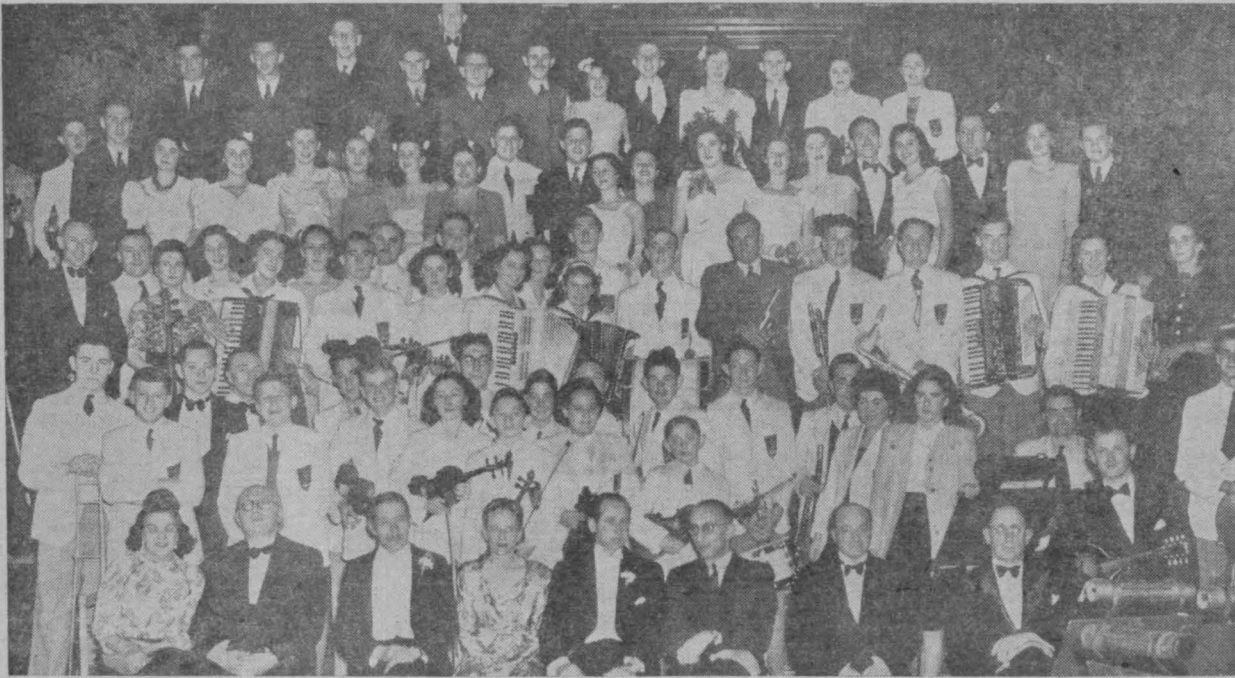


# Young Performers At Musical Institute



## CONFERENCE FOR PROMOTION OF YIDDISH CULTURE

### Calendar

SATURDAY, MAY 31

The Conference Bureau will be open from 10 a.m. at the Jewish Workers' Club (15 Upper Ross Street, Doornfontein). The delegates must call for their cards.

At 3 p.m. a tea afternoon at the Yiddish Folkschool (45 Upper Ross Street, Doornfontein). Matters of the procedure of the conference will be discussed.

At 7.30 p.m. the first session of the conference of the Jewish Workers' Club.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

9.30 a.m.: Second session of the conference at the Jewish Workers' Club.

1 p.m.: Luncheon for the delegates at the Yiddish Folkschool.

2.30 p.m.: Third session of the conference at the Yiddish Folkschool.

9 p.m.: Farewell party for the delegates at the Yiddish Folkschool.

Friends of Yiddish culture are invited to the session of the conference.

## BALL IN AID OF BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

The Ball in aid of the United Jewish Women's Benevolent Society, which will be held in the Johannesburg City Hall on Wednesday, June 18, promises to be a social and financial success.

This Ball will be the first social function since 1939 and is under the distinguished patronage of the Hon. the Minister of Health and Mrs. Henry Gluckman and His Worship the Mayor and the Mayoress of Johannesburg.

The City Hall is to be decorated by the Parks and Estates Department and also by the "Orchid," the S.A. Jewish War Appeal florists. Several surprises will await the dancers, and the committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Inez Jacobson, is working hard.

Ticket holders are requested to book their tables as soon as possible, as this will assist the catering section. Booking closes on June 16. Phone 22-8332 for table reservations.

On the first anniversary of its establishment the Jewish Musical Institute gave a concert at the City Hall last week. A large gathering was present and listened with much attention to the programme carried out by the youthful performers. The youth orchestra was conducted by the musical director, Mr. Solly Aronowsky, and by Mr. H. Ichilchek.

Miss Josslyn Kahn, of Durban, rendered some solos. She is the possessor of a fine voice. Other soloists were Cyril Melman on the violin and

Hannah Gill at the piano. Mr. Philip Badash rendered songs in Yiddish and Mr. Leo Alter sang in Hebrew. Mr. Poliva was the soloist of the choir. The accordion section of the institute took part in the programme and traditional dances were carried out by Hannah Seinik, Sophie Levitt, Pearl Silver and Noreen Evans, all pupils of Poppy Frames.

During the evening Mr. Z. Infeld and Dr. H. Sonnabend appealed for support for the institute.

## Bat Mitzvah Ceremonies Held on Shavuoth

CAPE TOWN, Tuesday.—An impressive Bat Mitzvah ceremony was held in the Great Synagogue, Cape Town, on Sunday, the first day of Shavuoth.

Fifteen girls between the ages of 12 and 14 who had qualified in the necessary examinations, were admitted to the Bnot Mitzvah and recited a special dedication prayer in Hebrew and English. Each was presented with a copy of the Siddur.

A sermon was delivered by Rabbi Abrahams.

The service was followed by a brocha at which certificates were presented to the girls by Dr. Resnekov, chairman of the Board of Education. Short addresses were also given by Chief Rabbi Abrahams and Mr. Z. Avin, principal of the United Hebrew Schools. One of the girls replied in Hebrew, and another in English.

The previous day a special youth service was given.

## MR. J. MILNE LEAVING FOR AMERICA

Mr. J. Milne, of New Union Goldfields, and a prominent figure in financial circles in South Africa, is leaving by Pan-American Airways for America during the week-end. Mr. Milne is going on an important financial mission and expects to be away for about one month. In New York he will meet Mr. Norbert Erleigh, who is also on a visit to the States.

Mr. Milne will convey to the Mayor of New York messages from the Mayor of Cape Town as well as from the Mayors of various Reef towns.

Mr. Michael Milne, the son of Mr. Milne, left for America last Monday.

## CEREMONY AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

The largest Bat Mitzvah Ceremony—Confirmation of Girls—in the history of the Jewish Reform Movement in South Africa, was witnessed by a congregation of over 1,000 people at Temple Israel, Johannesburg, on Shavuoth morning.

The 11 Bat Mitzvah girls read the service in both Hebrew and English. The service itself was conducted by the Reverend Isaac Richards, H.C.F., and Mr. M. J. Shear. The choir was under the direction of Mr. Jerry Idelson.

The Chief Minister, Rabbi Dr. M. C. Weiler, said that this Bat Mitzvah Ceremony was an indication that the idea of the confirmation of girls was taking on in South Africa. The Bat Mitzvah Ceremony emphasised the importance of the Jewish woman in the community and her status of religious equality.

## Dr. L. F. Freed

Dr. Louis F. Freed, of Johannesburg, has been appointed South African Editor of the "International Journal of Sexology," the Head Office of which is in Bombay, India. Dr. Freed is the author of a well-known work entitled: "The Need for the Introduction of Sex Education in Transvaal Schools," upon which the recommendations of the Transvaal Provincial Education Commission were mainly based.

Mrs. L. Richards, wife of the Reverend Isaac Richards, H.C.F., Minister of the United Jewish Reform Congregation of Johannesburg, and her daughter, arrived in Johannesburg on May 17. They sailed from England on the "Cape Town Castle."

## OBITUARY

### Mr. Max Franks

THE death took place last week of Mr. Max Franks of Johannesburg. Mr. Franks was born in London in 1892 and arrived in South Africa the following year. He was educated at South African College (now Cape Town University) and was for a time engaged as a school teacher, later taking up the practice of law as an attorney in Johannesburg.

As a young man he took an active part in Jewish national and cultural work. He was vice-president of the Young Zionist Society, one of the most active Zionist organisations in Johannesburg, and was closely connected with the development of the Jewish Guild, being past executive member and chairman of the cultural section.

The late Mr. Franks was keenly devoted to the cause of the Reform Movement. He was the first chairman of the Reform Congregation for three years, the most trying and difficult period of this institution; and he was duly rewarded by being made an Honorary Life Member of the Congregation.

The funeral took place on Friday, May 23, at the West Park Jewish Cemetery. Rabbi Dr. M. C. Weiler, Chief Minister of the United Jewish Reform Congregation, delivered an inspiring address, eulogising the great services of the late Max Franks to the Reform Movement.

The late Mr. Franks is survived by his wife and one daughter, two brothers: Mr. Maurice Franks, K.C., and Mr. Hilliard Franks of Durban.

## SOCIAL AFTERNOON TO AID J.N.F.

The Parktown branch of the Women's Zionist League are holding a social afternoon at the Stephanie Hotel on Monday, June 16, commencing at 2.30 p.m., in aid of J.N.F. The conveners of the function are Mrs. R. Kretzmer, Mrs. S. Uday and Mrs. B. Gordon.

## YOUNG WOMEN'S RESIDENCE

The annual general meeting of the Jewish Young Women's Residence in Cape Town, was held on Sunday morning, May 18. Rabbi Israel Abrahams, in his presidential address, said that there were no vacancies in the residence, which was making steady progress. He appealed, however, for more support on the part of the public.

Mrs. H. Blumberg, the Chairman of the House Committee, reported on the year's activities; she thanked the Lady Warden, Mrs. Gunther, and the Union of Jewish Women for their help. The report of the hon. treasurer, Mr. S. Gild, followed.

The newly-elected committee is as follows: Chairman, Rabbi Israel Abrahams; Vice-Chairman, Mr. Harold Hoffman; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Solly Gild; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. R. Fine; Members: Mr. Ian Friedlander, Mesdames Block and Shaper.

The House Committee consists of: Chairman, Mrs. H. Blumberg; Members: Mesdames Abel, H. Benson, Gradner, Grill, Levy, Lurie, Mirvish, Wittenberg, Weinreich and Tuchten.

## JEWISH WAR APPEAL

### Sydenham-Orange Grove-Norwood

The sum of £40 was brought in from penny bottles in one afternoon by the children of the above branch of the JWA, as a result of a very successful party held at the home of Mrs. Hirschowitz, of 56 Avondale Street, Sydenham. All the children enjoyed themselves immensely. The affair was organised by the godmothers of the above branch, to whom all thanks is due.