

TWO PIONEERS PASS AWAY HASHOMER HATZAIR'S SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY



The late Mr. and Mrs. W. Jacobs.

There recently passed away, within a short time of each other, an old, respected couple, Mr. and Mrs. William Jacobs, residents of Johannesburg for many years, and highly-esteemed members of the Yeoville Hebrew Congregation.

Mr. Jacobs was born in Jerusalem in 1860, and lived in Palestine until he reached manhood. He then left for Manchester, and lived in Britain until his departure for the Union, approximately in 1890. The Jameson Raid in 1896 found him in Krugersdorp, and among his other services during the Boer War, he acted as a special constable.

When he was living in Krugersdorp, before 1896, he started organising the Jewish community.

It is said by some of his contemporaries that it was on his instigation that the first Minyan was founded in that town. The founder of the Chevra Kadisha and a very active Zionist he helped to establish the early West Rand Lemaan Zionist Society, by which institution Mr. and Mrs. Jacob were inscribed in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund. Mrs. Jacobs was also keenly interested in Jewish affairs and was the founder of the Women's Chevra Kadisha in Krugersdorp.

After 20 years in Krugersdorp, Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs came to Johannesburg about 1911, where Mr. Jacobs was a member of the local Chevra Kadisha for over 20 years. This delightful couple were popular figures with young and old, and many would come to them to enjoy a quiet chat. Mr. Jacobs was also a great Hebrew scholar and Talmudical student.

They are survived by three daughters, Mrs. Annie Wunsh of Johan-

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Considerable achievement can be recorded since the birth of Hashomer Hatzair in South Africa seven years ago. Two Aliyot have been sent to Eretz Israel in the last year, and the nucleus of a South African Kibbutz was established in Ein Hashofet.

Branches of Hashomer Hatzair exist in Cape Town, Bulawayo, with small points in Salisbury and Port Elizabeth. There are two branches in Johannesburg, with a new Ken in Yeoville.

Functions, including Asefot Kinim, outings and an athletic meeting took place in the month of October, which ended with a splendid pageant at the Clarendon Theatre, Hillbrow.

GRAND JEWISH MUSIC

Jewish Public to be Entertained to Great Musical Treat

The A. Z. Idelson Choral Society, whose initial performances, some few months ago, made such a good impression, has now completed a preparatory period of hard work, and is to appear in a series of public performances both in Johannesburg and the Reef.

Its first concert is to be given on Sunday evening next in Pretoria. Another concert is to be held in Benoni, but it is in Johannesburg that the greatest effort is being made. This is to be held in the new Selborne Hall on the 22nd November. The programme is both rich and varied, in solos as well as in choral music, in serious as well as in light songs. The choir of the society has, since its last appearance, been enhanced and enriched by important musical forces, and every care has been taken to give its items an artistic finish.

nesburg, Mrs. Grace Bonner of Springs, Mrs. Lulu Greenberg of New Hanover, Natal, a son, Mr. Solly Jacobs, by fourteen grandchildren, of whom four are on active service and two great-grandchildren.

GARRISON SYNAGOGUE AT VOORTREKKERHOOGTE

To be Officially Opened on Sunday Morning

The new Garrison Synagogue at Voortrekkerhoogte will be consecrated next Sunday morning. The formal opening ceremony will be performed by Mr. Cecil Lyons, J.P., President of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies.

The new synagogue has been erected by the Defence Authorities to meet the urgent need for the holding of Jewish services. For some time past the Jewish Chaplains have been recommending the erection of such a building and the request has had strong support from the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies.

The facility of having their own synagogue will be greatly appreciated by the large number of Jewish soldiers at Voortrekkerhoogte.

48,822 SOLDIERS BILLETED

Fine Work by Sisterhood of Temple Israel

A representative gathering of members and friends was present at Temple Israel on the occasion of the 9th Annual General Meeting of the Sisterhood, the Women's Association of the Johannesburg Jewish Reform Congregation.

The annual report submitted by the Executive contained a comprehensive resume of the work carried out by the Sisterhood during the past year.

Apart from the 'billeting of 48,822 soldiers at Herholdt House, the knitting of a large number of garments through their Home Comforts Section, the regular visiting of military patients in the various local hospitals, assisting at "Thatchings"—an after-care home for soldiers, etc., the Sisterhood had made an excellent effort to continue with their ordinary peace-time work for the community.

Among those present were a number of representatives of local organisations, all of whom paid high tribute to the Sisterhood work and congratulated the members on the magnificent results obtained.

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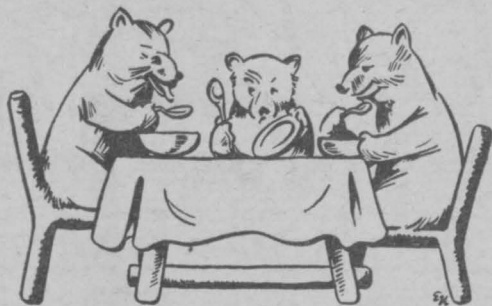
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