

# Zionism Special

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# **Zionism:**

***Christian and Jewish–  
Interdependent,  
Interconnected, and  
Intertwined***



# JEWISH



**Judah Alkali**

***Darhei No'am*, (Present, Past), he “called upon his fellow Jews to prepare for the redemption by prayer and spiritual devotion to Zion.”**

**Interprets *teshuvah* “repentance,” as return to the land.**

**Jews did not have to wait for Messiah to return to the land.**



# 1840

**Political: Feb. – Damascus Blood Libel**

**Christian: Feb. – First construction begins at future Christ Church site**

**Jewish: March – Rabbis ask London Jews Society missionary, Nicolayson, to help with Damascus libel**

**Jewish: Montefiore goes to Damascus**

**Political: Druse and Christians revolt against Mehemet**

**Christian: King William IV Prussia seeks joint protestant bishopric in Jerusalem with England**



# 1840

**Political: England, Russia, Austria, and Prussia issue an ultimatum to Mehemet to withdraw from Syria-Palestine.**

**Political: British capture Acre and Jaffe. Leads to a British fortification at Acre in support of Ottomans.**

**“The possession of Acre would open a road for the return of Biblical truth to the land from which that truth had spread to the human race; and Englishmen would feel guilty of sin if they failed to impress upon their Government the need of seizing this glorious and blessed opportunity.”**



# 1840

**British Consul in Damascus,  
1840**

**Defended Jews against the  
blood-libel charge.**

**Proposed a strategy for creating  
a Jewish state 50 years before  
Herzl.**



**Sir Henry Churchill**

**“I cannot conceal from you my  
most anxious desire to see your  
countrymen endeavour once  
more to resume their existence  
as a people.”**



# CHRISTIAN

# 1841



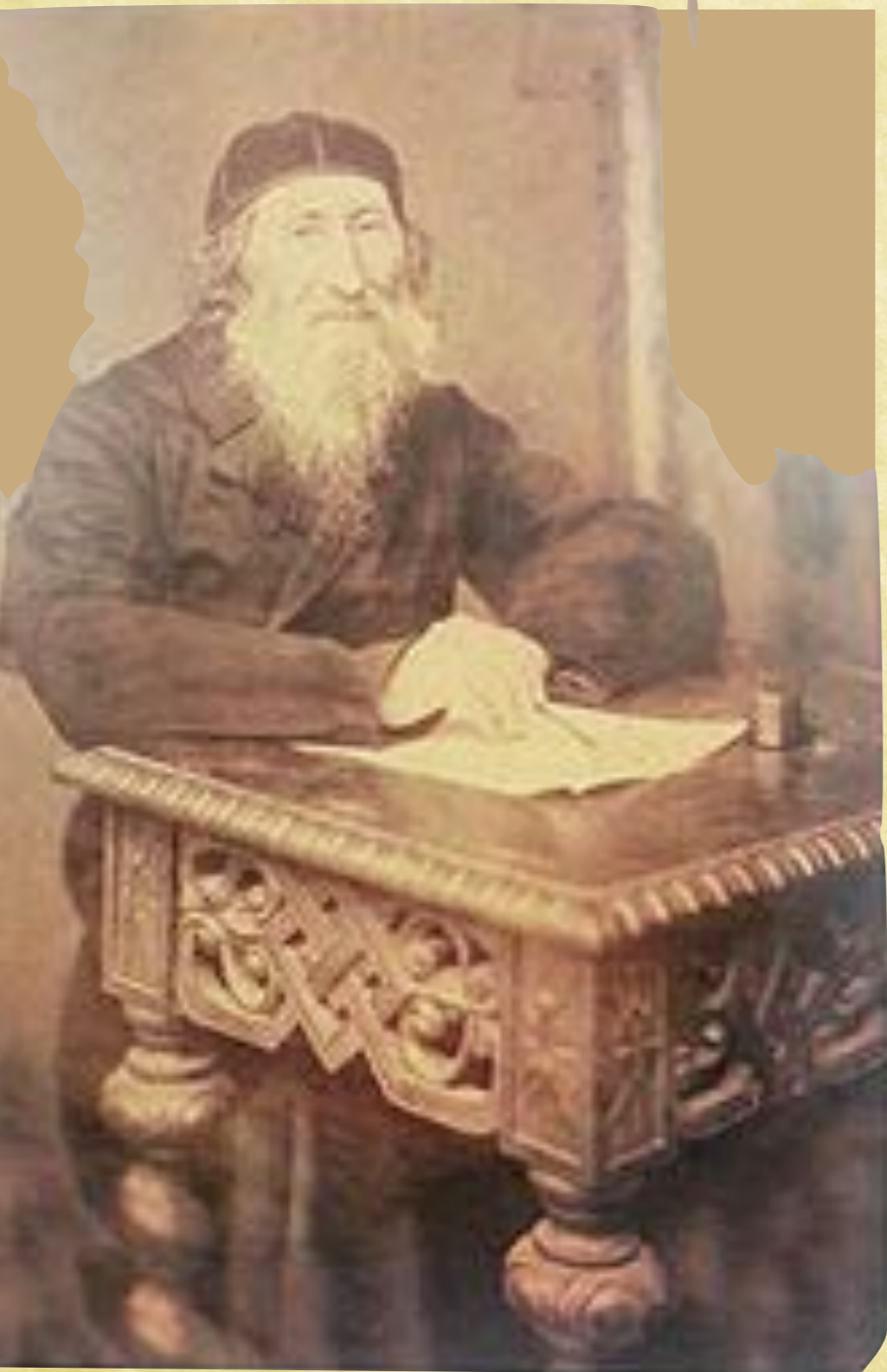
**A joint venture between the King of Prussia and the Anglican church leads to the anointing of the first Jewish–Christian Protestant Bishop of Jerusalem, Michael Solomon Alexander.**

**Michael Solomon  
Alexander**



# JEWISH

## 1843, *Emunah Yesharah*, An Honest Faith

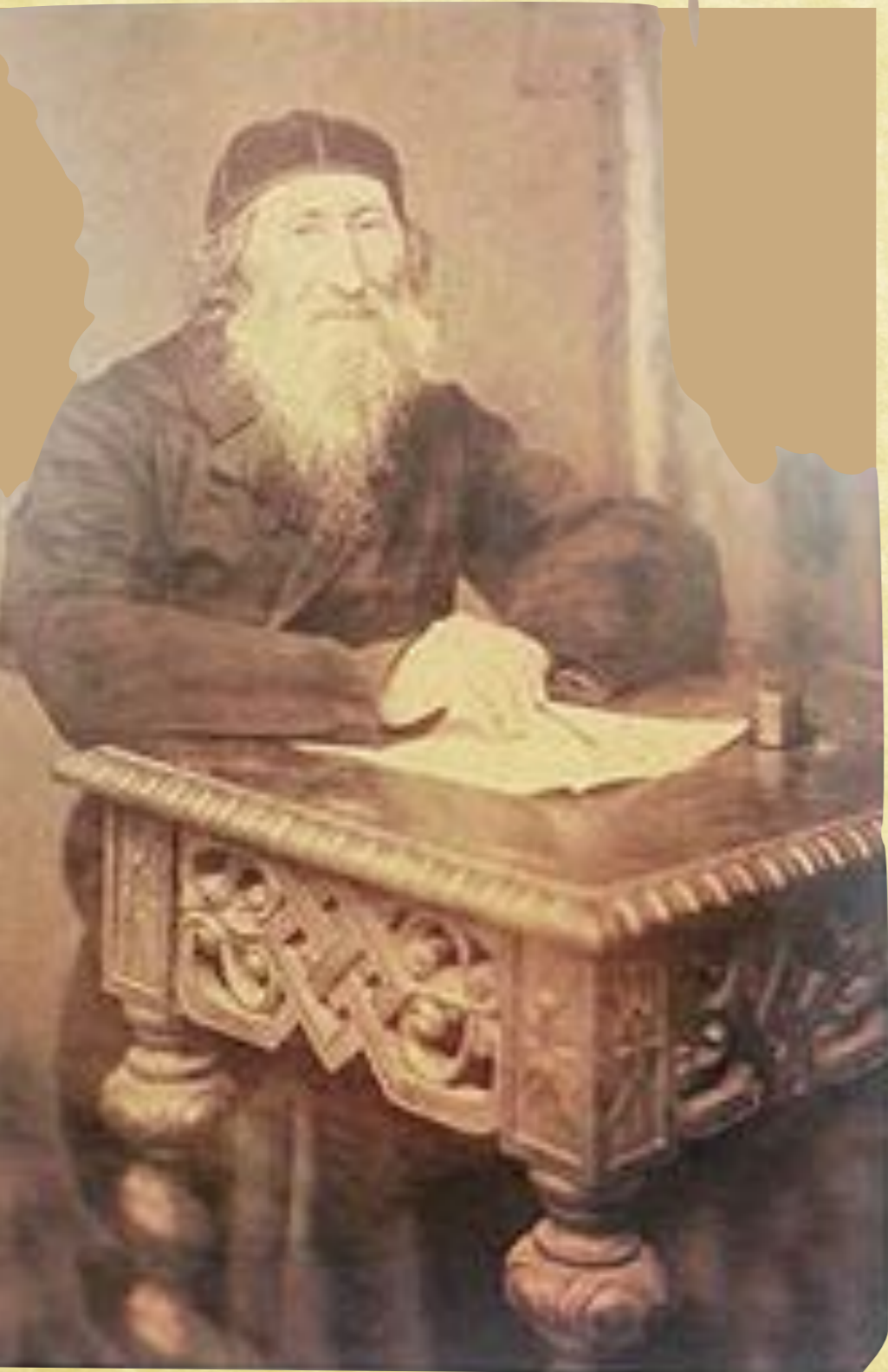


**Zvi Hirsch Kalisher**

- ★ **The salvation of the Jews could take place without the Messiah.**
- ★ **The colonization of Palestine should be launched without delay.**
- ★ **The revival of sacrifices in Palestine was completely permissible.**



# JEWISH



**Zvi Hirsch Kalisher**

★ **A formation of a society of rich Jews to begin colonization**

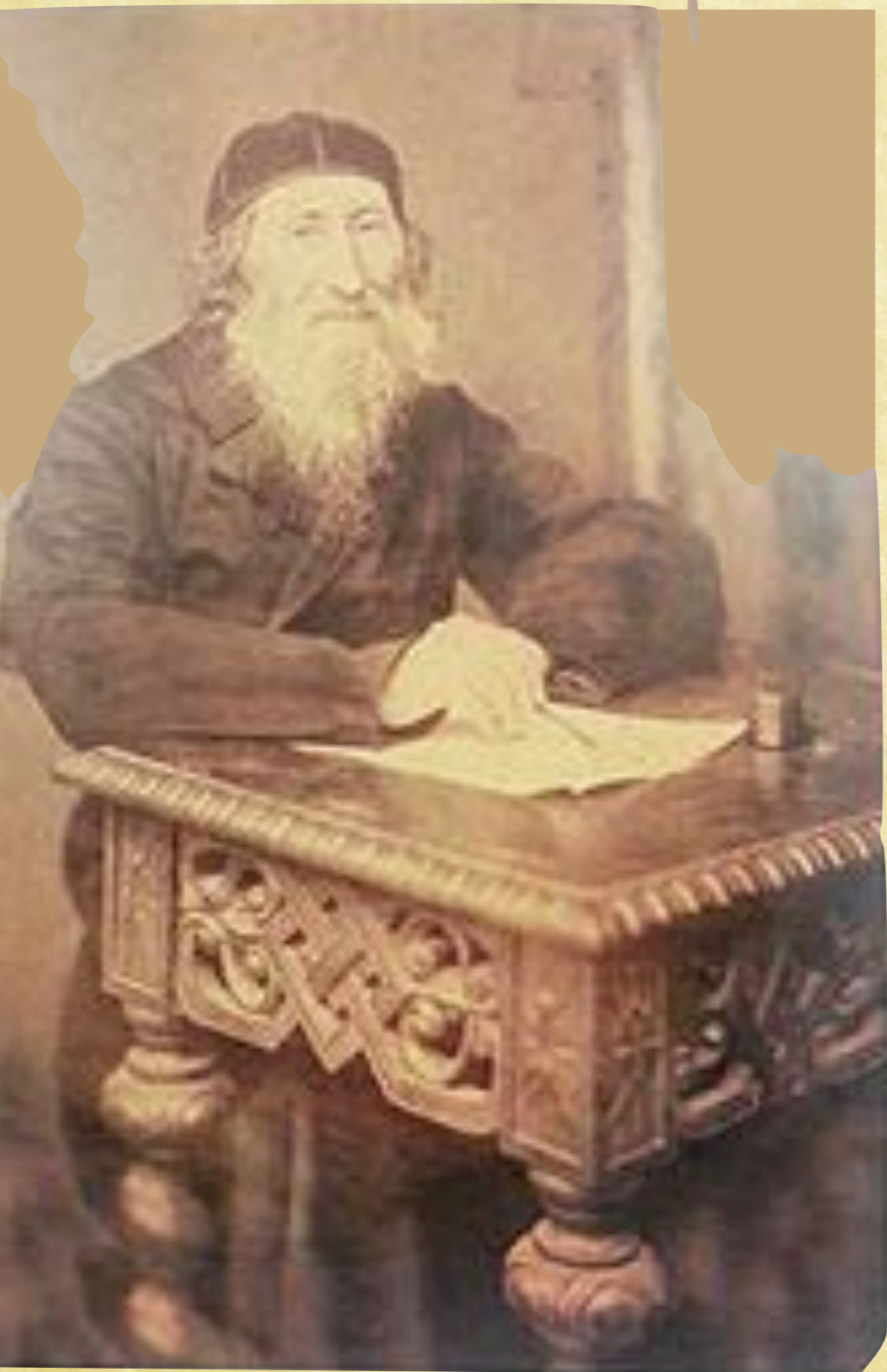
★ **Settlements of Jews of all backgrounds in the land**

★ **Training of young Jews in self defense**

★ **Establish an agricultural school to teach farming and other agricultural skills**



# JEWISH



**Zvi Hirsch Kalisher**

**“to the traditional view that the Messiah will suddenly loose a blast on the Great Shofar and cause all the inhabitants of the earth to tremble. On the contrary, the Redemption will begin with the generating of support among philanthropists and with the gaining of the consent of the nations to the gathering of the scattered of Israel into the Holy Land.”**



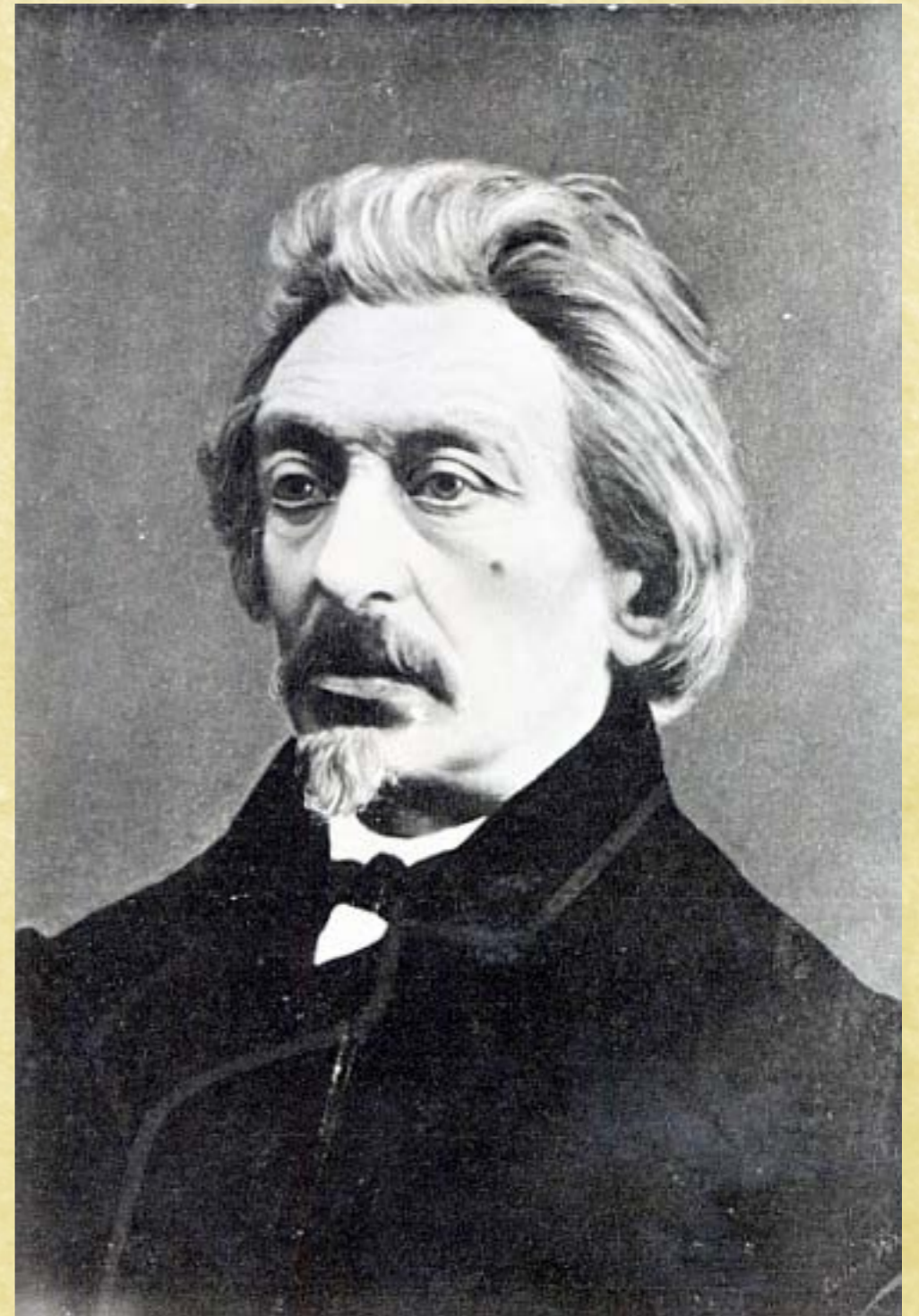
**“We shall always remain strangers among the nations ...”**

★ **a return to the land is indispensable**

★ **Jewish homeland “last, best hope”**

★ **predicted the need for governments to collaborate in reviving a Jewish nation**

★ **Had little or no impact at the time**



**Moses Hess  
1812–1875**



# POLITICAL



**Czar Alexander II  
1818–1881**

- ★ Reversed anti-Semitic policies of his father
- ★ This ushered in the *Haskalah*, period of Jewish enlightenment
- ★ Ideal of assimilated and secular Jew in Russia
- ★ Jewish population increased from 2.3 mill in 1850 to 5 mill; 4% of Russian population
- ★ Assassination in 1881 blamed on Jews; ushers in new era of pogroms



# POLITICAL



**Czar Alexander III**  
**1845–1894**

★ **Virulent anti-Semite**

★ **1882 anti-Jewish decrees, “May laws”**

★ **Closed rural areas to Jewish settlement forcing them into urban ghettos**

★ **Removed Jews from the professions**

★ **The government hope was to cause a third of the Jewish population to die off**



# POLITICAL



**Czar Alexander III  
1845–1894**

✧ This disillusioned most of the *Haskelah* leaders, who abandoned hope in assimilation and encouraged *aliyah*.

*“Let us go now to the only land in which we will find relief for our souls that have been harassed by murderers for these thousands of years. Our beginnings will be small, but in the end we will flourish.”*

*~Moshe Lilienblum, Jewish humanist and leading Haskelah writer*



# CHRISTIAN



**William Hechler**  
**1845–1931**

- ✧ **Father was a missionary with the London Jews Society**
- ✧ **Reared in a restorationist home; passion for Israel**
- ✧ **Lifelong desire to bring the Jewish people to Christ**
- ✧ **1873 tutor to Grand Duke Frederick of Baden, son of Frederick I, uncle of Kaiser Wilhelm**
- ✧ **1880s first British clergy to visit persecuted Jews in Mogilev, Odessa, Kishenev**



# CHRISTIAN

## *Daniel Deronda*



**“George Eliot”  
Mary Ann Evans  
1845–1931**

- ✧ Reared in a restorationist evangelical home.
- ✧ Though she later lost some of her evangelical beliefs, her love for the Jewish people increased.
- ✧ Daniel Deronda is a secular Jew who rediscovers his Jewishness and makes *aliyah*.
- ✧ Influenced Ben Yehuda and Ben Gurion to make *aliyah*.



# CHRISTIAN

## *Daniel Deronda*



**“In the Valhalla of the Jewish people, among the tokens of homage offered by the genius of centuries, *Daniel Deronda*, will take its place as the proudest testimony to English recognition of the Zionist idea.”**

**~Nahum Sokolow**

**“George Eliot”  
Mary Ann Evans  
1845–1931**



# JEWISH

✧ Reacted in disillusion to a brief pogrom in Odessa in 1871

✧ 1882: *Auto-emancipation*

*“The Jewish people has no fatherland of its own... no center of gravity, no government of its own, no official representation.”*

✧ First to write a systematic argument describing the vulnerability of the Jewish people

✧ Leader of *“Chovevie Zion”*



**Leon Pinsker**  
**1821–1891**

**“now or never”**



# CHRISTIAN



**William Hechler**  
**1845–1931**

**1883 – *The Restoration of the Jews According to the Prophets***

**“... the duty of every Christian is to pray earnestly and to long for the restoration of God’s chosen race, and to love the Jews; for they are still beloved for their father’s sake ...”**

**1885 – Appointed Chaplain of the British Embassy, Vienna**

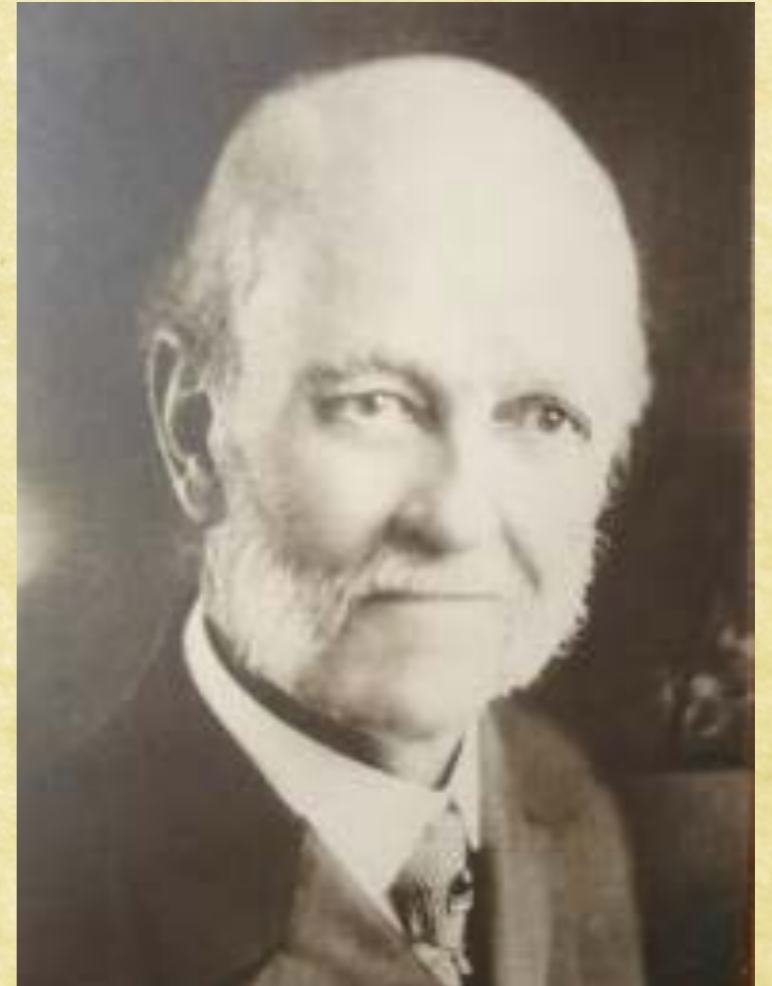


# CHRISTIAN

**1888 – Trip to the Holy Land convinced him the only hope from persecution for the Jews was restoration to their land**

**1890 – Conference on the Past, Present, Future of Israel; Chicago**

**1891 – Blackstone Memorial– motivated in part by the pogroms in Russia during the 1880s**



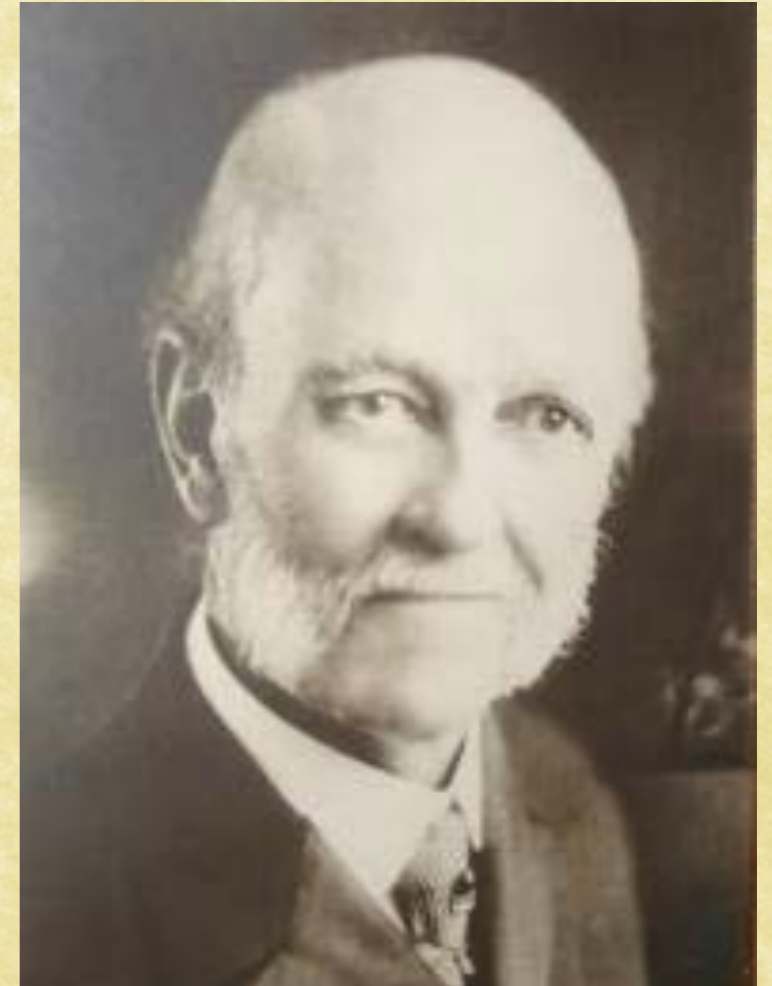
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Blackstone  
1841–1935**



# CHRISTIAN

**“Why shall not the powers which under the treaty of Berlin, in 1878, gave Bulgaria to the Bulgarians and Servia to the Servians now give Palestine back to the Jews?... These provinces, as well as Romania, Montenegro, and Greece, were wrested from the Turks and given to their natural owners. Does not Israel as rightfully belong to the Jews?”**

**~Signed by 413 prominent Christians and a few Jewish leaders**



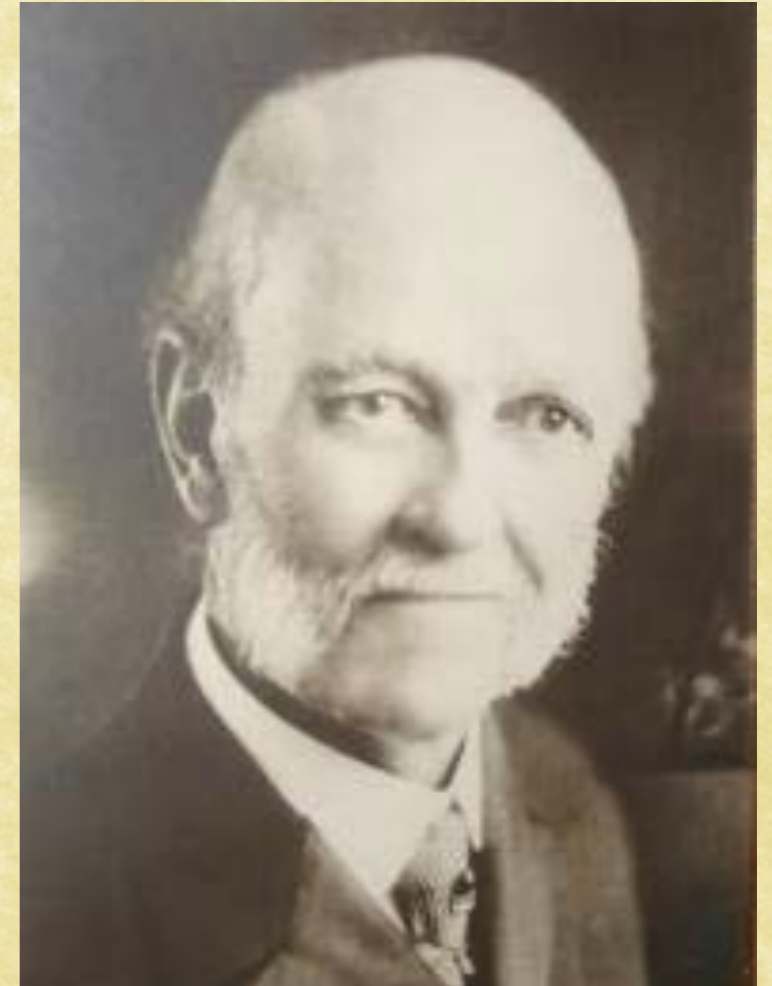
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# CHRISTIAN

**Nathan Straus wrote to Reverend Blackstone, May 16, 1916, on behalf of Brandeis:**

**“Mr. Brandeis ... agrees with me that you are the Father of Zionism, as your work antedates Herzl.”**



**William E.  
Blackstone  
1841–1935**





**Alfred Dreyfus**  
**1860–1904**

**French–Jewish artillery officer**

**Assimilated Jew accused of  
spying for the Russians**

**Tried, convicted on treason;  
eventually exonerated**

**The trial exposed the ugly  
reality of deep seated anti-  
Semitism to Theodor Herzl**



**Educated in assimilationist,  
Jewish enlightenment thought**

**Editorialist, journalist,  
playwright**

**From 1892 he focused more on  
the problem of anti-Semitism**

**Heard crowds shouting “Death  
to the Jews”**

**Realized Jews could never  
assimilate**

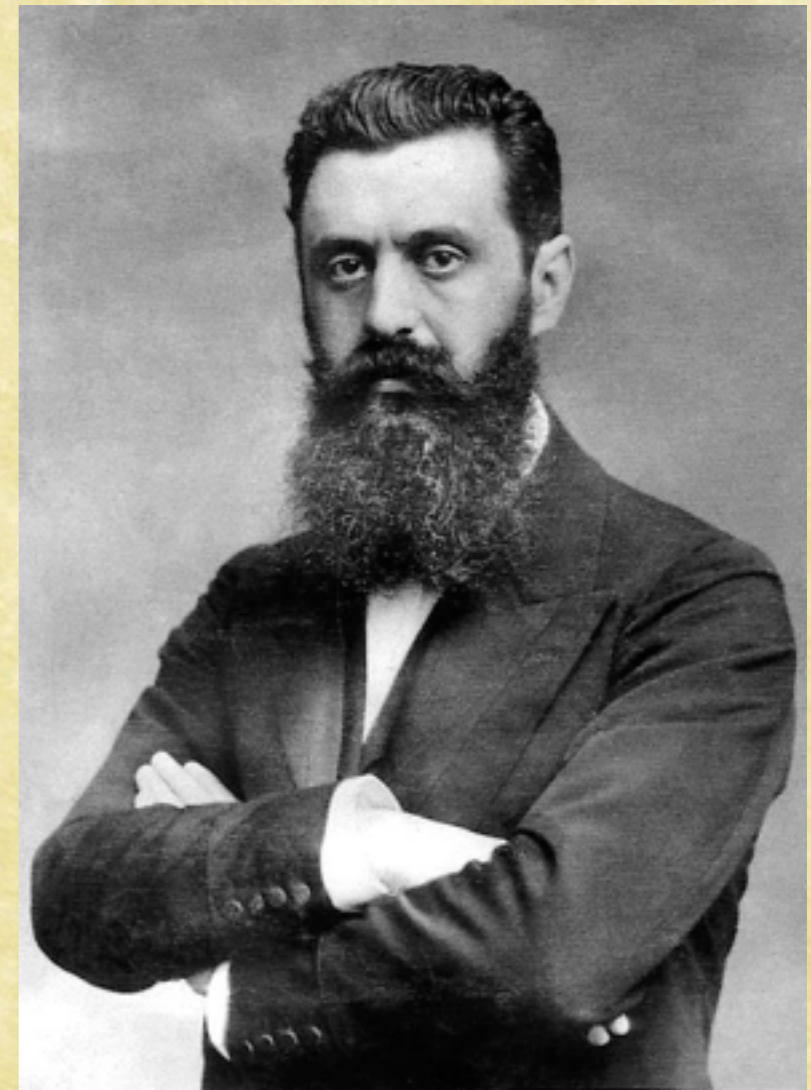


**Theodor Herzl  
1860–1904**



**1896 – Published *Der Judenstat***

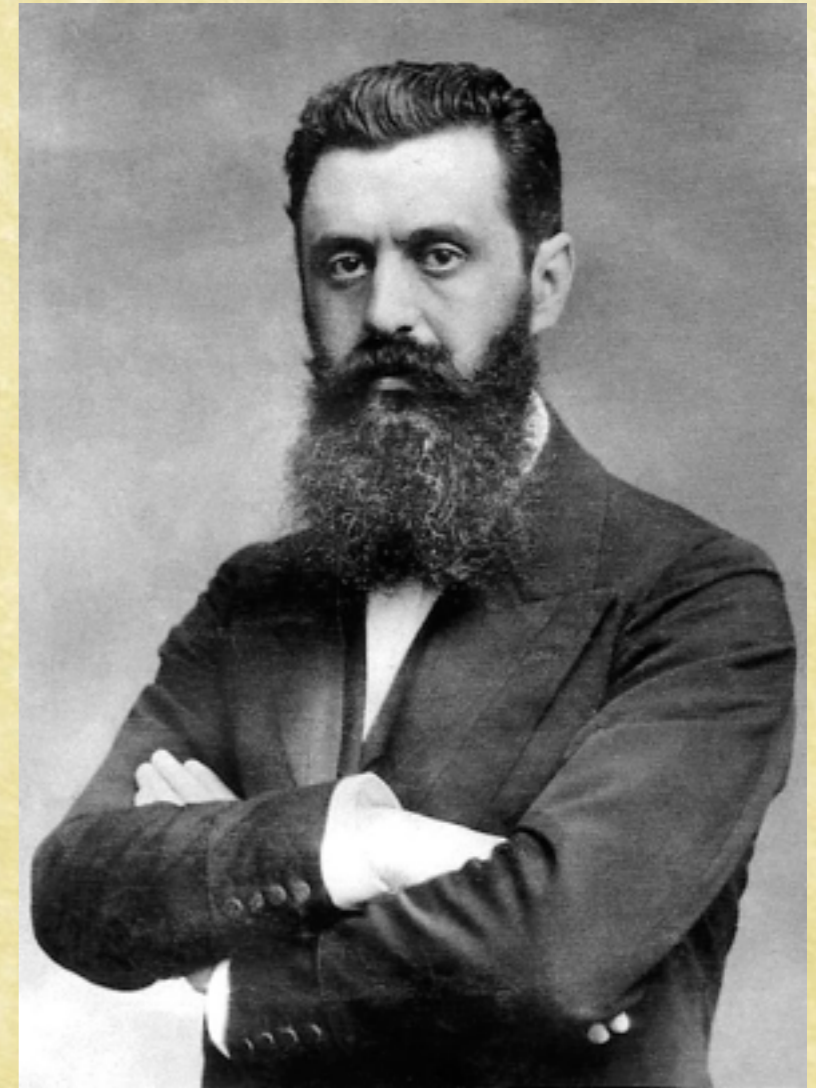
***“we are a people—one people ...  
We have sincerely tried  
everywhere to merge with the  
national communities in which  
we live, seeking only to  
preserve the faith of our  
fathers. It has not been  
permitted us.”***



**Theodor Herzl  
1860–1904**



**The assimilated and wealthy elite of European Jews rejected Herzl's vision as dangerous to the Jewish community.**



**Theodor Herzl  
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# CHRISTIAN

1896 – Reads *Der Judenstat*

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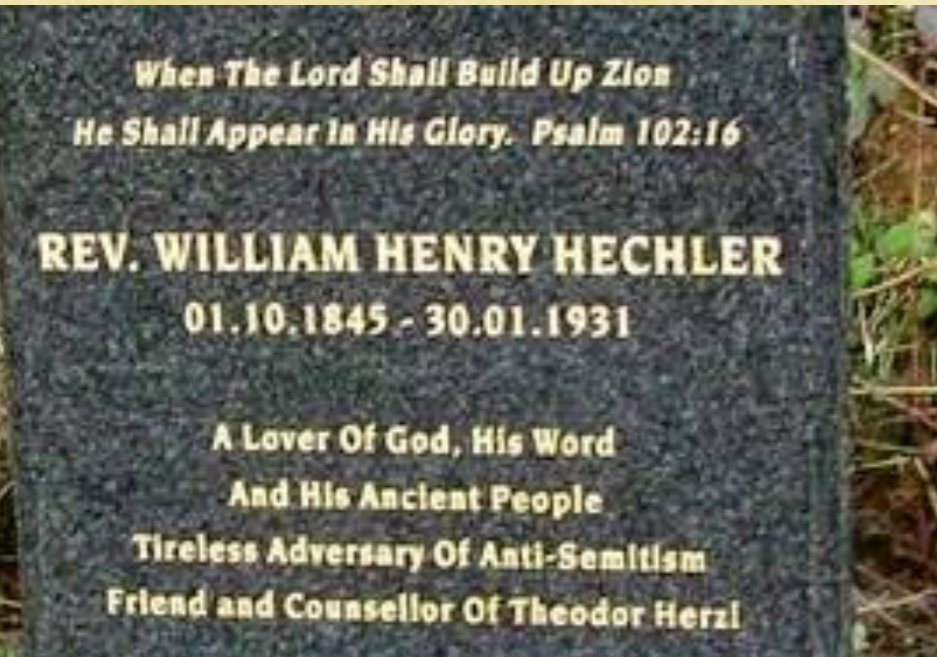
**“The Rev. William H. Hechler, chaplain to the British Embassy in Vienna, called on me.**

**A likable, sensitive man with the long grey beard of a prophet. He waxed enthusiastic over my solution. He, too, regarded my movement as a ‘prophetic crisis’ – one he foretold two years ago. For he had calculated in accordance with a prophecy dating from Omar’s reign (637–638) that after 42 prophetic months, that is, 1,260 years, Palestine would be restored to the Jews. This would make it 1897–1898.”**

**~Herzl’s diary entry**



# CHRISTIAN



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1845–1931**

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**Arranged meetings with the Kaiser, Sultan in Constantinople**

**Later he arranged to gain an audience for Herzl with the Kaiser in Istanbul and again in Jerusalem**



**San Antonio, *The Texas Daily Light*, August 8, 1896**

**“The New Jewish State  
Vienna, Aug. 8 – The informal negotiations set on foot last year for the establishment of a Jewish autonomous state in Syria made considerable progress, and a meeting was held on the 6th July, under the auspices of the Maccabean society, to consider the report of Dr. Theodor Herzl, of Vienna, the author of the new scheme. Although no organization has yet been formed ...”**



# **The Balfour Declaration**

**The primary motivation was the religious beliefs of the War Cabinet about the Jewish people.**

**Though other factors were present, it is clear from the early statements of Balfour and others that neither gratitude to Weizmann, nor a desire for Jewish support for the war effort, imperial expansion, were the determinative factors.**





Foreign Office,

November 2nd, 1917.

Dear Lord Rothschild,

I have much pleasure in conveying to you, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, the following declaration of sympathy with Jewish Zionist aspirations which has been submitted to, and approved by, the Cabinet.

"His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country".

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*Y. King*  
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**Lloyd George – Welsh, Baptist**

**Arthur Balfour – Scot, Presbyterian**

**Arthur Henderson – Scottish Methodist lay preacher**

**George Barnes – Scot**

**Andrew Bonar Law – who from the age of 12 had lived in Scotland. Free Church of Scotland**

**\*Edward Montagu – Jewish**

**Edward Carson – Irish, Irish Presbyterian**

**Jan Christian Smuts – Cape Colony, Dutch Calvinist**

**Alfred Milner – German born**

**\*Lord George Curzon – Anglican**