

INDUCTION OF REV. DR.

I. H. LEVINE

Impressive Synagogue Service at Paarl

The Synagogue at Paarl was crowded on Sunday, August 17, on the occasion of the official induction of Rev. Dr. I. H. Levine as Minister. Rabbi Dr. A. T. Shrock, of the Green and Sea Point Hebrew Congregation, officiated, together with Cantor M. Katzin and the full Sea Point choir, and Rev. B. Melamed, of Paarl.

Rev. Levine was Minister some years ago to the Sea Point Congregation, and several of his former congregants were present, as also representatives of a large number of congregations and Talmud Torah committees in the rest of the Peninsula and Western Province. The Dorshei Zion Association and Cape Board of Hebrew Education were also represented, and the service was attended by several Christian clergymen of Paarl.

Rev. Levine was conducted into the Shul by Rabbi Shrock, Mr. B. Volks (President), Mr. S. Myers (Treasurer), and Messrs. H. Roup and J. Jaffe (Trustees). Rev. Levine was then invested with a "talith" by the President, after which Rabbi Shrock and Rev. Levine delivered sermons.

After the service, visitors were entertained to tea in the Communal Hall. In the evening the Congregation gave a reception to Rev. and Mrs. Levine. There was a large attendance.

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY

CANTOR SAKS TO OFFICIATE IN PRETORIA



Cantor J. Saks, the Johannesburg Cantor, who is well known in this country for his appearances on the local stage and concert platform and who has of late been the Cantor of the Mayfair Synagogue, has accepted the call from the Pretoria Hebrew Congregation, where he will officiate during the High Festivals. Cantor Saks is the possessor of a fine tenor voice, and has won three Gold Medals in Eistedfoddau. Cantor Saks has recently been appointed secretary of the Head Office of Magen David Adom in South Africa.

VRYHEID FAMILY VISITS PALESTINE

Mr. R. Rose of Vryheid, who has recently returned from a short visit to Palestine, told the "Zionist Record" in an interview that his holiday there with his wife and daughter was filled with interest and excitement. Not only were he and his wife revisiting the country of their birth and the relatives they had not seen for more than 20 years, but their stay coincided with the curfew in Jerusalem, the hanging by the terrorists of the two British sergeants following the hanging by the British of the three Jewish terrorists, and the pogrom in Tel Aviv.

They stayed in Tel Aviv with Mr. Rose's brother-in-law, Mr. H. Jacobs, the secretary of Dr. Pinar, who is in charge of the Jewish settlements outside Tel Aviv. Every day they go out to these various settlements to inspect case complaints, settle disputes and discuss requests, and Mr. Rose went with them very often in the Jewish Agency car driven by the chauffeur Hakiva.

Mr. Rose was very impressed by the enthusiasm of the settlers, who despite complaints and disputes were all bound by the common ideal of

building up Palestine. During the last three weeks of their stay the curfew was so heavy that they had to remain indoors, for even the Agency car did not go out, and they decided to shorten their stay and return home.

Mrs. Rose was also born in Palestine and she saw her parents again for the first time since 1924, when she left for South Africa to marry Mr. Rose, who had left in 1920.

CANTOR FOR BULAWAYO HEBREW CONGREGATION

Cantor Gutman Golub has accepted the position of Chazan-Teacher to the Bulawayo Hebrew Congregation.

Cantor Golub came to South Africa ten years ago from Grovno, where he was Chief Cantor of the Great Synagogue and made a name for himself as an able interpreter of Yiddish traditional folk songs and chazanut.

He attended the Yeshiva in Minsk and studied music at the Vilno Conservatoire. He has a dramatic tenor voice of rich quality.

During the war Cantor Golub served as a Chaplain to the Forces at Potchefstroom Camp, and will be remembered by many ex-servicemen who were patients there.

PRETORIA WOMEN'S ZIONIST LEAGUE Cultural Activities

A cultural afternoon of the City Branch was held on July 22, 1947, at the home of Mrs. Buisansky, Langham Hotel, under the chairmanship of Mrs. M. Neifeld.

The guest speaker of the afternoon was Rev. M. Bloch, who delivered an address on "Construction of Prayer".

Miss Judy Lever rendered Hebrew songs and Miss Avril Braenach recited.

A vote of thanks to the speaker and artists was proposed by Mrs. S. Lazar.

The Sunnyside Branch held their cultural afternoon on the same day under the chairmanship of Mrs. A. Levi at her home.

Mrs. H. Weinstein spoke on her impressions of the Yishuv on her recent visit and Mrs. A. Levi proposed the vote of thanks.

The Brooklyn branch held a cultural afternoon on August 5 at the home of Mrs. R. Katzen. Mrs. L. Janover presided, Mrs. C. Laks read a paper on David Frishman and Mrs. R. Katzen recited "The Messiah" by D. Frishman. Mrs. A. Levi read some letters from her son who is a student of the post matriculation course now in Palestine.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Levi.

On August 7 a meeting was held in the Jewish Memorial Hall. Mrs. Lena Janover, Chairman of the League and Pretoria's only delegate to the recent Zionist Conference reported on this important event in Zionism.

Mr. Leo Katzen, who recently returned from a year in Palestine as a member of the post-matriculation course, described his experiences.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. A. Levi.

OBITUARY

MICHAEL DIRMEIK (Parow)

The death occurred tragically, as a result of an accident, in Cape Town, of Michael Dirmeik, the ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Dirmeik, of Parow.

Michael met with an accident while riding his bicycle. He was on his way to Cheder when the fatality occurred. He was very popular among his friends, and was a good Hebrew scholar. His parents are well-known members of the Parow Jewish community. The late grandfather of the deceased was one of the first Zionists in this country, and conducted a correspondence with Theodor Herzl.

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