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RESCUED CHILDREN THANK MISS SZOLD

10,600 Saved From Nazis in Europe Help Mark Decade of Her Palestine Project

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JERUSALEM, Feb. 15 — Ten years ago Miss Henrietta Szold, then 73 years old, was so deeply moved at the Nazis' treatment of Jewish children in Germany that she decided to dedicate the remaining years of her life to rescuing as many youngsters as possible and to train them in the Jewish nationalistic spirit, confirming the traditions of Judaism. It was her aim to provide a productive livelihood for these children when they grew up and to afford for them every chance of forgetting the miseries of life under the Nazis in a happy, free existence among their own people.

Foreseeing how the treatment of Jews in Germany would develop, she launched her enterprise exactly a year after Adolf Hitler assumed power. Today, still indomitable at 83, she is just as hard-working and active as she has always been through her half-century of public life, which began in Baltimore beside her rabbi father. She spent the day visiting the training centers through which nearly 11,000 Jewish child refugees have passed.

The reception she is getting on her tenth anniversary tour is impressive. Hundreds of children flock around her, tendering small gifts and greetings. Even infants lip the Hebrew word for "grandma."

Possibly the greatest moment of her life came a year ago when nearly 1,000 Polish children, who had been refuging for three years in Russia and Iran, came to Palestine under her auspices. They were still under the influence of their long journey across half of Europe and Asia — bewildered, weeping, afraid of the strange new life to which they had come.

Today those children are sturdy and sun-bronzed, with happy smiles and cheerful ways. They can play games without cowering at the sight of a uniform. They are little men and women, promising to become worthy citizens.

Here is what Miss Szold's organization, called the Youth and Child Immigration Bureau, has achieved in ten years: 10,600 children have been brought here from Europe; 5,714, from toddlers to 16-year-olds, have arrived during the war years since September, 1939; about half were brought from Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia during the pre-war years, the rest from Poland and many other lands; of the total, more than 7,500 have completed their training; the others are getting a thorough education, plus useful vocations, in forty-six Jewish collective settlements, four villages and twenty-five educational institutions.

About 1,500 of the graduates, young men and women, have joined the Palestinian Jewish units of the British Army serving in the Middle East and 350 others have gone into the local auxiliary police services. True to their fundamental training, many of the young refugees have gone back to the land as farmers.

Something like \$5,000,000 has been spent by Miss Szold's organization in ten years. The bulk of these funds has come from Hadasah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, and the Zionist women's organizations of other countries. Saving 11,000 children at an expenditure of less than \$500 each is considered a remarkable achievement.

Miss Szold wants funds and more funds. She hopes to get 1,000 more children from Rumania, Hungary and the Balkans. She has, as she often says, "long vistas of new tasks."