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EDITORIAL.

Here shall the Press the Jewish rights maintain,
Unaw'd by influence, and unbribed by gain;
Here patriot Truth her glorious precepts draw,
Pledged to Religion, Liberty and Law.

Calendar for Week ending
Thursday, June 13th, 1918.

Day of Week	Hebrew Date.	Civil Date	Sedra.	Haptoṛah.
Fri.	Sivan 27	June 7		
Sat.	28	8	Nu. xiii. 1	Josh. ii. 1-24
Sun.	29	9		
Mon.	30	10		
Tues.	Tam. 1	11		
Wed.	2	12		
Thurs.	3	13		

Shabbos commences at 5 p.m.

The "Chronicle" Cake.

No. 473.

In these days of general subservience towards mechanics and other tradesmen it is refreshing to find someone who has the courage of their convictions and who is prepared to speak out and point out to the general public who, after all, are beyond and above even trades unions, the danger of the direction in which we are so fast following and, in recognition of his manly, concise and unfortunately correct estimate of the position in regard to the composition of the Town Council and the prostitution of the positions which so many of the councillors so wrongly and so unwisely hold, we present this week's cake to

MR. JOHN TAYLOR

and instruct our confectioners to inscribe it

"QUITE RIGHT."

JOHANNESBURG, JUNE 7, 1918.
SIVAN 27, 5678

NOTES.

THE JEWISH GUILD.

The report which we print at such length in another section of this issue is one that may be read not only with interest but with advantage by every section of the community to which this journal caters. It sets forth in language simple and yet expressive the numerous activities which have been carried on under the aegis of the Jewish Guild and provides a record of progress that cannot but be marvelled at. Two years ago the Guild had less than three hundred members, at the beginning of the year under review it had five hundred and five and to day, but twelve months later, it possesses close on seven hundred. From this it will be seen that gradually, but yet perceptibly, the work which this formation is doing is being brought to the notice of the younger members of the community who are beginning to realise that by banding themselves together they can do an immense amount of useful work for themselves as well as for others. Apart from its activity in connection with mental development and promotion of thought on Jewish subjects, the Guild has been able to contribute several hundreds of pounds towards different charitable objects as well as provide a venue for the cultivation of the dramatic, vocal and musical arts. There can be no doubt that this formation serves a useful purpose in so far as it affords an opportunity for the anglicisation of those foreign members of local Jewry who may desire to cultivate western ideas and assimilate western tendencies and it is one—if not the only one—of our local Jewish institutions which is run on purely English democratic lines. Whether the infusion of the new blood into the executive will affect this tendency remains to be seen but from both a Jewish and a British point of view, to say nothing of the welfare of the Guild itself, it is certainly to be hoped that the new members of the committee will take their cue from those whom they are

now joining rather than endeavour to impress upon the latter their own new and somewhat anarchistic views.

ABSURDITY "IN EXCELSIS."

We are indeed a wonderful people in Johannesburg and this fact ap-

Its purity and wholesomeness commend it as the best stimulant for all those who have something to do in the world, and for the Home Circle, when the day is done—it refreshes, it quenches thirst, it stimulates, it charms away the feeling of fatigue, gives stamina and convinces you that this old world of ours is the best of all possible places to live in.

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plies whether we are Jews or Gentiles. The manner in which we encourage endeavours which are openly and flatly antagonistic to our own views and to our own prosperity is really amazing to those who pause for a while and think. To give just a couple of concrete instances. The Municipal Employees Union is an immensely strong formation and, curiously enough, made strong by the resolution arrived at by the Council that their employees must be members of some union. Apparently the interests of the members of the Union are directly opposed to those of the general body of citizens whom the Council is presumed to represent yet the public's representatives assist in the formation of a body and do everything in their power to add to this body's strength. Then again, a good deal of the importance attaching to the Municipal Employees Union is derived from the dissemination of news by their own particular organ and this publication is made strong by the advertisements of the drapers, merchants and other retailers whose business is occasionally deliberately interrupted by the very people whose official organ they provide the means for. To take another case: We shout "Rule Britannia" and we sing "God Save the King" but so-called royalists support, by their advertisements, foreign newspapers which deliberately endeavour to hinder recruiting. We know that what little trade is going to be done in this country in the next few years, when shipping becomes scarcer, will be entirely due to the watchfulness of the British navy yet we supply the means of existence to those publications that openly scoff at the Empire and refuse to support the annual subvention to the navy. It is all very curious when one reads it and if it was not for the unfortunate moral lying underneath which we, in our Johannesburg superficial way fail to realise, it would—like Charlie's Aunt—make a cat laugh.

PEOPLE.

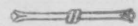
As countless as these autumn leaves
Are all the peoples of this earth,
Where each is as a grain of dust,
The sport of tempests and their mirth.

In joy and sorrow each soul lives,
Yet each one hews his separate way,
Upholds at dawn a valiant face,
And toils until the end of day.

These myriad souls! Each one has wrought
Some great or yet a little thing;
And in his realm his deeds make each
Exalted as a sceptered king.

THE PALESTINE COMMISSION.

Apparently Zionists were not entirely at one upon the question of the composition of the commission which under the leadership of Dr. Weitzman has gone to Palestine and we agree that under all the circumstances, Prof Israel Friedlaender of the Jewish Theological Seminary was well advised in declining to accept the proffered appointment as the Jewish representative of the American Red Cross in Palestine. While his conduct, since that country entered the war, has been impeccable, the doubts that had been raised against him by some of his fellow Zionists would have rendered his usefulness in the Holy Land somewhat ineffective, seeing that much of this country is now happily in possession of the British forces. On the other hand, the action of certain Zionist leaders in instituting a public campaign of criticism of the Friedlaender appointment must be severely condemned as very likely to injure the standing of the Jews in the eyes of their fellow Americans of alien faiths, if not of the world. If the Zionists, with the possibilities of autonomous Jewish rule of a part of the earth's surface well in hand, quarrel over an appointment of one of their number, the question whether Jews are really able and competent to govern themselves becomes important. For self-government an esprit de corps, an altruistic ingenuousness for the common weal, is requisite.



His many friends and the community generally will learn with satisfaction that Mr. Bernard Alexander is making progress towards recovery. He has had a severe bout of illness and several operations have been necessary but it is pleasing to be able to record the fact that the doctors express satisfaction with his condition under the circumstances and believe him to be on the high road towards recovery.

The young man slept with nary a wink
He'd a letter to write, but no

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