World Jewry Pays Tribute To Rabbi Adler's Memory

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Bnai Brith was represented by a delegation of national leaders and there were visiting dignitaries from many cities at the impressive service, attendance at which was unprecedented in numbers and in worldwide interest shown by people of all faiths and races. Great care was taken for the safety of the thousands who were at the Shaarey Zedek Sunday afternoon and the many hundreds on the way to the cemetery; adequate police protection was assured by the Ira Kaufman Chapel, which had arranged the service.

It was estimated that about 15,000 people converged upon Shaarey Zedek to attend the funeral services, but only about half were able to reach the grounds due to traffic jams. Hundreds of cars were in the funeral procession to Clover Hill Park Cemetery and the police of Detroit, Southfield, Royal Oak and Troy provided extra traffic officers to direct the cortege.

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