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COMMUNAL LEADERS JOIN AMERICAN ORT

The initial effort of the American Ort, the Society for the promotion of Trades and Agriculture among Jews in Central and Eastern Europe, to build a permanent membership organization in America, is meeting with encouraging results, according to a report made public by the ORT from its national office in New York City. A warm response has come not only from leaders of American Jewry, but also from among the masses of the people, including branches and followers of the Workmens Circle, the Independent Order Brith Abraham, the Independent Order Brith Sholem and kindred organizations.

The appeal of the ORT is for " a permanent membership body responsive to the constructive program of the "ORT" . The appeal stresses the fact that the ORT is not building a money-gathering machine, but seeks the adherence of men and women who, thru the ORT, will establish closer contact with those institutions which are devoting themselves to a constructive, rather than palliative, program for the re-establishment of the Jewish people of Europe.

Among those who have recently become affiliated with the ORT are the following:-

- Mr. J. P. Adler--Davenport
- Mr. Louis Bamberger--Newark
- Mr. James H. Becker--Chicago
- Mr. Benjamin Benenson--New York
- Mr. H. G. Ellis--Watertown
- Mr. Ben Davidson--Sioux City
- Mr. Felix Fuld--Newark
- Miss Hetty Goldman--New York
- Mrs. Julius Goldman--New York
- Dr. Julius Goldman--New York
- Mrs. Paul Getthoil--New York
- Rabbi Israel L. Kaplan--Jacksonville
- Mr. J. Lester Lewine--New York
- Rabbi Eugene Mannheim--Des Moines
- Simon Lyon--Washington D. C.
- Dr. Joseph A. Rosen--Croton-on-Hudson
- Mr. S. J. Rosenblatt--Chicago
- Dr. Herman E. S. Chayes--New York
- Mr. Morris White--New York
- Mr. Morris Weinberg--Brooklyn