

### Jewish Guild Annual Meeting.

The thirty-fifth annual meeting of the Johannesburg Jewish Guild will be held on Sunday evening, in the Jewish War Memorial Hall of that building. The President, Mr. J. H. Barnett, will preside and will present his annual report for the year ended December 31st, 1932. The Balance Sheet for the year will also be submitted and the business of the meeting will further include the election of the Executive and Committee for the ensuing year.

The President's annual report issued to members reveals that the Guild has made forward strides in the period under review, but maintains that progress could be greater with increased communal support. Reference is also made to the financial stringency which has handicapped the Committee during the year, but in this respect the Guild has only experienced the same financial troubles as have befallen practically all Jewish institutions in this country during the year for which the report is issued. But in spite thereof, new sections have been formed, such as the Guild of Israel section, the Yiddish Dramatic Section and the Sketching Section, whilst the Bridge Section has been revived, and generally speaking, there has been increased activity in all the departments of the Guild's work.

Unfortunately there has been a decrease in the membership. The total at December 31st, 1932 was 1,016, a decrease of 267 on the figures of the previous year. The Finance Committee do their best to avoid ending up with a deficit on the year's working, but in spite of every effort, the year concluded with a shortage of revenue to meet the expenditure as shown in the Balance Sheet. In order to overcome their financial troubles, they called a meeting of the War Memorial Association and there Mr. I. Heymann, the honorary president, kindly offered the loan to the Guild, free of interest £150, which offer was gratefully accepted.

In his report, Mr. Barnett mentions that reciprocal visits and correspondence have preserved the continuity of harmonious relationships with other bodies of a kindred nature in other parts of the country, and that no fewer than eight South African Jewish Guilds are affiliated to the local institution. Quite a number of Jewish organisations in Johannesburg use the Guild building as their meeting place. These include the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies.

The section of activities of the Guild during the year included the work of eleven sections, each of which has been doing good work in its respective spheres. For instance, the report mentions dramatic performances, play readings, musical and art shows, lectures, debates, concerts, tennis and boxing tournaments, chess matches, public luncheons and informal socials, and a detailed report is given of the work of each section.

The new sections have functioned splendidly since their inception. The Jewish Guild now also has its own magazine. The Guild is a constituent body of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies being one of the principle contributors to the Board's revenue by means of a levy on its members, and it is also affiliated to the S.A. Zionist Federation.

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his wife was a spendthrift. Whenever she visited the town she used to buy recklessly—especially furniture. She used to spend as much as £60 in a single visit. In time her house was almost chock full of furniture. The result was that a Jew got hold of the farm and the pair had to spend their old age in want and misery."

It must be borne in mind that the "Report of the Carnegie Commission of Investigation on the Poor White Question in South Africa" will have a world-wide circulation and students interested in this important subject will learn therefrom that in the influence of Jews engaged in commerce in South Africa was often pernicious; that these foreigners came here to fill their pockets and took unfair advantage and undoubtedly made use of cunning means.

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### Benoni Nordau Club.

A new Society, called the Benoni Nordau Club, has recently been formed with the following committee: Chairman, Mr. M. Favish; Vice-Chairman, Mr. W. Horwitz; Treasurer, Mr. D. Miller; Hon. Secretary, Miss S. Isacowitz; Committee, Misses N. Lomey, Z. Kusner, M. Brown, H. Kelmovitz, G. Brown, and Messrs. Shur, I. Alter, H. Pallet, R. Koseff and L. Taurog.

The Society feels that apart from the collection of funds for the National Home, the importance of which is fully realised, the Jewish public of Benoni is seldom given an opportunity of hearing and learning more about the ideals, facts and developments concerning the Zionist movement. By arranging interesting lectures, debates, etc., the Club hopes to give members and the Jewish public a thorough grounding in the Zionist movement.

The Club is holding a meeting at the Hebrew Hall, on Wednesday, March 1st. at 8 p.m., when a discussion on Zionist Leadership will take place. A large attendance is expected.

### "JEWISH DIVORCE LAWS."

The eighty-ninth meeting of the Palestine Club will take place on Saturday evening, March 4th at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. Sand of "Sandhurst," St. Patrick's Road, Houghton, when Adv. Mrs. Bertha Solomon will deliver a lecture on "Jewish Divorce Laws."

"Trader Horn," that epic of film production, is to be screened at the Palladium on Monday. Thrills of the wildest jungles, beasts in their struggle for life, savage tribesmen in the strange fanatical rites of the juju, crocodiles, rhino—every peril an explorer could face—are filmed with actual sound in this gigantic pageant of wild life, which has broken records wherever it has been shown previously.

### Shimele Soroker

Under the auspices of the S.A. Zeire Zion, Shimele Soroker from Sholem Aleichem's "Two Hundred Thousand," will appear in person at the Jewish Guild on Wednesday, March 1, at 8.15 p.m. at a public mock trial, before Councillor H. Teeger as Judge, and a Jury, which will be selected from those present.

Mr. L. Tager will prosecute, and owing to the absence of Mr. J. Fine in Capetown, Mr. B. Padowich will be responsible for the defence. Mr. L. Zadikoff will appear as "Shimele Soroker," Mrs. J. Silverman as Pette Mene and Miss Shul as Bailke, Shimele's daughter. Mr. D. Etkind will be Clerk of the Court and Mr. A. Etkind, the policeman. All who attend this mock trial are assured of a most enjoyable evening.

family of over one hundred persons. That a Jewish shopkeeper evaded the regulations of the Industrial Council and the Wage Board in order to enrich himself by "sweating" an old widow at Port Elizabeth, and that Jewish agriculturalists who have contributed so much to the advancement of South Africa's productive capacity often exploit the land shamefully.

The Government of Quebec is introducing a Bill during the present session of the Legislature to give the authorities power to curb anti-racial or anti-religious attacks in the press or other publications.

Any individual whose race or religion is attacked, will be able, if the bill is passed, to seek redress in the Courts, even if he is not personally attacked.

The time is fast approaching, judging by certain recent publications, when similar legislation in this country will be called for. Numerically, we may be an unimportant factor, but our special interests are such that we must safeguard ourselves and posterity from a recurrence of these slanders.

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