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In a sermon on Abraham Lincoln at the Duluth Hebrew Institute last night, Rabbi Isreal Lebendiger said: "The Jews revere the name of Abraham Lincoln, because they look upon him as the embodiment of what America means to them as a whole, liberty and freedom, equality of opportunity, sympathy for the oppressed and persecuted races. Lincoln who waged a civil war in order to free the negro-slave would look down with scorn and contempt at the attempt that is being made to enslave a race to racial prejudice and bigotry. .

"The Jews feel a special kinship to Lincoln, because they went through experiences similar to his. Born in a log cabin, he, nevertheless attained to the highest position this nation can offer. He is a splendid illustration of the opportunities this country gives for the development of one's powers. The Jews came here friendless and penniless and through the opportunities that this country offers, and by their effort and industry, have reached many a high station in life."