

***“The Israelite”, Isaac Mayer Wise (March 17, 1871)***

The American Jew is an American to all intents and purposes. So is the English Jew an Englishman, French Jew a Frenchman, and the same is the case in Germany, Hungary, Italy, and also in Russia, although they are oppressed, yet they are intensely Russian. It may be put down as a fact, American and European Jews would not immigrate to Palestine, not even if the Messiah himself, riding upon that identical ass upon which Abraham and Moses rode, would come and invite them.

*Source: Isaac Mayer Wise: The Founder of American Judaism, Max B. May, G.P. Putnam's & Sons, New York, 1916, p. 345.*

***“Judenproblem”, Isaac Breuer (1918)***

Zionism is the most terrible enemy that has ever arisen to the Jewish nation. The anti-nationalistic Reform engages it [the Jewish nation] at least in an open fight, but Zionism kills the nation and then elevates the corpse to the throne.

*Source: Isaac Breuer: Zionist against His Will?, Asher D. Biemann, Modern Judaism, vol. 20, no. 2, 2000, pp. 129–146.*

***“Neyer Folkseytung”, Viktor Alter (February 19, 1937)***

The Zionists are unable and unwilling to understand that we Bundists cannot accept, even for a moment, the trappings of a capitalist society. They, on the other hand, wish to remain within these trappings. Because they adapt themselves to the existing capitalist society, they cannot understand the urgency of our struggle in Poland.

We Bundists wish to shatter the existing economic frameworks and show the Jewish masses how a new society can be built not by escape but by struggle. We link the essence of the Jewish masses' life to that of humankind.

*Source: Holocaust Teacher Resource Center, <http://www.holocaust-trc.org/the-image-of-polish-jewry-between-the-two-world-wars/the-bund/>*