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## OUR CAPETOWN LETTER.

### JEWISH FOLK LORE.

#### JENNIE SONNENBERG'S DEBUT.

#### GENERAL NEWS.

(SPECIAL TO THE "S.A. JEWISH CHRONICLE.")

Capetown,  
22nd August, 1920.

My dear Cousin,

Last Sunday Dr. Olsvanger under the auspices of the Broth Zion lectured on Jewish Folk lore. Mrs. Zuckermann presided and there was a large and enthusiastic gathering present in the Zionist Hall. The doctor first of all apologised for including a lecture on folk-lore in a series, which was to be given on Famous Jewish Women. Dr. Olsvanger, however, used the illustrations of folk-lore to indicate the position of Jewish women in family, and communal affairs. He showed the superstition, which in former days characterised the Jewish women. Other traits in her character, which we hope are still present, were sympathy and tenderness. The numerous stories and jokes, which were used to demonstrate that the various attributes of women had been noted and criticised, were all appreciated by the audience. One thing above all others was noticeable, and that was that many of the anecdotes were closely related to those from Boccaccio and other foreign sources.

Dr. Olsvanger showed how the study of folk-lore was an essential part of the history of a people and this was especially so in the case of the Jews. He read some very lovely poems in Yiddish and certainly never before did I realise how beautiful pure Yiddish might be made in the hands of a skilful artist. The depths and pathos, which the simple rhymes of simple people displayed, were remarkable.

A vote of thanks to Dr. Olsvanger closed the meeting.

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To-day the children of the Jewish Orphanage are to be examined in Hebrew.

I am sure, that you will be pleased to hear, that Rev. Bender is progressing in his health and we all hope to see him about soon.

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Mrs. Alexander addressed the Young Israel Society this evening. A good audience was present and listened attentively.

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On Friday evening one of our most talented singers gave a concert in the City Hall. Miss Jenny Sonnenberg, who has just come over from Europe, delighted her audience with some fine songs. She rendered her items with the skill and interpretation, which only a true artist possesses. If you get an opportunity of hearing Miss Sonnenberg I should strongly advise you to do so. She is an artist of whom our community should be proud.

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On Sunday evening the Junior Zionist Society is to have a Literary Symposium. This society of late has become very active.

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Further evidence was taken at

the First Criminal Court in which two Europeans named David Gow and Henry Price were charged on three counts with illicit liquor selling. The evidence in the case of Price was so unsatisfactory, that Price was discharged. Gow, who is 72 years of age and pleaded guilty on two counts was fined £80. He admitted several previous convictions. A second case arising out of this is now to be proceeded with. David Gow, Henry Price, Louie Edelstein, Will Polack, Joe Soller, Louie Goldman and Louie Weiner were charged with gambling.

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There is another interesting case proceeding, viz, an inquiry into the Fire Inquests Act of 1883. The directors of the Colonial Industries Limited who gave evidence were Frederic Philys Hellig, Morris Phillips and Leo Grass.

The magistrate said there was not sufficient evidence to warrant the arrest of anyone. The papers would, therefore, be sent to the Attorney-General.

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In connection with the University Development Fund, Miss Anita Stodel has been chosen as a Queen and is representing the various theatres and bioscopes in Town. Many other of our co religionists are assisting in raising money for the New University.

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The Philanthropic Ball is the subject of the moment. To hear of all the good things in store on the evening of the Ball is an irresistible temptation to go. More about this later.

With love, Yours, X.

## Witwatersrand Jewish Helping Hand and Burial Society.

### NOTICE.

THE THIRTIETH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

will be held on

**Sunday, August 29, 1920, at 10 a.m. sharp**

In the HEBREW HIGH SCHOOL, WOLMARANS STREET, Johannesburg.

BUSINESS:—

1. Adoption of the Annual Report and Balance Sheet (duly audited).
2. Nomination and Election of Officers and Committee for the ensuing year.
3. General.

By Order,  
M. ABRAHAMS, Hon. Secretary.