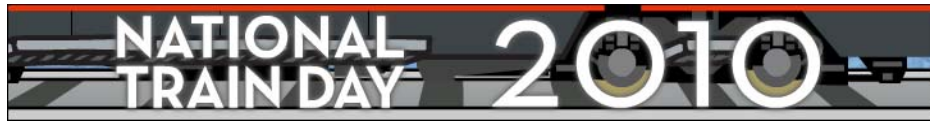


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Beverly Hills renames street to honor famed Zionist

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Beverly Hills on Sunday will formally rename a street in honor of Theodor Herzl, considered a founder of Zionism.

The 300 block of North Clark Drive, in front of the Temple Emanuel, will now be known as Herzl Way.

The [Beverly Hills City Council](#) decided to make the street-name change back in February. The rest of Clark Drive will retain its current name.

"It's truly an honor that the city of Beverly Hills would acknowledge a visionary whose dream of the Jewish statehood came to fruition," Israeli Consul General Jacob Dayan said in a written statement issued by the consulate and reported by the [Jewish Journal](#). "Israel is blooming today because of the dream of Theodor Herzl. It gives me tremendous pride to see a piece of Israel's heritage and culture amidst this beautiful city."

Beverly Hills is the sister city of Herzliya, Israel – which is named after Theodore Herzl.

Temple Emanuel "is thrilled to have Herzl Way as our address," Senior Rabbi Laura Geller told City News Service. "Israel really matters at Temple Emanuel and the idea that every time anyone walks on our street they understand."

Read more about Herzl's life at the [Jewish Virtual Library](#).

-- Shelby Grad

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