



**"O beautiful for heroes prov'd:"  
The Story of Jewish Chaplains  
during the American Civil War**

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JEWISH CHAPLAINS INSIGNIA



BOARD OF DELEGATES OF AMERICAN ISRAELITES

5620- 1859

#### Deuteronomy Chapter 20, verses 2–4

**2** And it shall be, when ye draw nigh unto the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak unto the people, **3** and shall say unto them: 'Hear, O Israel, ye draw nigh this day unto battle against your enemies; let not your heart faint; fear not, nor be alarmed, neither be ye affrighted at them; **4** for the LORD your God is He that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.'



MAP OF BLUE & GRAY

1861



PRESBYTERIAN CHAPLAIN - ROBERT BUNTING



MILITARY MAP OF WASHINGTON DC

1861



COLONEL MAX FRIEDMAN



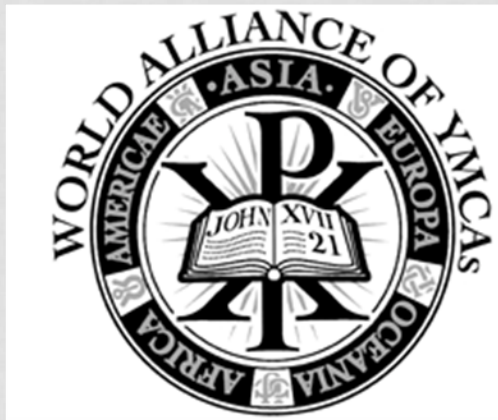
UNION CHAPLAIN MICHAEL ALLEN

CA. 1862



RABBI DR. ARNOLD FISHEL

1830-1894



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Birth: Feb. 8, 1820,  
Germany  
Death: Aug. 15, 1878  
Memphis  
Shelby County  
Tennessee, USA

Rev. Ferdinand Sarnier, D.D.  
Born in Lissa, Germany, now Leszno,  
Poland

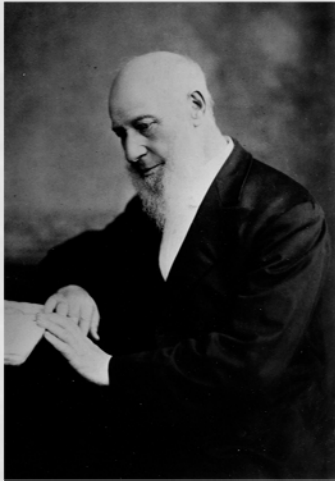
Called the "Rabbi of Gettysburg,"  
where he was wounded.

Third Jewish Chaplain in U.S. Armed  
Forces and first to serve in battle (at  
Gettysburg).

Education: Studied at the Royal  
Friedrich Wilhelm University, now  
Humboldt University in Berlin and at  
the University of Hesse, from which he  
received a Ph.D. in 1858.

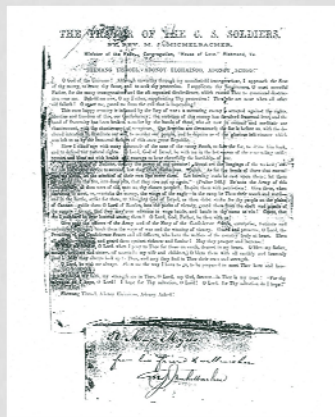


RABBI FERDINAND SARNIER 1820-1878



CHAPLAIN JACOB FRANKEL

1808-1887



RABBI MICHELBACHER & HIS PRO-CONFEDERATE PRAYER



RABBI BENJAMIN SZOLD

1829-1902



TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
AND  
IN MEMORY OF  
THE HEBREW  
CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS  
RESTING IN THIS  
HALLOWED SPOT

ERECTED BY  
HEBREW LADIES  
MEMORIAL ASSOC.  
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