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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, February 26th, 1920.

Day of Week	Hebrew Date.	Civil Date	Sedra.	Hapterah.
Fri. Sat. Sun. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs.	Adar 1 2 3 4 5 6	Feb. 20 21 22 23 24 25 26	Ex.	1 Kings v. 26—vi. 13

Shabbos commences at 5.30 p.m.

## The "Chronicle" Cake.

No. 559

Despite the fact that the question of the betterment of music locally and the establishment of a Municipal Orchestra has been occupying public attention for some considerable time, at Tuesday evening's meeting of the Johannesburg Town Council, it was decided, without discussion-after some trifling gratuities had been passed—that the surplus which had accrued in connection with the Cape Town Orchestra's concerts should be divided as to £200 for the purchase of instruments which would remain the property of the Council and the balance of £423 7s. 5d. should be devoted to the Public Health Committee for the establishment of G Babies' Clinic. If ever there has been a greater diversion of money from the object to which it was originally intended to apply, we cannot call it to mind at the moment, but we

also cannot fail to admire the persistence of the Councillor who is responsible for the turning aside of a profit which was legitimately earmarked to a purpose entirely foreign and in presenting this week's cake to

MRS. MARY FITZGERALD we shall inscribe it

"CLEVER-BUT UNJUST."

JOHANNESBURG, FEB. 20, 1920 ADAR 1, 5680.

## NOTES.

IMPROVEMENT AT JERUSA-LEM.

The important work of furnishing the Jewish district of Jerusalem, the north western part of the Holy City, with a much-needed drainage system is now in progress, and it is expected will be finished about the middle of next March. It has been arranged by the Zionist Commission, but it is noteworthy that the contract is made out in the name of the British Government. Actually, the parties signing the document are Colonel G. Gray Donald, for the Chief Administrator, Occupied Enemy Territory Administration, South, who is termed, "the Principal representing the Zionist Commission," and Messrs. Bondi, the contractors The work started in September 13th and is to be completed within six months of that date. There are interesting points in the document which says "Palestine" should become of historic value as dating one of the first pieces of modern constructive work in the regeneration of Jeru salem. The sewers to be constructed are thus set out: 12 in., 400 metres; 9 in., 200 metres; 6 in., 3,500 metres; and 107 manholes, together with combined manholes and flush-tanks and the necessary sub-drains. A bond has been furnished by the contractor, approximately in the sum of ten per cent of the contract price. work was begun within three weeks after the award of the contract; no sub-contracts are to be given out to parties unacceptable to the Administration, and a penalty of £10 per day is to be inflicted on the contractor should he fail to complete the work in the stipulated time. It is also laid down that in the event of the progress being deemed unsatisfactory, the Administration may take over the work and complete it at the contractor's expense; after giving ten days' notice. For the safeguarding of the contractor it is also laid down that in the event of "unduly prolonged delays in the delivery of any materials or the performance of work on the par of the Administration, the contractor shall be entitled to corresponding extension of time." Provision is made for free traffic in the streets, which are to be obstructed as little as possible and not to be closed entirely at any time to the passage of teams and pedestrians. Temporary crossings are to be created, and all precautions are to be taken by fencing, keeping lanterns alight at night, etc., to prevent accidents. All materials and workmanship are to be of the highest standard strictly detailed, and-a most interesting stipulation-"all labour employed to be satisfactory to the Zionist Commission. The wage scale of Jewish workmen shall be the basis of payment." Two per cent of the total costs may be reserved by the Administration for a year after the completion of the work to make good defects developed within this period. On his part, the contractor guarantees the workmanship and materials for one year. On completion of each part of the work, all rubbish and unsightly materials must be removed and streets and ground left in neat condition. Only Portland cement is to be used, and this is to be subject to close inspection, and it is also directed that "all mortar shall be mixed fresh as used, and any mortar which has begun to set shall be thrown away and not used." Strict rules are set out for the mixing of concrete by hand or machine and ass