MISS SZOLD, 84,
ZIONIST, DIES
IN JERUSALEM

Noted Baltimore Ha-
dassah Founder; Visited
Here In 1940

Miss Henrietta Szold, of Balti-
more, Zionist leader, social worker and regar-
ded by many as the fore-
most Jewish woman of modern
times, died last night in Hadassah
Hospital, Jerusalem, according to
an Associated Press dispatch.
She was 84 years old.

The founder and honorary presi-
dent of Hadassah, women's Zionist
organization, of America, Miss
Szold also headed the Youth
Aliyah (immig-
ration) Department of the Jewish
Agency in Palestine.
This department has
been central for the edu-
cation and mainte-
nance of thou-
thousands of refu-
eguee children from
Romania, Bulgaria, and other
European countries.
Miss Szold has been a resi-
dent of Palestine since 1920. She
returned to the United States occa-
sionally to visit her family. Mrs.
Louie H. Levin, of 500 South Bend
road. The last such visit was in
1940.

Led Anti-British Parade

In May, 1939, in Palestine, al-
though nearing 80, Miss Szold led
a march of 30,000 protesters pro-
testing Jewish women, who carried
banners with the slogan "We will
not surrender," in protest against the
British Palestine policy.

Miss Szold was born in Baltimore
on December 21, 1869. Her father,
Rabbi Benjamin Szold, was one of the most prominent rabbis in Baltimore, taught her German,
Hebrew and French.

At 33 she became secretary of
the Jewish Publication Society of
America, a position which she held
for more than twenty years and
which required a great deal of
translation work.

Her interest in Zionism dated from
the 1890's, when thousands of
Russian Jews fled to America to
escape pogroms. She organized
classes in which the immigrants
were taught the language, customs
and ideas of America.

Taught In Schools Here

For this work she had been pre-
pared as a teacher in Baltimore
private schools for nearly fifteen
years.

In 1909 she went to Palestine
for the first time, reporting after-
ward that she was appalled by the
living conditions which prevailed
at the time in the Near East.

Three years later in the same
area she organized Hadassah, which
was set up as the re-creation of
Jewish homelife in Palestine.
Her other specific goal was the bring-
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of the benefits of modern medicine to Palestine.

The women's organization now has a membership of 100,000 and is one of the largest and most influential Zionist groups in the world. Miss Szold served actively as president from 1912 to 1926.

Medical Unit Set Up

Miss Szold went to Palestine in 1920 to direct the organization's work and set up a medical unit with a staff of 50. From this beginning there came into being a hospital, medical school, clinics and playgrounds open to Jews and Arabs alike.

Ten years ago Miss Szold contemplated retirement and was preparing to return to America when she was asked to organize the reception and care for refugee children from Germany.

On her eightieth birthday Miss Szold was honored in 500 American cities and in cities in various other countries with celebrations by local Jewish groups.

Two days before her eightieth birthday she was cited as one of the 100 outstanding women of the past century by the Women's Centennial Congress.