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1,200 IN N. Y. HONOR HENRIETTA SZOLD

Rabbi Wise Praises Native Of
Baltimore For Her Social
Service Work

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New York, Dec. 22—The seventy-fifth birthday of Miss Henrietta Szold, founder of Hadassah, the women's Zionist organization of America, was celebrated today by 1,200 persons at the Temple Emanu-El. Miss Szold, who was not present at the ceremony, was spending the day in retirement at Baltimore, where she was born.

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise lauded Miss Szold not only as "the founder of a movement dedicated to move an entire people from bondage into freedom," but for her social service work over more than fifty years. In forgetfulness of self he compared her with the late Charles W. Eliot, president of Harvard University; Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes and Jane Addams.

"Genius For Obliteration"

"She is selflessness itself," he said. "Self-forgetting, self-erasing, she has showed a genius for obliteration. With integrity of mind and unconquerable idealism she has combined the perfect humility. Her very absence from this celebration shows this."

Other speakers were Mrs. Nathan D. Perlman, president of the New York Senior Hadassah; Mrs. Rose W. Ravid, president of the New York Junior Hadassah; Mrs. Herman Ostrow, senior membership chairman, and Miss Adele Miller, junior membership chairman.

Called "Most Brilliant"

Known by many as "the most brilliant Jewish woman of America," Miss Szold in recent years has spent most of her time in Palestine in connection with the American Zionist Medical Unit. She also has been active in the settling of young German-Jewish refugees in the Holy Land.

Many messages of birthday felicitations were received at the celebration today, among them one from Gov. Herbert H. Lehman, who said: "It is not often given to one to be a pioneer at that age; Miss Szold has been a pioneer all her life and is one now."