

**UNVEILING OF MARBLE
PLAQUE**



Late Mr. S. Ostroff

A gathering of relatives and friends attended the unveiling of a marble plaque in memory of the late Mr. Solomon Ostroff on Sunday, September 21, at the Sydenham-Highlands North Hebrew Congregation.

Rev. Altschuler addressed the gathering, and in paying tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Ostroff, said that not only had he supported this congregation, but he had also been a foundation member and vice-president of the Mayfair Hebrew Congregation, which he had helped to build.

The late Mr. Ostroff came to South Africa from Lithuania in 1898, settling first in Randfontein, and subsequently in Krugersdorp. He was a well-known personality in the Jewish communities of both these towns, and was one of the founders of the Randfontein Hebrew Congregation and Chevra Kadisha. He was also vice-president of the Lemaan Zion Association.

Later he lived in Parys, where he was an executive member of all the Jewish institutions there. From 1921 until the time of his death, he lived in Johannesburg, where he founded the business of General Plumbing and Builders Supply Co. in 1925. He was an ardent supporter of the J.N.F. and all local, overseas, religious and charitable institutions.

His passing was deeply mourned by his wife and family and a large circle of business associates and communal workers.

By "Landsman"
**COMMUNAL
JOTTINGS**

**A Name
Defined**

AT Balfour Park, while watching a baseball match, I overheard this conversation:

"Do you know what we call Wits University?"

"No."

"Wits-J University."

"What does that stand for?"

"Wits-Jew University." (Laughter.)

I stiffened.

This remark bore the stamp of Anti-Semitism; but I could do nothing, for the two young gentiles, sitting behind me, had passed no "insult".

**Closing the
Doors**

HAVE you ever heard of the doors of a Mass Meeting being closed just after the time for which the meeting was scheduled? (Don't think it was because the meeting was overcrowded.)

If you haven't—read this.

The chief speaker at a function celebrating the Tenth Anniversary of the founding of Tirat Zvi, insisting that the meeting start punctually, ordered the doors to be locked as he rose to speak. No one will deny the virtue of the principle, but to keep out persons from a mass meeting because they are a little late (or even a lot) is something new—in Jewish circles (and orthodox at that!).

**They Were
Not There**

THE Hespel held recently in Johannesburg for the late Rabbi Mirvish, drew a small crowd. I was most disappointed. Surely, the late Rabbi who served Cape Town—and that means South African—Jewry for over forty years, deserved a greater mark of respect, especially from his colleagues.

But they were not there!

**Tit For
Tat**

A JEWISH organisation sent a pamphlet to a non-Jew, a school principal. The recipient was asked to fill in a form and return it, if he wished to receive further literature. This, the worthy principal did, but at the same time he enclosed a circular letter, signed by himself, calling for financial support for the school's building fund.

**It Left a
Bad Taste**

THERE is no question that many blushed with shame when, on opening their "Star" a few days before Yom Kippur, they saw an announcement by a leading congregation that "only seat holders will be admitted on Kol Nidre night".

If it was really necessary to insert this announcement, what was wrong with the Jewish press?

**The Moral
Is Clear**

DURING his Yom Kippur sermon, Rabbi Dr. L. Rabinowitz, Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregation told this story:

A member of the Rabbi's congregation, on visiting Eretz Israel, looked up his relative, a policeman.

"How are things going?" he asked.

"Not bad, not bad. On Monday we eat bread and olives, on Tuesday bread, on Wednesday olives . . . and so we manage."

"But we have been sending you £10 every month for several months—what do you do with the money?"

"That I am saving for the day when you are forced to come here and will need it . . ."

**Around the
Samovar**

THAT many more could have attended the "Palestine Before UNO Mass Meeting".

That they wonder how the Sunday night disturbances at the City Hall steps (Johannesburg) would end.

That they have heard much of the Siddur that has been translated into Afrikaans and look forward to its publication.

That they welcome the many new ministers and cantors that have been "called" to the Union and hope

That their efforts will lead to a more intense cultural and spiritual life.

**A Good
'Un**

WISHING to ensure that his son, who was at university, would not fail to observe the Day of Atonement, Meyer Bernstein sent him the following telegram:

"Yom Kippur starts to-morrow."

"Thanks dad," was the wired reply. "Bet twenty-five pounds for me."

Readers are invited to submit jokes of a real Jewish flavour. In all cases acknowledgements will be made.

**VILNA YAHRZEIT
COMMEMORATED IN
JOHANNESBURG**

LANDSLEIT from Vilna met at the Coronation Hall on Monday, September 22, to commemorate the Yahrzeit of the Vilna Jewish community.

Mr. S. Brehn, chairman of the Vilna Society, presided and told the gathering that this was the second year on which such a function takes place, and it was hoped that commemorations would take place annually. Three survivors from the Vilna ghetto, who recently arrived in this country, were present at the function and were invited by the chairman to the main table.

Cantor Inspektor, who was formerly Chief Chazan of Vilna, movingly intoned the Haskarah, after which the gathering was addressed by Mr. C. Gershater, Mr. W. Rybko and Rabbi M. Kossowsky.

The speakers dealt with the spiritual and cultural activities of the famous city.

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