

MINUTES OF THE 4th INTERNATIONAL
HEBREW CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE
OF THE INTERNATIONAL HEBREW CHRISTIAN
ALLIANCE HELD AT MILDMAY, LONDON,
from 23rd to 27th July, 1934

Monday, 23rd July

Conference convened at 8 p.m.. Sir Leon Levison presided.

1. A hymn was sung, the Rev. Harcourt Samuel read the 62nd chapter of Isiah, and Dr. Frank offered prayer.
2. Sir Leon Levison (who was received with acclamation) delivered his Presidential Address.
3. Brief messages of greeting were delivered by Dr. Frank of Germany, Rev. A.C.Karmouche of Palestine, Mrs. Spitzer of America, and Dr. Zalman of Holland.
4. A hymn was sung, and the Chairman closed the meeting.

Tuesday, 24th July

The Conference convened at 10 a.m. Sir Leon Levison presided.

1. A hymn was sung, and the Rev. Harcourt Samuel offered prayer.
2. Delegates from Great Britain, America, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Holland, Hungary, Latvia, Poland, Portugal, Roumania, Sweden, Switzerland, Yugo-Slavia, Palestine and Australia, presented their credentials.
3. The Secretary have notice that the Nomination Committee consisting of the four Vice-Presidents

under the chairmanship of the Rev. I.E. Davidson. It was proposed by the Rev. A.C. Karkouche, seconded by Mr. Ben-Maeir, and resolved that, in the absence of Dr. Greenbaum, Mrs. Spitzer serve on this committee.

4. Dr. Csia, Vice-President of the Reformed Bethania in Hungary, was introduced to and welcomed by the President.
5. The President made a statement on the past three years' work, making reference to the sale of Abraham's Vineyard for £15,000, the work of the Commission set up to investigate the subject of a Hebrew Christian Church, the acquisition of the Logie-Pirie House, his visit to Palestine to purchase land for a colony, and his visit to France, Switzerland, Italy, Syria, Turkey, Yugo-Slavia, Roumania, Hungary, Austria, Poland, Germany and Holland, the Fund opened for the relief of Hebrew Christians in Germany, the education of twenty-three students (making a total of forty-two in all since the inception of the Alliance), the General Relief Fund and the joining of three new Alliances, those of Holand, Portugal and Danzig. He made special reference to the continued adherence of the Committee to the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith, and the enhanced status of Hebrew Christians in general due to the activities of the Alliance.
6. The audited Accounts were present by the Honorary General Secretary.
7. It was moved by the Rev. I.E. Davidson, and seconded by Dr. Frank, that the Conference receive the President's statement with sincere gratitude for the blessing of God which had rested upon his labours, and that the Accounts be adopted. After discussion in which the Rev. A.C. Karmouche, Mrs. Spitzer, Rev. N. Levison, Mr. Ettman and Mr. Ben-Maier took part, the resolution was carried unanimously. At this stage the Conference adjourned for lunch.
8. Upon re-assembly, a hymn was sung and Pastor Lipschutz offered prayer.

9. The Rev. Harcourt Samuel proposed, and the Rev. Peter Gorodish seconded, that a telegram be sent to His Majesty the King in the following terms:

24th July, 1934

"To His Most Gracious Majesty the King.
The members of the International Hebrew Christian Alliance, assembled at their fourth Conference in London, send loyal and respectful greetings, and recall that they had the honour of greeting your Majesty at their inaugural Conference held in London in September 1925. Representing Hebrew Christians in twenty different countries, they are united in gratitude that your Majesty's health had been restored, and in the earnest prayer that the blessing of God may continue to surround your throne, and prosper your efforts for the promotion of world prosperity and peace."

This was carried unanimously and enthusiastically.

10. The German situation. - Dr. Frank make a statement giving illustrations of the dismissals of Jewish Christians, and the sums of money received by him for relief purposes, together with details of the distribution. Sir Leon Levison supplemented this with an account of efforts made by him and by the Executive Committee to arouse interest in this question amongst religious and other bodies. The Rev. N. Levison moved, and the Rev. I.E. Davidson seconded that the most cordial thanks of the Conference be extended to Dr. Frank and his fellow-workers for their great service to the Hebrew Christians in Germany in the hour of their dire need, and that it be placed on record that the Conference greatly appreciates his labours, his thoughtfulness, and his unflinching helpfulness, in all matters pertaining to the present distress in Germany. The resolution was carried with acclamation. Discussion followed, in which the Rev. J. Gartenhaus, Mr. R. Weitz, Pastor Lipschutz, the Rev. P. Gorodishz and Pastor Forell took part.
11. It was moved, seconded and agreed that the service

of Holy Communion appointed for Saturday morning be held at 8 p.m. on Friday evening at 82 Whitechapel Road, E.1.

The President closed the meeting with the Benediction.

Wednesday, 25th July

The Conference convened at 10 a.m. Sir Leon Levison presided.

1. A hymn was sung and the Rev. Naham Levison offered prayer.
2. A roll-call showed that representatives of all the Alliances were present.
3. The Minutes of proceedings on Monday and Tuesday, the 23rd and 24th July, were read and confirmed on the motion of the Rev. A.C. Karmouche, seconded by Mr. Hugh Schonfield.
4. The Secretary read a telegram received from His Majesty the King, as follows:-

"The King warmly thanks the members of the International Hebrew Christian Alliance assembled at their Fourth Conference in London for their kind and loyal message, which His Majesty greatly appreciates."

5. The Hebrew Christian Church. The President called for the Report of the Commission appointed to consider the question of a Hebrew Christian Church, which was handed in by the Chairman, the Rev. E. Bendor-Samuel, whose statement was supplemented by the Rev. N. Levison. The Rev. Peter Gorodishz then moved, and Mr. Ben-Maeir seconded that the Conference receive the Report, thanking the Commission for its labours, and discharging them from their task. A number of questions followed, and the resolution was carried unanimously. Mr. Ben-Maeir moved, and the Rev. Peter Gorodishz seconded, that the Conference approve in principle of the formation of a Hebrew Christian Church. Dr. Zalman moved, and Mr. Cohen seconded, an amendment that the proposed Hebrew Christian Church bear the name of the Palestinian

Christian Church. After a statement thereon by the President, the amendment was, by leave, withdrawn. A discussion then centred round the substantive motion, representatives of America, Australia, Austria, Belgium and France taking part before the luncheon adjournment. Upon resumption, a hymn was sung and the Rev. I.E. Davidson led in prayer. Discussion was resumed. Representatives of Germany, Great Britain, Holland, Hungary, Yugo-Slavia, Latvia, Palestine, Poland, Portugal, Roumania and Sweden making contributions to the debate.

After the tea adjournment, Switzerland's representative spoke, and Sir Leon Levison made a strong appeal for an affirmative decision announcing a gift of £2000 for the erection of a Hebrew Christian Church on the Palestine Colony. A ballot was then taken, and the result declared to be for the motion 24; against the motion 6. The announcement was received with acclamation, and the singing of the Doxology, after which the Rev. N. Levison offered prayer. The Rev. N. Levison then moved and the Rev. C.E. Ettmann seconded, a resolution that a small Committee be appointed to receive amendments to the suggested Constitution, and to deal with any other point necessary for the furtherance of the matter. This was carried nem. con. The President then declared the meeting closed.

Thursday, 26th July

The Conference convened at 10a.m. Sir Leon Levison presided.

1. A hymn was sung, and the Rev. Harcourt Samuel offered prayer.
2. A roll-call showed that all the Alliances were represented except Australia.
3. The Minutes of the proceedings on Wednesday, 25th July, were read and on the motion of the Rev. A.C. Karmouche, seconded by Mr. Ben-Maeir, adopted.
4. The Polish Colony. The President made a statement on behalf of the Executive Committee on the position

with regard to this scheme, commenting on the financial stringency, which had slowed up contribution and the consequent impossibility of the Committee to make a beginning. The Polish delegation, consisting of Dr. Martin Price, Rev. L. Roseenberg and Mr. Brinker, presented a Memorial from the President and members of the Polish Alliance. Mr. Brinker then moved, and Dr. Price seconded, that the Executive Committee be instructed to remit the available funds to the Polish Committee, and that it be placed on record that the scheme should not be connected with the name of any Mission whatsoever. Discussion followed, in which Sir Leon Levison, the Rev. L. Roseenberg, Mrs. Spitzer, the Rev. H.L. Ellison, Mr. Kagan, the Rev. P. Gorodishz, the Rev. N. Levison, the Rev. I.E. Davidson and Mr. Rudnitzky took part. On the motion being put, it was lost by 15 votes to 4. At this stage the Conference adjourned for lunch. Upon resumption, Sir Leon Levison offered prayer, and the Rev. I.E. Davidson moved, and the Rev. Leon Rosenberg seconded, the suspension of the standing orders for the day to permit of the debate on the Polish question being continued. The Rev. Nahum Levison moved, and Mr. Schonfield Seconded, a resolution that the Conference receive the statement made on behalf of the Executive Committee, and request that they use every effort for the furtherance of an Alliance Colony in Poland. This was carried unanimously.

5. The Rev. I.E. Davidson moved, and Mr. Brinker seconded, a resolution that Dr. Frank preside over the Nominations Committee and this was carried unanimously.
6. The Palestine Colony. The Report of the Trustees of Abraham's Vineyard was handed in by Sir Leon Levison in a lengthy and informative speech. The Rev. P. Gorodishz proposed and the Rev. J. Cartenhaus seconded, that the Conference receive the Report of the Trustees, and agree to the recommendations outlined therein, promising prayerful interest and support. The Rev. A.C. Karmouche, Mr. Ben-Maeir, Sir Leon Levison, The Rev. Peter Gorodishz, the Rev.

E.C.Ettmann, Dr. Frank and the Rev. I.E.Davidson spoke to the resolution, which was then carried unanimously. The President closed the meeting with prayer.

Friday, 27th July

The Conference convened at 10 a.m. Sir Leon Levison presided.

1. A hymn was sung.
2. A roll-call showed that all the Alliances were represented except Denmark.
3. The Minutes of the proceedings on Thursday, 26th July, were read, and, on the motion of the Rev. I.E.Davidson, seconded by Mr. Schonfield, adopted.
4. The President left the Chair, and his place was taken by Dr. Frank, who called for the report of the Nominations Committee as to the Presidency. The Committee recommended the re-election of Sir Leon Levison and this was proposed by Mr. Rudnitzky, seconded by Mr. Trostianetsky, and carried unanimously. Sir Leon Levison was received with acclamation. Dr. Frank informed him of his election in a felicitous speech, and Sir Leon responded and resumed the Chair.
5. The Nominations Committee recommended the election of the following Vice-Presidents:-

Rev. I.E.Davidson, for Great Britain & Colonies
Rev. E.S.Greenbaum, for America and Canada
Rev. Arnold Frank for Europe
Rev. A.C.Karmouche for Palestine and the Near East.

Their election was proposed by Rev. P. Gorodishz, seconded by Mr. Schonfield and carried unanimously.

6. The Cominations Committee proposed the re-election of the Rev. Harcourt Samuel as Hon. General Secretary. Sir Leon Levison moved this from the Chair, it was seconded by Mr. Taffen and carried with acclamation.
7. The Nominations Committee recommended the re-election of the Rev. Nahum Levison as Hon. Treasurer. This was moved by the Rev. P. Gorodishz, seconded by

Mr. Baruch and carried with one dissentient.

8. The Rev. N. Levison proposed, and Mr. Schonfield seconded, a resolution that existing members of the Executive Committee be re-elected with instructions to co-opt members from the New Alliances. This was carried by a large majority. At this stage the Conference adjourned for lunch.
9. Upon resumption the Nominations Committee recommended that those who served on the Hebrew Christian Church Commission be appointed to the Continuation Committee. A motion to this effect was proposed by Mr. Ben-Maein, seconded by Mr. Brinker and carried unanimously.
10. Dr. Zalmann proposed and Mr. Rosenberg seconded, that this Conference is of the opinion that the time is now come when a new Yiddish translation of the New Testament is urgently required, and that the Executive Committee be instructed to communicate with the Bible Societies, with a view to action being taken. The Rev. N. Levison, Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Rudnitzky, and Mr. Trostianetsky spoke to the motion which was then carried unanimously.
11. The President called for the report of the Women's Auxiliary, which was handed in by Mrs. Schonfield, whose statement was supplemented by Miss Schwartz. It was moved by Mr. Rosenberg, and seconded by Dr. Zalmann, that the report be accepted, that the Women's Auxiliary be congratulated and thanked on the work done, and that this Conference urges the prayerful co-operation of all the Alliances with the Women's Auxiliary, which shall henceforth be known as the Women's Auxiliary and Prayer Union. It was carried unanimously.
12. The President made a statement on the need of Hebrew Christians in Russia and Mr. Rudnitzky, Mr. Trostianetsky, Mr. Rosenberg and Mr. Smoljar spoke thereon.
13. Mr. Sujes appealed for financial assistance for the Hungarian Alliance, and was promised such help as might be found possible.

14. The minutes of the day's proceedings were read and adopted, on the motion of Mr. Aperia, seconded by Mr. Rudmotzky.
15. The President closed the Conference with prayer and the Benediction.