remembered that Simon was a Greek name as well. This name was common in the Hellenistic more than in the Roman or Byzantine periods, *i. e.* it was popular at the time of the greatest Hellenisation among the Jews. It is possible that Jews liked to be called Simon just because it sounded Greek and Hebrew at once. Third place may be given to the name Joseph, which occurs 26 times in the Jewish papyri. This name may have been so popular among the Egyptian Jews because of the part played by Joseph of the Bible in Egypt. The names of the first ancestors of the Jewish people (Jacob—18 times in Jewish papyri, Isaac—11, Abraham—8) are very rare in the Hellenistic but more frequent in the Roman and Byzantine periods. The use of the venerable names of the ancestors symbolises the return to the old national tradition, and since the turning point from Hellenisation to tradition took place at the beginning of the Roman period, it is apparent why these names occur frequently from this time on. Among the other Hebrew names occuring frequently in Jewish papyri mention may be made of Joshua, Samuel, Johanan, Onias, Hananiah, Tobiah, Jonathan, Judah and Helkiah; more seldom do we find the names Abiel, Haggai, Ezekiel, Aaron, Hezekiah, Elasar, Zebulun, Enoch, Ishmael and Hosea (each name is mentioned once or twice in the papyri). Among women's names we may mention : Sarah (5 times), Johanna (twice), Maria (three times) and Marion (three times).

Jews were frequently called by Semitic, particularly Aramaic names; thus in the papyri we encounter Jews named Abdi, Abitai (Ἀβιήτης), Barrabas, Martha, etc. In most cases (particularly regarding the names Malchi, Zabdi, Salamis) it is impossible to discover whether the persons in question were Jews or not.

As to the Greek names, the theophoric names were widely spread among the Jews : Dositheos (26 times in Jewish papyri), Theodotos (13), Theodoros (14), Theophilos (8) and Dorotheos (3). Among other names we may point out : Ptolemaios (11 times), Alexander (7), Antipatros (6), Jason, Philon, Ptollas and Tryphon. The Egyptian Jews had no religious scruples about being called by names of pagan gods, and so we find Jews in the documents whose names were derived from Athene, Ammon, Apollo, Dionysos, Zeus, Hermes, Herakles, Here, Isis,