November 2, 2017: The Centenary of the Balfour Declaration

List No. 2: In anticipation of the centenary, I will be issuing lists of items specifically relating to the Balfour Declaration, and more broadly to Herzl, Early Zionism, the Palestine Mandate, the Creation of the State of Israel and Early Israeliana.

Poster of Herzl’s first visit to London overleaf.
1. [HERZL, THEODOR] **Handbill Announcing Herzl's First Public Appearance in London** “A Mass Meeting of East End Jews will be held on Sunday July 12th, 1896 at 6PM at the Jewish Workingmen's Club, Gt. Alie Street to Welcome Dr Theodore Herzl. The Rev Dr M Gaster Will Preside.” *London Rabbinowicz (printer) 1896.*

Original handbill, for Herzl's first public appearance in London. Text in English and Yiddish (the Yiddish text is more extensive) The meeting was chaired by Rev Dr Moses Gaster (the Haham of the Sephardi Community) Several thousand members of the Jewish immigrant community attended this meeting (see Stuart Cohen - English Zionists and British Jews page 27 and illustrated, opposite page 32). The Yiddish text emphasizes Herzl's recent return from meeting the Sultan in Constantinople where he discussed the purchase of land in Palestine. The hall was packed to capacity and cheers went up when Herzl entered. In his diary Herzl recorded "I saw and heard my legend being born" (see The High Walls of Jerusalem - Ronald Sanders pg 26). Unmounted, it measures approximately 19 x 12.5 cm. It has been carefully restored (museum quality restoration), mounted on acid free paper and is protected in cloth flap case. A rare and important historic document. [ref: 17709 ]

£2,500
Four volumes bound together in half leather. In very good condition. Appointed to enquire into (1) The character and evils which are attributed to the unrestricted immigration of Aliens, especially into the Metropolis; (2) The means which have been adopted for the restriction and control of Alien immigration in Foreign Countries, and in British Colonies.

Lord Rothschild was a member of the commission. Jewish immigration and the Jewish community in the East End of London are much referred to in the evidence and were clearly considered a major part of the issue. Of particular importance in this report is an extensive piece of evidence given by Theodor Herzl who was called to give evidence on the 7th July, 1902. His evidence runs to approximately 12 densely packed double column pages. The Jewish Question is central to the report. [ref: 17710 ] £950
3. **ALBUM SOUVENIR: ENTRANCE OF THE BRITISH AND ALLIED TROOPS IN JERUSALEM**

ENTRÈE DES TROUPES BRITANNIQUES ET ALLIEES A JERUSALEM 1917

Small oblong album, olive wood covers. There are ten pages with pressed flowers on one side and photographs of the arrival of British troops into Jerusalem on the other. The pictures include Jaffa Gate: Awaiting General Allenby’s Official Entrance to Jerusalem; Interior of the Barracks; General Allenby’s Proclamation to the Inhabitants.

[ref: 17712 ]

£350
4. **Organisation Sioniste Le Grande-Bretagne, la Palestine et les Juifs**

*Le Peuple juif célèbre sa charte nationale*  
*London, Organisation Sioniste: Bureau de Londres 1918*

Original wrappers, 21.5cm, 60 pp, very good condition. Fading to front cover and spine. Text in French. In translation: "The declaration of the British government in favour of the establishment, in Palestine, of a National Home for the Jewish nation constitutes the most important event in Jewish history since the diaspora began. The way in which this declaration has been welcomed and celebrated in Jewish communities in England and abroad is notable for its indescribable enthusiasm and most profound gratitude ..."

This pamphlet discusses the various responses to the Balfour Declaration from global Zionist organisations, Jewish leaders, Jewish organisations, Jewish newspapers and speakers from Jewish events. One such response from the German-language Jewish newspaper from New York, Die Wahrheit, says (in translation) "Each Zionist victory very clearly demonstrates to the world that each individual has the right to avow the name of the israelite nation, which therein proclaims our nationality." [ref: 5490 ]  

£275

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**List of Speakers**

- The Right Hon. ARTHUR J. BALFOUR, P.C., M.P.
- The Very Rev. The Chief Rabbi Dr. J. H. Hertz.
- The Right Hon. The MARQUIS OF CREWE, K.G.
- Dr. CH. WEIZMANN.
- The Right Hon. Lord ROBERT CECIL, K.C., M.P.
- Mr. NAHUM SOKOLOW.
- Mayor The Hon. W. ORMSBY-GORE, M.P.
- Dr. MAX NORDAU.
- Mr. M. M. USISHKIN.
- Mr. JAMES de ROTHSCHILD.  
  AND OTHERS.
5. **ENGLISH ZIONIST FEDERATION. SOUVENIR OF JEWISH DEMONSTRATION AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL, LONDON. ON MONDAY, JULY 12TH, 1920. TO CELEBRATE THE ACCEPTANCE BY GREAT BRITAIN OF THE MANDATE FOR PALESTINE AS THE JEWISH NATIONAL HOME.**

London, English Zionist Federation 1920

Original wrappers, 22.5cm, unpag. Very good condition. Speakers include Arthur Balfour, the Chief Rabbi, Chaim Weizmann, Robert Cecil, Nahum Sokolow, Ormsby Gore, Max Nordau, M Usishkin, James de Rothschild and others. There are pictures of Herzl, Weizmann and Sokolow. There is a map of the Jewish Settlements in Palestine and Hatikvah. Worldcat lists one copy NLI [ref: 8747] £1,250

6. **ZIONISM AT UNIVERSITIES**  

London 1909

Reprinted from the Jewish Chronicle, April 9 1909. Single sheet, printed on both sides, 25cm, unpaginated 2 pp, horizontal fold which is beginning to split, some fading and tears to corners and edges. The letter is signed by Laurie Magnus, Robert Waley Cohen, Henriques and others. In response to an interview with Norman Bentwich in the Jewish Chronicle who stated that Zionist students could not completely identify themselves with the English nation. The signatories to the letter, students and members of the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge and London, strongly repudiated this. There was concern that Zionism would compromise the position of Jews in England at that time. [ref: 5895] £125
7. **DUGDALE, MRS. EDGAR** *THE BALFOUR DECLARATION - ORIGINS AND BACKGROUND*  
*London The Jewish Agency for Palestine 1940*

Original wrappers, 24.5cm, 32 pp, mild soiling to wrappers overall very good condition. Mrs Dugdale was a niece of Lord Balfour and a big supporter of Zionism. She was a trusted advisor of Chaim Weizmann and published articles regularly in the *Zionist Review*. When she was told 2 days before her death that the State of Israel had been proclaimed. She exclaimed, “It will all come right now. You’ll see.” (New Encyclopedia of Zionism page 342) [ref: 17699] £150

8. **ENGLISH ZIONIST FEDERATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH ALL LEADING JEWISH BODIES AND INSTITUTIONS IN LONDON**  
**PROGRAMME OF MASS PROTEST DEMONSTRATION** at the Royal Albert Hall on Sunday, 1st September, 1929 at 8pm  
*London English Zionist Federation 1929*

4pp. Text in English and Hebrew (Prayer). With resolutions on the last page in English. This was in response to the Massacres in Palestine.  
*The Rt. Hon. Lord Melchett, P. C., FRS in the Chair, Speakers The Very Rev. The Chief Rabbi, Dr J. H. Hertz; Mr d’Avigdor Goldsmid (President, Jewish Board of Deputies); Mr H Sacher (Member of the Executive of the World Zionist Organisation); The Rt. Hon Col. J. C. Wedgwood, DSO., MP and Dr Ch. Arlosoroff (Palestine).* [ref: 17653] £350
9. **PROGRAMM - DAS JÜDISCHE LEBEN IN PALÄSTINE - EINE REISE NACH PALÄSTINA.**
   *Odessa, The Misrach Company.*
   The Misrach Company of Odessa. Original wrappers, cover title, 23cm, unpag. 7 pp. Good condition. Text in German and Hebrew. It is the itinerary of a tour through Palestine to see Jewish life.
   [ref: 8063 ]  
   £150

   Original wrappers, 20 pp Text in Italian.
   [ref: 17711 ] £75

   Original wrappers, 22 + (1) pp
   [ref: 17700 ]  
   £25

13. The Jewish Agency for Palestine. *Documents relating to the McMahon Letters [With a Map]*. London: Jewish Agency for Palestine 1939. Original wrappers, 25cm, 20 pp, 2nd impression. There was an exchange of letters between Sir Henry McMahon the British High Commissioner for Egypt and Hussein Ibn Ali the Sherif of Mecca on the subject of Arab independence after WW1. It became a source of contention as to whether Palestine was included. The British Government issued 2 Parliamentary Papers on the subject in 1939. These are the comments of the Jewish Agency on the relevance of the McMahon correspondence to the future of Palestine. [ref: 8745] £150
Original wrappers, 22cm, 12 pp, very good condition. The Anglo-Jewish community was split between Zionists and anti-Zionists at the time. This pamphlet is one of the Anti-Zionist pamphlets. Many felt the Zionists would undermine the position of the Jews in their host countries. 1917 with the Balfour Declaration was a period of intense debate within the English Jewish community over its views of Zionism and a Jewish state in Palestine. 
[ref: 5486 ] £125

15. NUTTING, ANTHONY *THE TRAGEDY OF PALESTINE FROM THE BALFOUR DECLARATION TO TODAY*  London, Arab League Office 1967
Original wrappers, 22cm, 15 pp, very good condition. 
[ref: 5886 ] £35

16. SACHER, HARRY *CHAIM WEIZMANN*  Jewish Agency Library No. 3 London the Jewish Agency Department for Education & Culture 1955
Original wrappers, 18.5cm, 24pp, text in English, Weizmann's portrait on front cover. Some creasing and tearing to front cover.  
[ref: 12324 ] £65
17. SHIPTON, SIDNEY L HOW THE LAND WAS WON: THE STORY OF THE JNF.
London Jewish National Fund For Israel in Great Britain & Ireland 1986
Original wrappers, 21cm, 3pp, unpaginated, text in English, very good condition.
[ref: 12724 ] £35

18. STERLING, JOHN PALESTINE: IS THE BALFOUR DECLARATION "A SCRAP OF PAPER"?
AN INDICTMENT OF LORD PASSFIELD'S SHAMEFUL REPUDIATION OF BRITAIN'S PLEDGED WORD TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL HOME FOR THE JEWISH RACE.
London Sterling Press, Ltd. c 1930
Original wrappers, 18.5cm, 16 pp, very good condition except some slight rusting from staples.
[ref: 8837 ] £175