

Newspaper Articles

These newspaper articles published in Dutch-language newspapers from 1902 to 1938 laud Hugo Daniel and Elisabeth Andriessé's benevolence and civic engagement and report on official decorations that were awarded to each of them.

Hugo Andriessé was President of the Dutch Society of Charity in Brussels as of 1913 [1], making extensive personal donations to support Dutch residents in Belgium who were ill and needy. On the occasion of his and Elisabeth's silver wedding anniversary in 1921, he donated for this purpose 25,000 francs, followed by another 25,000 in 1922. [14, 15] In 1929 the couple installed an "Andriessé-Spanjaardfonds" of 50,000 francs to support impoverished Dutch residents in Belgium. [31]

In his function as President of the Van den Bergh Ltd. margarine and butter factory, Hugo Andriessé generously provided support for company staff. For example, on the occasion of his 60th birthday in April 1927, he donated 100,000 francs to support the needs of children of his employees. [26]

The Andriessé's charitable contributions included donations for general causes as well as for dedicated Jewish causes. On the occasion of the silver anniversary of the Belgian Royal couple in 1925, the Andriesses donated 200,000 francs to create five student scholarships for young Belgians. [22] When a new synagogue opened in Hugo's hometown Vlissingen in 1921, he donated the surrounding iron fence as well as a sumptuous Torah mantle and matching covers for the pulpit and the cantor's lectern. [13]

Both Hugo and Elisabeth Andriessé were awarded official decorations to honor their benevolence. In 1920, Hugo Daniel Andriessé was named Officer of the Order of the Dutch Crown and Officer of the Order of the Belgian Crown. [11, 32] Elisabeth Andriessé was named Knight of the Order of the Belgian Crown in 1937. [50]