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[Judaica] The All-Russian Jewish Congress Vote Zionist Slate No. 6 Poster

Petrograd: M. Pivovarsky, 1917. Color lithographic poster. 23 1/4 x 18 1/4 in. (590 x 463 mm). Condition: A; creased from when folded, small separations along same. Magnes 11.

A remarkable and well preserved survival, illustrating Jewish efforts for self-determination after the fall of tsarist Russia. "Those who aspire to a free autonomous Jewish life in Russia, who demand that the Kehillah (Jewish Community Council) satisfy all of their needs, who believe in the strength of the Jewish people and their representatives at the Jewish Conference, Vote for the Zionist Slate No, 6. (Magnes 11).

Following the abdication of Tsar Nicholas II in February 1917, Russia's Jewish population saw newfound hope for the restoration of their rights and freedoms. The Provisional Russian Government quickly enacted many reforms, including the loosening of restrictions on the operations of the Zionist movement. Coupled with the Balfour Declaration released that year by the British government, which for the first time officially recognized the support for a Jewish homeland, the Russian Zionist movement quickly mobilized. The All-Russian Jewish Congress sought to harness the power of these events by forming a politically autonomous organization that would organize the Russian Jewish population and centralize their efforts for freedom and self-determination. While not immediately affected by the October Revolution that saw the Bolsheviks come to power, the rise of Stalinism led to suppression of the movement's efforts and to their steady eradication. *Rare*

