

**70th BIRTHDAY OF RABBI  
KOSSOWSKY**

**Reception in Johannesburg**

The Federation of Synagogues are giving a reception and presentation to Rabbi I. Kossowsky, Rabbi of the Federation of Synagogues, in celebration of his seventieth birthday, on Monday, October 13, at 8 p.m., at the H.O.D. Hall.

The speakers will include Rabbi Dr. L. I. Rabinowitz, Rabbi of the Federation of Synagogues; Mr. B. A. Ettlinger, President of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies, Mr. B. Gering, President of the S.A. Zionist Federation; Mr. I. J. Hersch, Vice-President of the S.A. Board of Jewish Education.

Mr. I. Kuper, the President of the Federation, will be in the chair, and Mr. N. Rosenfeld, the hon. treasurer of the Federation, will make the presentation.

Musical items will be rendered by Cantor S. Mandel, accompanied by Mr. Bruno Raikin.

**FROM KIBBUTZ TO THE BIMAH**

**Jerusalem Singer Officiates at  
Wanderers View Synagogue**

DOV PROPES, who has just arrived from Jerusalem to take up the post of Cantor at the Wanderers View Synagogue, came to Palestine as a chalutz in 1934. He was a member of a kibbutz for some years until Professor Schor, a well-known authority on Jewish music, discovered him. The Professor found his voice excellent and insisted on his taking up training at the Jerusalem Conservatoire. Mr. Propes studied both music and chazanuth in Jerusalem and soon became popular on the concert stage and on the Jerusalem radio.

The famous Dutch guest-conductor of the Palestine Orchestra, wrote about Propes: "His beautiful tenor voice is well trained and therefore well balanced; perfect in sound and dependable from the lowest range to the highest top notes."

Cantor Propes is still a young man. It is interesting to note that when he officiated on Succoth in Johannesburg he used the Sephardic pronunciation. He has a modern approach to chazanuth and renders his compositions with a most admirable care and faithfulness to the musical text. Yet he sings with warmth and feeling. His rendering of Ravel's Kaddish was outstanding and should be heard again by all who are interested in traditional music.

**ONEG YOMTOV AT REFORM  
SYNAGOGUE**

Mrs. Miriam Granovsky, Dr. H. Shoshkes and Mr. Lazar Braudo were guest-speakers at an Oneg Yomtov held at Temple Israel on Simchat Torah. The function followed a crowded service held at the Temple which was almost entirely conducted by children.

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Exploited**

There are not many in South Africa who find it necessary to buy a Lulav for the Succoth Festival. But is this any reason why its price should not be fixed and uniform? I know of one who was charged thirty-five shillings for a Lulav and another fifteen shillings. It's high time that piety be not exploited!

**Indeed A  
Misnomer**

To persist with the title—S.A. Jewish War Appeal—although more than two years have elapsed since the end of hostilities, is bound to invite misunderstanding, particularly among non-Jews. A name more correctly descriptive of the noble role the J.W.A. is playing is long overdue.

**Puffing Up  
The Stairs**

It is welcome news that the Coronation (Zionist) Hall, Johannesburg, is to be replaced by a modern building. To see our old folk puffing up the many steps as they make their way wearily to the Major Hall (often stopping half-way for a "breather") makes one hope that in the new structure this hall will be situated on the ground floor.

**Time To  
Take Action**

All those who have read the articles published recently in the "Record" under the heading, "A Zionist Lecture Tour," will be per-

turbed by the report of the state of Judaism in Northern Rhodesia. There are no Reverends, no Hebrew Teachers, no kosher food. Strangely enough most of these centres can boast of synagogues.

How long are our ecclesiastical authorities going to wait before taking action?

**Congregational  
Organisers**

Every fair-sized congregation has a secretary for internal administrative work. That's necessary, but so too is the appointment of an "organiser" for the congregation. Such an official, suitably qualified, could prove a most valuable aid to the Rabbi of the synagogue. Live-wire, resourceful individuals, full of initiative to organise all manner of functions centred around the shul would help to bring each congregant nearer to it.

It's done in England. Why not here, too?

**Said Around  
The Samovar**

That the Springbok Legion Conference Resolution calling for progressive bodies to present a common front against the "reactionary challenge" is a timely call.

That the best translation of "toenadering" is "nochshlepping."

**His Right  
Name**

Daughter: Mummie, why did that man call daddie "Barney"?

Mother: Because that's his name.

Daughter: But why do you always call daddie "Shlemiel"?

**Board of Education Welcomes Mr. Harry Herber**



Left to right: Mr. I. J. Hersch, Mr. Harry Herber, Chief Rabbi Rabinowitz and Mrs. Herber.

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