

# The Women of the S&P #6 - Across the Pond in America

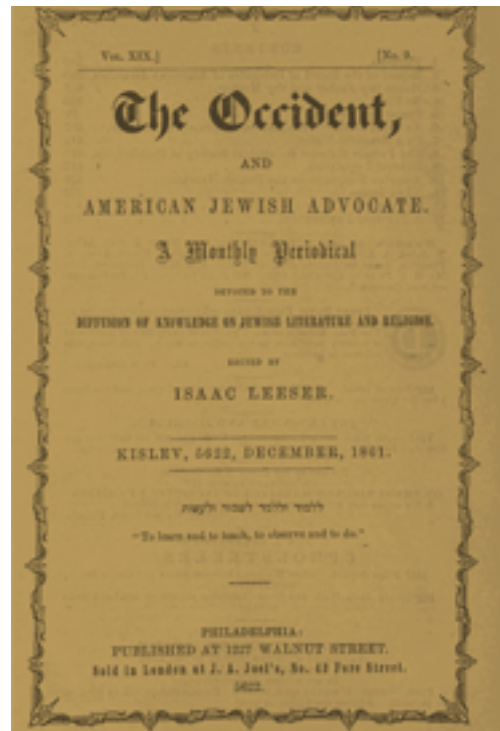
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David Aaron de Sola



Isaac Leeser





Bevis Marks Synagogue - London



Mikveh Israel (1860) - Philadelphia



Sir Moses Montefiore



Judah Touro (New Orleans)



Lady Judith Montefiore



Rebecca Gratz

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TO THE MEMORY OF THE LAMENTED GRACE AGUILAR.

WHEN the sad, moaning wind of midnight sighing,  
Falls on the ear with a low, wailing tone,  
And finds an echo in the heart replying  
To its wild music's melancholy moan,  
Then will we think of thee.

When the pale leaves of autumn's woods are falling,  
Telling that such is man's frail, brief career,  
Our hearts will fancy thy sweet voice is calling  
From those sad relics of the dying year,  
And tears will fall for thee.

And when the first faint blossoms of the spring  
Shall rouse our spirits by their beauteous bloom,  
Each little leaflet's secret whispering  
Will bear a message from the solemn tomb,  
Bidding us think of thee.

Thy spirit loved to hold communion sweet  
With bud, and falling leaf, and midnight wind,  
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And each henceforth our chastened hearts shall greet,  
As a loved token of thy gifted mind—  
Thus will we think of thee.

Broken forever is the golden bowl  
From which thy spirit drank its draught of life;  
The silver chord is loosened from thy soul,  
And thou art free from earthly care and strife—  
From sin and misery.

We cannot mourn for thee as one whose lot  
Was but to bloom for a brief hour below,  
Then sink into the grave and be forgot;  
The cold, unthinking world can never know  
How much we grieve for thee.

Thou wert a stranger unto us; thy name  
Alone was wafted o'er the Atlantic wave;  
But true hearts mourned thy loss, when tidings came  
That thou wert in the cold and silent grave—  
Ay, true hearts mourned for thee.

Rest, gentle minstrel! other hands may wreath  
A fairer garland on some future day,  
But true and fervent are the thoughts that breathe  
Within our hearts, and prompt this simple lay,  
That tells our grief for thee.

Conversion, 1845 (<http://www.jewish-history.com/hyneman/convert.html>)

Mrs. Hyneman having been requested to attend the committee and being asked what motive induced her to make the above application, she stated that it always had been her desire to become a member of the congregation of Israel, and that no interested motives prompt her to take this step, and that she had always been instructed in the Jewish religion by her father, Abraham Gumpertz. She was admonished that at present she was not bound by the precepts of the Law, and that the moment she embraced the religion she was bound to conform strictly to all the duties and ceremonies of the Jewish religion. To this she replied, that it always had been her sincere wish to have the privilege of being a member of the congregation of Israel, and that as far as is in her power she would educate and bring up her children in the Jewish faith.

Rachel Peixoto Pyke (Below taken from <http://www.jstor.org/stable/24709731>)

*(E. Pyke, Scriptural Questions for the Use of Sunday Schools for the Instruction of Israelites)<sup>1</sup>*

Q. Who formed you, child, and made you live?

A. God did my life and spirit give.

Q. Who keeps you safely, can you tell?

A. God keeps me safe, and makes me well.

Q. Has God made known the way of truth?

A. The Bible is the guide of youth.

Q. What should you feel towards God above?

A. Honour and fear and grateful love.

Q. Does God know all you do and say?

A. Yes! and my thoughts, too, night and day.

Q. Have you evil thoughts within?

A. Yes, or I should not often sin.

Q. How do your thoughts their evil show?

A. By sinful words, and actions, too.

Q. And does not sin God's anger move?

A. Yes, for I sin against his love.

Q. Must you repent, with humble heart?

A. Yes! and from every sin depart.

Location	London	Philadelphia
Minister	David Aaron de Sola	Isaac Leeser
Paper	Voice of Jacob	Occident
Philanthropist	Moses Montefiore	Judah Touro
Synagogue	Bevis Marks - Shaar Hashamayim	Mikve Israel
-Ashkenaz	Duke's Place	Rodeph Sholom
Leadership	Judith Montefiore	Rebecca Gratz
Poetry	Grace Aguilar	Rebekah Hyneman
School Books	Miriam Mendes Bellisario	Simha and Rachel Peixotto
Instructors	Abigail Lindo	Ellen Phillips
Polemic	Charlotte Montefiore	Louisa B Hart