and orphans by killing them and that the European war is the greatest calamity which has befallen the Jews since the destruction of the temple, were assertion made by speakers in dramatic appeals for money.

## **Rabbi Teplitz Speaks.**

Among those who spoke were Rabbi I. S. Teplitz of Adas Israel synagogue, Joel Lichten and Rabbi Maurice Lefkovits of Temple Emanuel.

"The European war is the greatest calamity to befall Jews since the sacking of the temple. If ever there was such a period it is now. It is a destruction unparalleled," Rabbi Lefkovits asserted.

Self-denial to the point of cutting down on necessities of life was urged by Rabbi Teplitz in order that funds might be raised to relieve the sufferings of Jews in war-ridden Europe.

"Cattle cars which ordinarily are used to transport only 12 horses are filled with as many as 140 Jewish men, women and children and hauled from town to town. Permission to leave the cars is denied by armed squads which guard the station," Mr. Lichten declared. He and Rabbi Teplitz spoke in Yiddish.

## **Committee Is Elected.**

From the permanent committee an executive committee of seven to have actual charge of the campaign for funds was elected. The officers of the permanent committee and the members of the executive committee follow:

Miss Mamie Weinberg, chairman; A. Y. Litman, secretary; A. Mogelson, treasurer; Rabbi Maurice Lefkovits, Rabbi Teplitz, I. Stein, Louis Dorfman and Miss Ida Sukov. I. Jeffo presided at the mass meeting. It was arranged by the Jewish Workmen's circle.

A communication from the American Jewish Relief committee was read. In part it was as follows:

"Up to Aug. 23 the total contributions received by the treasurer of the American Jewish relief committee reached \$929,238.38. In the last 20 days \$34,501.21 reached this committee.

"Inasmuch as the destitution of the Jews in Europe and Asia is increasing it is felt by the committee that the amount raised by this country is far from adequate to relieve the suffering.

"The suffering and misery of the Jews in Europe far exceeds the suffering experienced by the Belgians during the early part of the war."