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STREET IS RENAMED FOR WOMAN ZIONIST

Bit of East Side Thoroughfare is Changed to Szold Place in Chilly Ceremony

Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin, national president of Hadassah, ascended a ladder yesterday on East Eleventh Street between Avenues C and D, mounted a scaffold and changed the street name plate from Dry Dock Street to Szold Place.

A block-party spirit prevailed among the 100 members of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, who braved the chill winds to come from Brooklyn, Bronx and Long Island for the afternoon ceremony. Shivering, they witnessed the deliberate action of Hadassah housewives who wheeled their babies over from Stuyvesant Town to the new Szold Place. From Tenth to Twelfth Street renamed in honor of Hadassah's founder, the late Henrietta Szold.

As they took their places, the speakers, including Mrs. Edward Jacobs, a past president of Hadassah who helped find it, wished Miss Szold could have lived to see her street name honored. Mayor Beury in his remarks, Deputy Mayor Charles E. Horowitz explained to Commissioner Charles S. Hand, that 'hamantaschen' were Purim cakes, and Mr. Hand said he would like to try some. But before he could he was interrupted by a civic action, the Council on Feb. 9 passed a local law making Dry Dock Street 'a shrine to Miss Szold.'

Representative of Boro Park, Joseph Rabin, supervisor from the Borough President's office, who six new signs were affixed to the street, said that the sign boards that were repaired were the old ferry ran from here to Greenpoint. He added that the change, neighborhood boys, seeing new markers, called out, 'Take 'em down.'

‘It’s still Dry Dock Street to me,’ said Mrs. Halprin. ‘My mother: nine children here, up, and my poor dead husband, Stanley, used to drive home from the old Belt Avenue line. This line,' she added, 'is our neighborhood history. We sent a petition not to change the name.'

To Szold Place, yes. It's still Dry Dock Street around here, just like for lots of folks the Avenue of the Americas is still Sixth Avenue.