

Enter the Zionist Ruppin

It is possible that his encounters with Zionist activists such as Sami Grunaman (1875-1952),¹⁰⁹ Albert Goldberg and Heinrich Loewe (1869-1951), who stressed the ***practical over the ideological***, also influenced his decision to turn to Zionism.

“ One can see here a pattern in Ruppin’s interpretation: **he accepts anti-Semitic assumptions**, adapts them according to the new **statistical data he has organized**, but **attaches them only to certain marginal and declining groups** (such as the **ultra-orthodox or the Sephardic/Oriental/Arab Jews**, as will be discussed later).

Again the quote from the thesis' author makes it plain that Ruppin is an opportunist that bends in the direction of even the slightest breeze!

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