“Avraham Menachem Mendel Ussishkin: Builder of Israel”

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JEREMIAH 31:16–17 God said: Restrain your voice from weeping, your eyes from shedding tears; For there is a reward for your labor, declares God: They shall return from the enemy’s land. And there is hope for your future, declares God: Your children shall return to their country.	ירמיה טז-יז כֹּה אָמַר ה׳ מִנְעִי קוֹלֵךְ מִבֶּכִי וְעֵינַיִךְ מִדִּמְעָה כִּי יֵשׁ שָׂכָר לִפְעֻלָּתֵךְ נְאֻם ה׳ וְשָׁבוּ מֵאֶרֶץ אוֹיֵב׃ לְאַחֲרִיתֵךְ נְאֻם ה׳ וְשָׁבוּ בָנִים וְיֵשׁ־תִּקְוָה לִגְבוּלָם׃

A LETTER TO THE MANCHESTER GUARDIAN BY ALBERT EINSTEIN IN 1929

When one travels through the country, as I had the good fortune to do a few years ago, and sees young pioneers, men and women of magnificent intellectual and moral calibre, breaking stones and building roads under the blazing rays of the Palestinian sun; when one sees flourishing agricultural settlements, shooting up from the long-deserted soil under the intensive efforts of the Jewish settlers...what observer, whatever his origin or faith, can fail to be seized by the magic of such amazing achievement and of such almost superhuman devotion?

SEPTEMBER 1930 ADDRESS BY ALBERT EINSTEIN TO THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PALESTINE WORKERS, HELD IN BERLIN

It does not matter how many Jews are in Palestine, but it does matter what they produce there. That should be something the Jews of the whole world can point to as ideal creative work and with which they can identify themselves.