

A Rav for Johannesburg Jewry.

ANNUAL MEETING OF BETH HAMEDRASH HAGODEL.

THE second annual general meeting of the Beth Hamedrash Hagodel, of Saratoga Avenue, Johannesburg, was held on Sunday morning last in the vestibule of that Synagogue. Mr. Israel Kuper presided.

Before proceeding with the main business, the chairman paid a tribute to the memory and good works of the late Mr. Chaim Hertzstein, an honorary life president of that Congregation. As a mark of respect to the deceased, members present stood in silence for a minute.

The secretary, Mr. A. Melzer, read the minutes of the last annual meeting and also the current annual report and balance sheet (reference to which was made in last week's issue of the *Zionist Record*).

Mr. I. Kuper, in moving the adoption of the reports (seconded by Mr. S. Finger), said that the figures were, perhaps a little disappointing. In the following year, they hoped to raise a bigger sum in subscriptions and donations, and we felt confident that the future of their synagogue was sound. He appealed to all interested to work hard, especially as they were about to introduce a renowned Rav from overseas to this city.

After questions and discussion had been invited and replied to, the reports were unanimously accepted by the audience.

The Rav.

THE chairman, in introducing the subject, referred to the recent correspondence with a well-known Polish Rav, whom they were anxious to call out to

Johannesburg, and who, too, wanted to know under what conditions he had to labour here. Six or seven weeks ago they had called a meeting of all concerned, and asked for the Congregation's authority to move further in the matter.

Mr. Woolf Cohen moved, and Mr. T. S. Freeman seconded, a resolution to the effect that the congregation be empowered to bring out a Rav from overseas, and that he should arrive here within three months from that day. Without further discussion, the assembly unanimously received the proposition.

A consultative sub-committee, as follows, was then elected to take the matter in hand:—Messrs. Chaim P. Goodman, Kaplan, Barzel, Sostakofsky, Freeman, Swirsky, Isaac Rabinowitz, S. Herman, and M. Gomer.

The New Committee of the Congregation.

THE following were chosen the Executive Committee for 1932-33:—Chairman, Mr. I. Kuper; vice-chairmen, M. Gordon and B. Swirsky; treasurer, Mr. S. Kuper; hon. secretary, Mr. M. A. Sacks; committee, Messrs. Goodman, Cooper, Herman, Kramer, Finger, Goldberg, Rudaizky and Rabinowitz (and representing the Beth Hamedrash Knesses Israel) Messrs. S. L. Sacks, M. Urdang and J. Tollman. Messrs. S. Finger and Ch. D. Joffe are the chairman and vice-chairman of the old Beth Hamedrash in Fox Street, respectively, and are ex-officio members of the Executive Committee. Messrs. W. Cohen and B. Chaskalson were re-elected the trustees of the Synagogue.

A "DROSHA."

Rabbi A. A. Schor, delegate of the Mesiftah College of Warsaw will give a *Drosha* at the Jeppes-town Synagogue on Saturday, the 26th inst., at 4.30 p.m.

WOMEN'S ZIONIST LEAGUE.

A successful social afternoon of the Doornfontein Branch was held at the home of Mrs. Stein, Saratoga Avenue, on Wednesday afternoon, the 16th inst. Mrs. Kirson, Chairman, presided, and Dr. Deborah Katzen addressed the gathering, after which Mrs. B. Patley made an appeal on behalf of the Dunam Drive. A musical interlude was provided in the form of songs by Miss Heyman, who was accompanied by Miss Jammy.

The programme, which will be altogether of an unusual and attractive character, will be further enhanced by the playing at the piano of Hyman Sachs, the brilliant young pianoforte performer.

"Womens' Position in Zionism."

LECTURE BY MRS. E. HEYMAN IN PRETORIA.

The Women's Zionist League held their monthly "At Home" on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at the Memorial Hall when Mrs. Ethel Heyman spoke on "Women's Position in Zionism." Mrs. Isaacson stressed the sterling work performed by Mrs. Heyman in the national cause.

"Women's position in Zionism," said Mrs. Heyman, "was a very important one in England, America, Australia, and other western countries where women take an active part, the progress is much more marked than in the East, where until recently, the women were denied the privilege of taking part in any movement."

When the first *Chaluzim* or pioneer workers had come to Palestine, their strenuous labours in draining swamps, making roads and generally converting a barren waste into a habitably prosperous country, undermined their constitutions and made them physically weak. Malaria attacked them and many succumbed to this as well as other disease. It fell to the lot of the women to look after, nurse, and generally improve the health conditions of the community. The Women's International Zionist Organisation established schools to teach the women of Palestine, and those who came from Europe to cook suitable foods for the climate, beautify their homes, and general hygiene. Through the endeavours of the W.I.Z.O. infantile mortality, which was at an abnormally high rate was reduced, and together with New Zealand, is to-day the lowest in the world."

"It is easier," said the speaker, "for the women of Palestine to work for Zionism. They are able to see the progress made, where the women in the diaspora have only the reports to work on. The raising of funds which is a great part of any movement, falls to the lot of the women. They should also equip the youth mentally, as well as physically, so that they should be fit individuals to carry the torch of Zionism to its goal."

Mrs. Reinhold, chairlady of the Women's Zionist Council of South Africa, described graphically the hardships of the pioneer women of Palestine as set out in a very interesting book on Women's Achievements in Palestine written by Ada Fishman (who came to Palestine about 27 years ago). Mention was made of Chana Maizel, who was the organiser of the first training farms for women.

An enjoyable violin solo was artistically rendered by Mrs. L. Meltz, who was accompanied by Miss Mary Kumin.

Mrs. W. Ravid thanked the speakers for the interesting discourse and the musicians for their delightful entertainment.

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Chagy Concert at the Plaza.

Famous Cantor in a Varied Programme.

THE announcement is made that Cantor Berele Chagy, the famous singer, who came here some months ago to fill the post of *chazan* at the Beth Hamedrash Hagodel in Johannesburg, is to give his first South African concert at the Plaza Theatre on Sunday evening, December 4.

The gifted singer will appear in a most interesting programme, consisting of operatic arias, folk songs, Chassidic and Hebrew songs, and also in a selection of modern Jewish songs. The programme will begin with arias by Puccini and Halevy. Cantor Chagy will then give a group of folk songs. Most interesting, from the Jewish musical point of view, will undoubtedly be the group of Chassidic songs. In these the Jewish religious poetic conception of the world will be wonderfully expressed. The cantor will be heard in the famous song "A Dudele." A selection of Hebrew songs will be rendered from the compositions of Jassinowsky and Engel.

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