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PROMOTING JEWISH MUSIC.

Those who are interested in the cultivation of Jewish music will learn with interest that Professor David Schor, the composer and pianist and Professor at the Moscow Academy of Music, has arrived in Berlin on his way to Palestine where he intends to devote himself to the promotion of Jewish music in Palestine. Notwithstanding the undoubted musical ability of the Jene Churple, Inco-Octave began M Rome by a Triduc of sermon's preached by Father Venturini, in the Church of St. Andrea delle Fratte, the Catholic press reports. Benediction each evening was given by a Cardinal. It was in preparation for the anniversary of the Miraculous Conversion to Catholicism of the Jew of Mary Alphonse Ratisbonne.

On Monday, the day dedicated by the Church Unity Octave to prayer for the Conversion of the Jews, Dom Gariador, Abbot of Subiaco, Rome, celebrated in the same church of St. Andrea delle Fratte, High Mass for the eturn to the fold of God's chosen people. In the afternoon, Father Donati preached on the conversion of Israel. The sermon was followed by an hour's Adoration. The Committee of the Sacerdotal Association of the "Amici Israel" attended both the morning and evening devotions, as well as the members of the League pro pace. Father Bede Jarrete, the President of the Catholic Guild of Israel, speaking at the Sion Convent, Bayswater, on the Feast of Our Lady of Sion, the anniversary of the miraculous conversion of Father Mary Ratisbonne took for his subject "The Conversion of the Jews."
"Mary," he said, "calls the children of the Guild of Israel to a second crusade to win back the Jewish people by prayer and striving."

AMERICAN CONVERSION ACTIVITY.

Talking about the activity of the conversionists it is interesting to record the fact that an appeal to Christian leaders to refrain from missionary activities among the Jewish people has been formulated by the Executive Committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, which has met in connection with the convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregation. The appeal was made on the occasion of the forthcoming Christian Conference which is to be held in Budapest. It was stated that at this conference the question of the conversion of Jews to Christianity was to be taken up. The appeal has been despatched by telegraph to Alfred William Anthony of visited Unier Rabbi Schapiro and asked him to permit that Jewish bodies should be allowed to be delivered up for dissection purposes. Rabbi Schapiro replied that according to Jewish law it is not permitted to give up the bodies of Jews for dissection purposes. The Senate of the Universities has been informed by the Dean of the reply made by the Chief Rabbi. The Kovno Medical Society has also sent a representative to Chief Rabbi Schapiro to ask him to permit Jewish corpses to be handed over for dissection. The Chief Rabbi made the same reply as he had previously made to Prof. Lachash. The Rector of the Lithuanian Univer-

sity, Professor Birszisha, speaking at Kovno with press representatives, said that he deplored the feeling of enmity which existed among the Christian students against their Jewish colleagues. He hoped, however, that the question of the Jewish corpses would be settled by law, which would take no account of religious questions, and that this would end the conflict at the University. The Rector added that an investigation is being carried on to establish whether there there is any truth in the allegation made by Christian students that the Jewish students desecrate Christian bodies. If there is any truth in this allegation, he said, the guilty persons would be punished.

AVERTING A RUSSIAN POGROM.

I have just learned that King Frede rick of Denmark once averted by his intervention a pogrom which was to have been carried out against the Jews in Russia. This has just been disclosed in the Illusteret Tidende, one of the biggest papers in Denmark. The report which is reprinted here in the Wahrheit, the organ of the Jewish Union in Austria, states that the Chief Rabbi of Copenhagen had learnt from a sure source that preparations were being made for a large-scale pogrom against the Jews in Russia. The Chief Rabbi consulted Moses Melchior, a prominent Jew and one of the leading business men in Denmark and influenced him to in tervene with the King that he should make representations to the Czar to stop the pogrom preparations.

King Frederick told Melchior that it was impossible for him to interfere in the internal affairs of his uncle's government in Russia. Melchior, however, continued to plead with him If Your Majesty, he said, reads in the press next week reports of massacres which have taken place in Russia I hope that your conscience will be clear. And Melchior turned to go. The King greatly moved by his words stopped him and said to Melchior: Calm yourself, I will write to my uncle and will do all I can-

Your Majesty, Melchior replied, the gratitude of an old man can be of little velocity of little value to you, but I hope that God's blessing will be your reward.

The King wrote to the Czar as he

had promised to do, and the pogroms did not take place.

Moses Melchior, who played so int portant a part in the averting of the pogrom, died in 1912 at the age of eighty-eight.

DESCRATING JEWISH CEMETERIES.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency Mail Service declares that during the past two years, a large number of Jewish cemeteries in Germany have been entered and desecrated, states a recent issue of the C.V.-Zeitung, the organ of the Union of German Citizens of the Jewish Faith. On December ber 12th, 1924, seven gravestones were overturned in the Jewish cemetery at Beverungen; in March, 1925, several gravestones were demolished in the Jewish cemetery at Klein-Bardorff; in May, 1925, thirty gravestones were demolished or damaged in the Jewish cemetery in Koethen; in June, the new Jewish mortuary at Plauen was painted red and insulting inscriptions were written on the walls; in August, 1925, eleven gravestones were demolished in the Jewish cemetery at

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