

## Rabbi Isaac Herzog on need for Yeshivah in S.A.

The following letter has been received by the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies and the S.A. Zionist Federation from Rabbi Isaac Herzog, Chief Rabbi of Palestine:—

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Whilst I am appealing for the rescue of the Yeshivah in Lithuania and in Eretz Israel, I deem it my sacred duty to point out that one of your greatest spiritual needs is a Yeshivah in your own midst.

Within Anglo-Jewry several Yeshivah thrive and flourish and spread the knowledge and influence of the Torah far and wide. There ought to be in South Africa at least one institution of that historic type which shall carry into effect the command of the regenerators of Judaism, the Men of the Great Assembly. "Train up many disciples." It is by means of such an institution for the young that Judaism in South Africa will become revitalised and that the glorious spiritual heritage of Israel will be perpetuated!

With the Blessings of the Torah and of Zion,

Faithfully yours,

ISAAC HERZOG.

## Society of Jews and Christians.

A Public Lecture by Prof. R. F. Alfred Hoernlé (of the University of the Witwatersrand) on "After Victory—What?" will be held at the Metropolitan Hall, Burg Street, on Wednesday, January 22nd, at 8.15 p.m. Members and friends are cordially invited.

## Bnoth Zion Hebrew Kindergartens.

The Bnoth Zion Hebrew Kindergartens at Griznez Road, Vredehoek Estate, and Talmud Torah Hall, Hope Street, will reopen on Monday, 27th January, at 9 a.m. Pupils will be enrolled for the new term.

## Aliens on Temporary Permits Eligible for the Army.

The Director of Recruiting announces that immigrants resident in the Union on temporary permits may now be accepted for service in the Union Defence Forces, subject to their satisfying the Military authorities of their loyalty.

## Holiday Fair.

The Convenor of the Country Stall at the Bnoth Zion Holiday Fair at Muizenberg was Mrs. Nathan Newman, of Albany Road, Sea Point.

## Cantor Mandel's Recital.

### SACRED MELODIES BEAUTIFULLY SUNG.

The Muizenberg Pavilion Hall was well filled on Thursday evening, 9th instant, when Cantor S. Mandel gave an excellent programme of sacred music, Jewish songs and arias.

The selection of these showed a keen sense of musical discrimination. Cantor Mandel possesses a most beautiful tenor voice of wide range and excellent quality, and one which is admirably suited to the character of sacred melodies. His programme began with the modern sacred items "Havdalah" by Z. Ebert, "Yehi Rotzon," "Hungarian Pastech Lied," and many others. All his work was most interesting, but the outstanding performances, perhaps, were those of "Ribono Shel Olom," "Berach Daudi" and "Akav-yoh."

Towards the end of the programme he sang operatic arias by Bizet and Puccini, and showed himself capable of good dramatic exposition. Cantor Mandel's performance was greatly enjoyed by everyone who had the pleasure of hearing him, and he had to give several encores.

He was accompanied by Mr. Sher and by Miss Ivy Parkin.

Cantor Mandel's farewell recital will take place on Tuesday evening, 21st inst., at 8 p.m., at the Zionist Hall, Cape Town, when he will render "Maariv," to be followed with an entire new programme of Chazonuth and Jewish songs.

It is hoped that no one will miss the unique opportunity of hearing this great Cantor and sweet singer in Israel.

## Hebrew Text Books.

The Editor, S.A. Jewish Chronicle.

Sir,—At the last Conference of the Board of Jewish Education held recently at Muizenberg, the question of text-books suitable to South African conditions was earnestly discussed.

The lack of suitable text-books has long been a matter of concern to all interested in Hebrew education, and the breaking-off of communications with oversea sources of supply consequent on the war has seriously aggravated the position.

As one occupied with Jewish education, and realising the immediate necessity of taking the situation in hand, it somewhat surprises me that advantage is not being taken of the presence in our midst of the noted Jewish poet and author, J. D. Kamsun, and of enlisting his services in compiling suitable books.

It is known to me that the teachers in this country and particularly Dr. Birnbaum, the Director of Jewish Education, think very highly of the educational value of Mr. Kamsun's writings. Why, then, do we not find financial means for engaging him for the task, especially since he has become well acquainted with conditions in this country?—Yours, etc.,

Z. AVIN.

## Shir-Hashirim.

### FINE YIDDISH TALKIE.

On Wednesday next the fine Yiddish Talkie "Song of Songs" (Shir Hashirim) will be shown at His Majesty's, Muizenberg.

The film is well varied with spectacle, fun and song, full of excitement and romance and makes a capital show. It deals with the theme of the eternal triangle; Mr. Leon Oppenheim, the father, who is a great musical genius, falls in love with his son's bride-to-be, and whilst he is struggling with his conscience and his duty to his beloved wife and son, he is unable to overcome the call of youth, beauty, and romantic dreams and he runs away from his home in order to be in the company of his son's bride.

When the son finds Mr. Oppenheim together with the runaway bride at a cabaret celebrating the successful opening of the Opera "Song of Songs," written and composed by the erring father, he fires at the bride; the father becomes blind from the shock and returns home, where he finds rest and forgiveness.

Strength of character and charm of manner are skilfully conveyed by Miss Chaele Gruber as "Lily." Mr. Samuel Goldenberg as Leon Oppenheim, the father, reveals brilliant artistic qualities and reaches great heights in his masterly performance.

The scene where the twin brothers, Arele and Moishele, both grandfathers, play cards, quarrel and making up their quarrels is realistically portrayed.

The music of the film is written by Joseph Rumshinsky, the renown Jewish modern composer, who made himself very popular with his fascinating melodies.

Every one who desires a few hours of real pleasure should not miss this film.

## MELAMED—MELMED.

The marriage of Helen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. Melmed, of Upper Mill Street, Cape Town, to Mr. Harry Melamed, of Pretoria, took place at the Gardens Synagogue on Sunday evening.

Rabbi I. Abrahams officiated assisted by Mr. Boris Rome.

A reception was held at the Zionist Hall. Rabbi Abrahams proposed the toast of the parents, Rabbi Morgenstern that of the bride and bridegroom, and Mr. Jankelevitz that of the bridesmaids.

Mr. B. Mirvish responded.

Mr. G. Laden presided.

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