

Memorial to Felix Hirsch  
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"And what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice,  
and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?"

These familiar words from Micah come quickly to mind in reflecting about Felix. The virtues of justice, kindness, and humility were certainly strong characteristics of his life. Whether serving on the Peace and Social Order Committee or in more informal associations, his concern and his efforts to relieve the plight of man from the scourges of injustice, poverty and war were very evident.

Even more impressive was his manner in carrying out these efforts. Though he had often associated with world figures, he never lost his humility, and he treated you with a kindness and attention that made you feel that you too are worthy of receiving great gifts. He was a gentleman in the best sense of the word, and in the beautiful words of Anne Sullivan in speaking of Alexander Graham Bell:

"He imparted knowledge with a beautiful courtesy."

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