

RESTORATION OF PALESTINE IS VITAL ISSUE

—RABBI NEWMAN.

New York Jewish Leader Urges Support of Movement to Im- prove Ancient Country.

"The restoration of Palestine is an issue of vital importance to both Jew and non-Jew," said Rabbi Louis I. Newman, speaking before a mass meeting at the Talmud Torah hall last night. Rabbi Newman is an associate of Rabbi S. Wise at the Free Synagogue of New York.

"Minnesota, as a pioneer state, understands the challenge of pioneering," he continued. "This is the three hundredth anniversary of the Pilgrim landing at Plymouth. In the spirit of our American forefathers, Jews in all countries, particularly in eastern Europe where they have suffered indescribably during the war and since the armistice, are preparing to erect a nation on the soil of Judea.

Pioneers Are Calling.

"The pioneers of Palestine are calling to the pioneers of Minnesota. They, as the early settlers, will not be deaf to that appeal.

"The restoration fund represents the first serious investment of a sympathetic world in the cause of Palestine upbuilding," he said. "For centuries Turkish neglect has obstructed the growth of Palestine life. But in Palestine redeemed from a decadent Oriental despotism and guided by a liberal western power, it is certain that a new modern civilization may be reared on the foundation of old-time Jewish prophetism. The present task of the Jewish people, encouraged and assisted by appreciative non-Jewry, is the solid economic, industrial and agricultural substructure upon which a sound cultural and spiritual life may be built.

Must Dredge Harbors.

"Harbors must be dredged; roads and railways must be constructed; sanitary measures must be taken; the soil must be cultivated by advanced irrigation schemes; agriculture must be stimulated; capital must be invested in Palestinian commercial enterprises; industry and trade must be aided, so that Palestine may become the strategic economic center between the east and the west. For these practical tasks, great sums of money are needed. American Jewry is called upon to contribute its share to the labor of Palestinian redemption."

Rabbi Newman is in the city in behalf of the restoration fund. He has been sent by the Zionist of America to organize the campaign for Minnesota, whose quota in the ten million dollar drive is \$205,000. He will speak at the Commercial club this afternoon on "America's Share in the New Palestine." Rabbi Newman will visit on his tour St. Paul, Minneapolis, Virginia and other cities on the Iron range.