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■ WELL AHEAD of the Hadasah convention is the 125th anniversary of the First Zionist Congress, which will give a boost to Basel rather than Jerusalem, as participants will be coming from all over the Jewish world. So far, more than 90 speakers are listed for the two-day event, which will be held on Sunday and Monday, August 28 and 29.

Following the First Zionist Congress on August 29, 1897, Zionist visionary Theodor Herzl wrote in his diary that on that day he had founded a Jewish state. Fifty years later, on November, 29, 1947, a vote by the General Assembly of the United Nations enabled that statement to become a reality. Herzl added to the 1897 entry about founding a Jewish state: "In five years, perhaps, certainly in fifty, everyone will perceive it."

The 125th anniversary gala has been organized by the World Zionist Organization, headed by **Yaakov Hagoel**, in cooperation with the Swiss Federation of Jewish Communities.

One of the highlights will be the cocktail reception at the Stadtcasino, the venue of the First Zionist Congress exactly 125 years to the day earlier. Some 1,100 guests have been invited. The multifaceted program will focus on Herzl's vision of yesteryear, Zionism as it is today and visions of Zionism in the future.

No doubt, hundreds of photographs will be taken of people in copycat poses leaning over the balcony like Herzl in the iconic photograph taken 125 years ago.