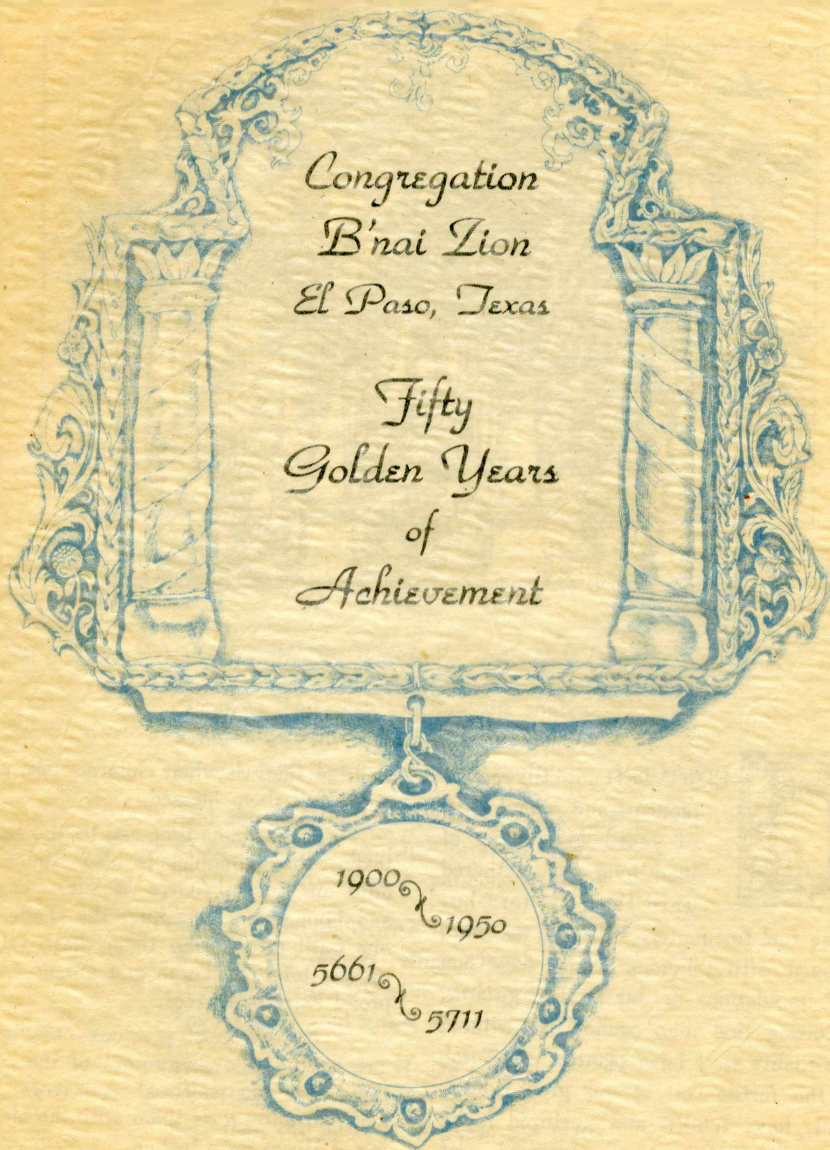




Congregation B'nai Zion
El Paso, Texas



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R. Simeon said, There are three crowns: the Crown of Torah, the crown of priesthood, and the crown of kingdom; but the crown of a good name excels them all.



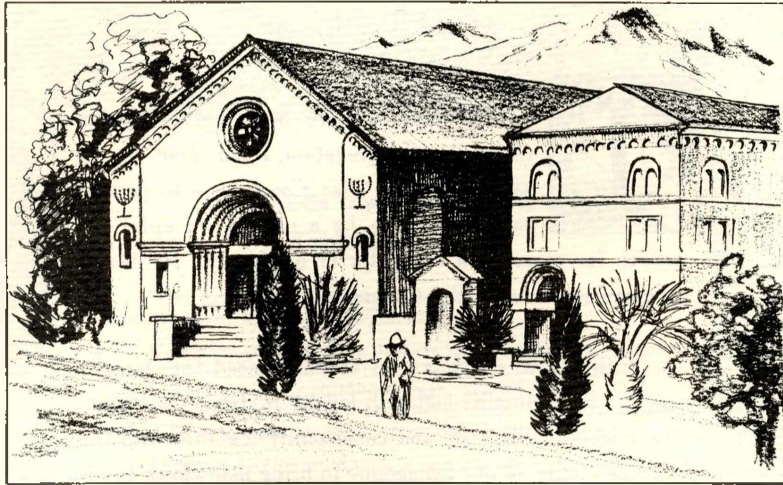
DEDICATED unto the rugged pioneers and valiant souls of yesterday, many of them long since gathered unto their fathers but

some few fortunately still with us who, imbued with religious fervor, have laid the foundations of our Congregation. Realizing that man cannot live without spirituality they have planted the Torah in the fertile soil of our great Southwest, have tended and nurtured it for the past half century. Inspired with faith, gifted with vision and fortified with courage they have built and built

well, so that we, their children, now rise up to call them blessed.

At the same time and by the same token, this pamphlet is also dedicated unto our youth, source of our strength and hope, who, accepting the challenge our faith offers unto them, have taken up the torch of Torah and are now the proud carriers thereof.

As our most precious possession and as the sole guarantors of the continuity of our spiritual endeavors, we hail and encourage them with the blessing of Moses unto Joshua. - - "*Hazak Ve'emotz. Be strong, and be of good courage.*"



Congregation B'nai Zion

“Shouldst thou wish to know the source
From which thy tortured brethren drew
In evil days their strength of soul;

And shouldst thou wish to find the spring
From which thy banished brethren drew
Their comfort, courage, patience, trust;

And shouldst thou wish to see the fort
Wherein thy fathers refuge sought,
The refuge that has still preserved
Thy nation's soul intact and pure;

Then enter thou the House of G-d,
The House of Study, old and grey,
And then thy heart shall guess the truth
That thou hast touched the sacred ground
Of thy great nation's House of Life.”

(After the Hebrew of Bialik)

Rabbi's Message



I AM grateful to have been privileged to toil with Congregation B'nai Zion in the "*Vineyard of the Lord*", and to participate in and to be a part of its spiritual growth for more than a quarter of a century. My hearty congratulations unto the Congregation!

With a firm conviction of society's need for Israel's message of spirituality and with loyalty to Jewish tradition, I have labored diligently and consistently together with the instrumentality of our Synagogue to bring man closer to his Maker.

Let us, dear friends, continue our labor of love! With heads erect, and with hearts courageous let us reconsecrate ourselves unto the ideals of Torah and confidently trusting in the G-d of our fathers, move into the future together with our beloved Synagogue.

"Mi L' Adonai Eloy - Whoso is on the Lord's side, let him come with me!"

Joseph M. Roth

Rabbi, Congregation B'nai Zion

*"Torah Zivoh Lonu Moshe Moroshoh
Kehilath Yacov."*

"Our great teacher Moses commanded us the law as an inheritance of the Congregation of Jacob."

Everyone of us with a Jewish background remembers this biblical quotation. It is the first prayer our Mothers taught us in our early childhood days. Inspired by this beautiful prayer, our pioneers founded a small Orthodox-Conservative congregation in our community fifty years ago.

Through Divine guidance, and with excellent spiritual and lay leadership, our congregation has grown from strength to strength, and it is now the largest spiritual center of its kind within a radius of 500 miles of El Paso, with every facility for worship, education, and recreation.

Sons and Daughters of Zion! You are our hope and the fulfillment of our forefathers! To you we dedicate this Golden Jubilee. It is your privilege and obligation to conserve and to preserve the great ideals of Judaism, and to hand them down to future generations in their original design and beauty. In so doing, you will be a blessing to past, present, and unborn generations.

NANDOR SCHWARTZ

President, Congregation B'nai Zion



*When ten people sit together and
occupy themselves with the Torah, the
Shechinah abides among them.*



T the "Pass to the North" where two great cultures meet, attracted by the congeniality of the locale, its salubrious climate and economic possibilities, the wandering Jew together with other pioneering spirits settled many decades ago. Venturesome, they enthusiastically sought the greater opportunity that the frontier offered. How prophetic their vision was and how determined their will, are indicated by the remarkable growth of our community during the past half century.



MONG those of our faith were some intrepid souls who, inspired by the universal appeal of Judaism and zealous for it as the bearer of an eternal truth, firmly adhered unto its teachings. Convinced that traditional Judaism as successively handed down throughout the centuries could be planted and our ancestral faith successfully cultivated and nurtured in the fertile soil and free atmosphere of this great Southwest, they banded themselves together to foster and to cherish it. An inspiring but uncompromising group, they constituted a veritable bulwark of Jewish spirituality in the desert.



ESPITE the hostility of the desert that was then as uninviting to the living fertile tree of Judaism as it still is to any but the most rugged and dwarfed forms of animal and vegetative life they dreamed and they hoped. Despite the indifference of many, slowly with painstaking effort they laid the foundation of what was to become a well of Torah and Jewish ideology far beyond their fondest hopes and expectations.



UE to the paucity of numbers and a constantly shifting population, the earliest attempts at organization proved abortive. However, for Jahrzeits and other occasions a minyon was haphazardly gathered and religious services hurriedly held. This usually in the back of some store during business hours. The High Holy Days were rigorously observed with services held in any place found available, conducted by laymen steeped in Jewish lore and learning. Finally in 1900 Congregation B'nai Zion traditionally orthodox in platform and with strict adherence to Shulchan Aruch procedure was organized. Since the group, however, had no permanent place to gather, meetings were sporadically held and religious services conducted in various private homes and rented quarters until the first B'nai Zion Synagogue was erected at what is now 902 North El Paso Street, in 1912. After having served its needs for 15 years, the continued growth of the Congregation made larger quarters imperative.



O fulfill this demand the present pretentious Synagogue-Center, the Synagogue wing, the gift of the late Haymon Krupp, was erected in 1926 and dedicated in 1927. With the expanded facilities for educational, social and recreational activities it has well served and is now effectively meeting the religious, cultural and social needs of both the Congregation and the general Jewish community. In the age-old triple tradition of the Synagogue it has functioned and continues to function as 'Beth ha-Tefilah' House of Prayer, 'Beth ha Knesset' House of Assembly, and 'Beth ha Midrash' House of Study.



HE above need as well as the necessity for adequate spiritual leadership were sensed by the forward-looking members of the Congregation as far back as some thirty years ago. Such spiritual guidance was furnished us by the Jewish Theological Seminary, the cradle and fountain source of traditional Judaism in America, in the person of our present Rabbi. His benign leadership, his spirituality and wisdom, his learning and integrity have been a well of inspiration unto our Congregation, and a blessing unto our entire community. In more ways than one, he has made Congregation B'nai Zion what it is to-day.



MONG the earliest provisions made by the Congregation was a daily Talmud Torah, later supplemented by a Sunday School.

From humble beginnings these institutions of learning, that help integrate youth into our faith and ideals, have grown phenomenally. At present they have an enrollment of 135 pupils ranging in age from four to fifteen years, divided in eight classes. Fully realizing that youth is our greatest source of strength and only hope for the future, our philosophy of education is such and has been so implemented as to prepare our children to feel at home and to live graciously in the dual culture that is their precious heritage . . . American democracy and Jewish spirituality.



FROM the very start a burial plot was acquired and a men's as well as a women's Hevra Kadisha was organized in order to lay to rest our beloved departed in accordance with traditional procedure. The beautification of the cemetery and the final rites unto the deceased have been a "Chesed Shel Emes", a zealous labor of love to many noble souls among us.



THE physical and, even more so, the spiritual growth of the Congregation during its fifty years existence has been most gratifying. Its prestige in the community has given El Paso Jewry status and dignity. Despite the marked changes that have taken place since the turn of the century the Congregation, though traditional and progressive in policy, has rigidly adhered to the principles outlined by its founders. With due regard for adjustment necessitated by growth and the requirement of a society moving into the future it has retained its traditional character, and we hope it will so continue. And, as Congregation B'nai Zion faces the future it does so courageously trusting that with G-d's help and the sympathetic cooperation of our good people it may continue to effectively serve Southwestern Jewry along the lines mapped out by 4000 years of positive endeavor that have brought inspiration and blessing unto the preceding generations.



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*Many daughters have been
 valiant, but have crumbled
 from all. — BOOK OF PROVERBS*

Greetings from the Daughters of Zion



IMPELLED by the desire to strengthen our faith and to make it appealing to our youth, the wives and mothers of B'nai Zion banded themselves together and founded the Daughters of Zion well nigh three decades ago. As incorporated in its constitution, their purpose was to strengthen the spiritual efforts of the Congregation by fostering Jewish education through Talmud Torah and Sunday School, by encouraging the practice of Jewish ceremonials in home and Synagogue, and by cultivating the aesthetic aspects of Judaism.



OFFERING a positive program of Jewish living through its cultural and social activities, the Daughters of Zion have been largely instrumental in the making of Congregation B'nai Zion. Much of the effectiveness of the Talmud Torah and Sunday School is due its stimulation and inspiration.

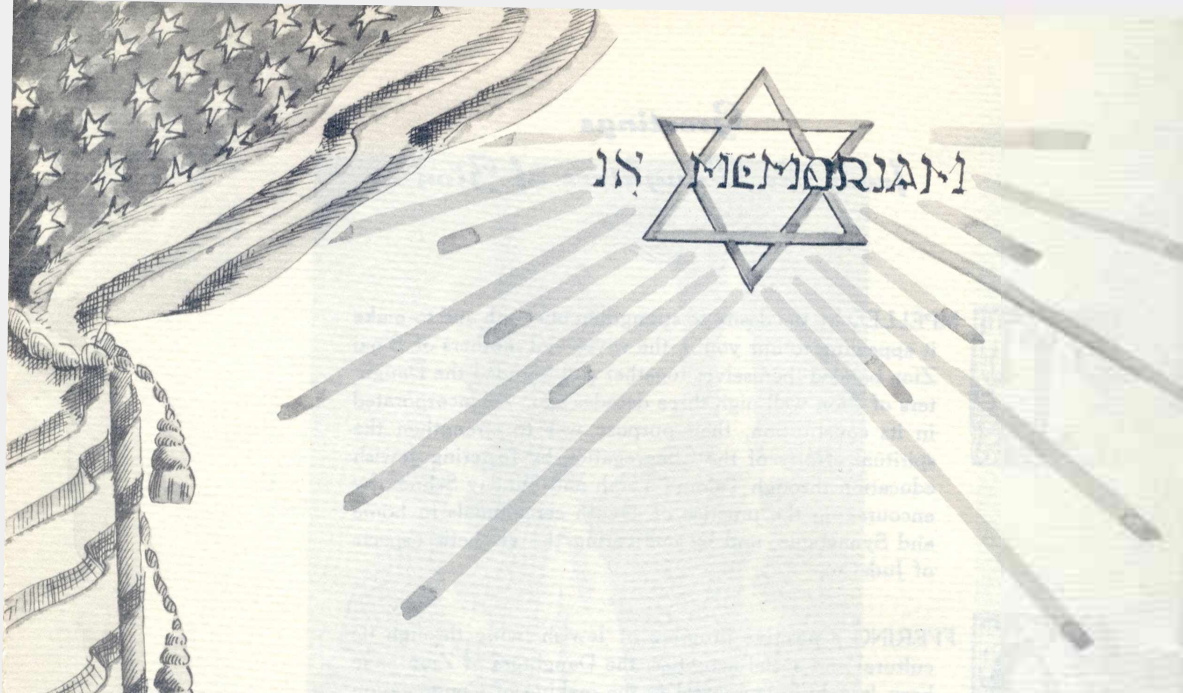


FINANCIALLY the Daughters of Zion has been a bulwark of strength unto the Congregation, particularly so during its critical years. Needless to state, the cost of furnishings and equipment, school supplies and Sunday School teachers' salaries have been borne by the Daughters of Zion. Truly, ours has been a veritable labor of love in the "Vineyard of the Lord" unto which we have whole-heartedly consecrated our hands and hearts.



S Congregation B'nai Zion faces the greater opportunity of tomorrow, we, the Daughters of Zion, rededicate ourselves to meet that challenge courageously. With one accord we call upon every Jewish woman to assist us in our common task so that our children contemplating the work of our hands will rise and say "*Broochim atem l'Adonoi*—Blessed are ye of the Lord."

MRS. NATHEN DIAMOND
President, Daughters of Zion



IN MEMORIAM

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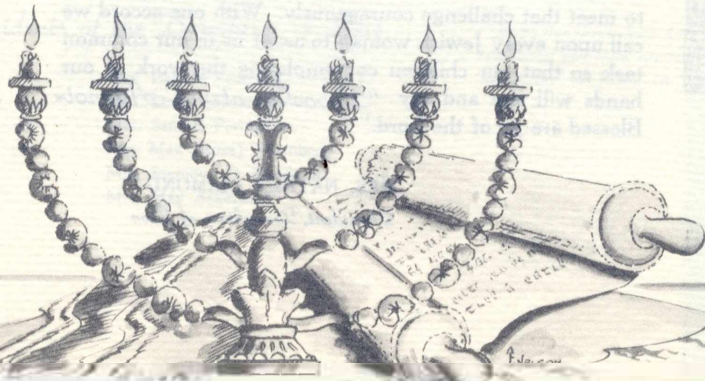
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Program of Religious Services

Golden Jubilee Celebration Congregation B'nai Zion

NOVEMBER 10-14, 1950

KISLEV 2-6, 5711

EL PASO, TEXAS

Traditional Kabbolat Shabbat Joint Service

Congregation B'nai Zion & Temple Mount Sinai

FRIDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 10th, AT 8 O'CLOCK

Service — Standard Prayer Book pp. 151 - 181

Sermon — "Yesterday & Tomorrow" Dr. Floyd S. Fierman, Rabbi, Temple Mount Sinai

Dedication: Haymon Krupp Memorial Hall

Dr. Joseph M. Roth, Rabbi, Congregation B'nai Zion

Yiskor prayer, commemorating:

Haymon Krupp, Deceased Pioneers, Martyrs of the Second World War

Benediction

Oneg Shabbat Reception: Auspices, Daughters of Zion, Haymon Krupp Memorial Hall.



Traditional Sabbath Morning Joint Service

Congregation B'nai Zion and B'nai Zion Junior Congregation

SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 11, AT 9 O'CLOCK

Bar Mitzvah *Harry Aaron Springer*

Kiddush honoring the Bar Mitzvah *Mr. & Mrs. M. D. Springer*

Address: "Character, the Product of Habit" *Rabbi Joseph M. Roth*

Traditional Mincha Service at 4:45 o'clock.

S'udah Sh'l'ishit

Traditional Ma'arib Service and Havdalah

Program

Golden Jubilee Banquet - Congregation B'nai Zion

EL PASO, TEXAS

TUESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 14th, 1950 AT 7 O'CLOCK

EL PASO COUNTRY CLUB

G-d Bless America	Audience
Invocation & Motzie	Dr. Joseph M. Roth Rabbi, Congregation B'nai Zion
She-he-che yonu'	Mr. Joe H. Goodman
BANQUET	
Piano Selections	Mrs. Reuben Mutnick
Introduction of Pioneers and Honored Guests	Mr. I. B. Goodman, toastmaster
Greetings from Congregation	Mr. Nandor Schwartz President, Congregation B'nai Zion
Greetings from Daughters of Zion	Mrs. Nathen Diamond President, Daughters of Zion
Greetings	Honored Guests
Guest Speaker	Dr. Bernard Segal Assistant to President, Jewish Theological Seminary of America
Address	Rabbi Joseph M. Roth
Hatikvoh	Audience

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*By this record, may future generations
 know who contributed their time and
 energy that the Congregation B'nai
 Zion might begin with renewed zeal
 the third quarter of its existence.*

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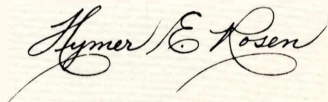
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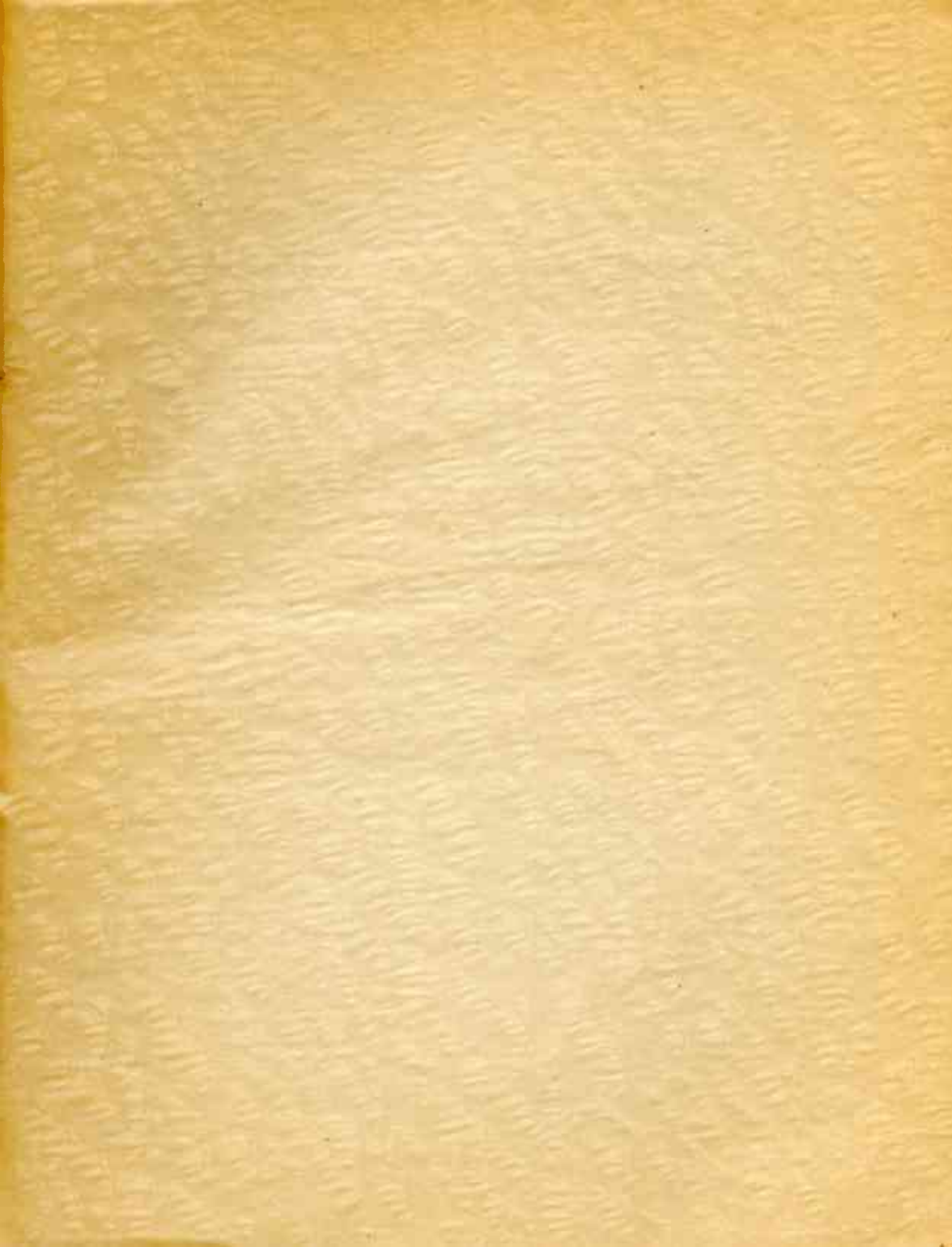
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