

Verbatim Report of speeches made at the  
new building of the W & S. R. Talmage  
School held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 1938

I do not wish to keep you long here, as there are others here that have to speak and would like to speak. We thank everyone and praise them all for their good work towards the building of the Talmud Torah. I need not mention names, as our friend Mr. Gradner will shortly speak. I cannot praise anyone in their eyes. We must do things - not for ourselves, but for our Community. They have all done tremendous work; not for themselves, but for the sake of doing good.

One word of the Torah I would like to say about Jacob. Jacob had to leave his home; so he brought together his family and all his possessions, and he went to Egypt. He stopped to uproot some trees his father Abraham had planted, and he took them all to Egypt where he planted the trees during his exile in Egypt. And he took his children to see where their grandfather had planted his religious beliefs, etc. that they should always remember. These trees went with him wherever they travelled right through the Wilderness and back to Palestine.

It is the same with us: we have left our land Palestine, and we have been scattered all over the world. Our fathers came from



the land where they had planted the Torah in Russia, and we bring these things with us wherever we go. We have had Talmud Torahs at home in Russia, and we have brought them with us here. Wherever we go we transplant Talmud Torahs - and that is the thing that has kept together the Jewish nation for generations.

Last month was the anniversary of the birth of the Rambam, but one thing they did not mention about the Rambam, this learned man and Jewish scholar brought forward the Torah. If we wish to build up our own home, we must educate the elders and children for the betterment of the entire Congregation.