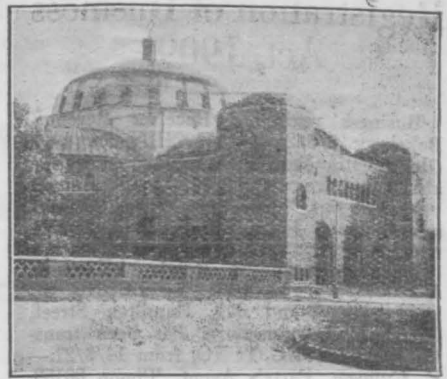




# JOHANNESBURG

## DAY BY DAY



### A GOOD SHEKEL DAY.

Owing to the excellent organisation of Mr. A. I. Miller (Chairman) and the other members of the Johannesburg Shekel Day Committee, £3,500 shekels were sold last Sunday. The day proved damp and unpleasant with frequent sharp showers, but the Shekel collectors braved the weather and made a close canvass of all suburbs. There was a notable increase in the number of Shekel buyers in Yeoville and Berea, two of the Northern Suburbs which contain a large Jewish population. The supervisors and collectors assert that they would have done much better if so many of the Jewish people of Johannesburg had not caught the diamond fever. It is impossible to estimate the number who have taken up a permanent or temporary sojourn at the "diggings," but it must be very large.

The Shekel Ball will take place at the Wanderer's Hall on April 13th, and strenuous efforts will be made to ensure a big success.

### THE GUILD CONCERT.

There was a big attendance at the Jewish Guild on Sunday night when an excellent entertainment was put on, including musical and dramatic selections. Mr. Sydney Schragger on behalf of the Entertainment Committee arranged the programme.

The "Jazzonians," a popular local orchestra, could not appear, and Miss Rita Weisholtz, who was down for a violin solo, was unable to perform because of a sprained wrist, but the programme was otherwise unaltered.

Miss Minnie Rabinowitz was honored for her rendering of the famous aria from "Samson and Delilah," and Miss Ray Lipkie's songs proved very popular, especially the comedy numbers. Mr. A. Arensberg rendered some humorous dialogues, and Miss Beatrice Gerner recited. Miss Joyce Gottberg, wearing an effective shawl costume, contributed a novel Spanish dance. "Karno" showed some clever card tricks. But the most notable item on the programme was the sketch "Tilda's New Hat," by George Paston, played by some senior pupils of Miss Muriel Alexander. All were good, but Miss Hilda Cooper as "Tilda" showed real histrionic talent changing from mirth to tears and back again to laughter with the utmost naturalness.

There will be a grand cabaret at the Guild on April 9th. Tables must be booked in advance.

On Sunday, April 10th, the Guild Parliament will re-open.

### A POPULAR APPOINTMENT.

The appointment of Mrs. Selina Hirsch as the new secretary of the Guild has proved very popular, which proves that there is no ill-feeling when a woman secures a coveted post, open to both sexes, when there is a general belief in her capabilities. It has been felt for some time that a feminine influence would make the Guild much more home-like and congenial to the members of both sexes. Mrs. Hirsch invariably puts her heart into her work, and a slow but steady improvement is expected under her regime. Already she has made some excellent suggestions, including one

that those young members who work in town and bring lunch with them should be able to partake of it at the Guild, where tea and coffee can be served at a nominal charge.

### AT THE ORPHANAGE.

There were 177 children on the roll of the Orphanage last month, and twenty dwelling outside, who are under the supervision of the After-care Committee. The young people who have been reared at the Orphanage are often very appreciative of the kindness shown to them, and quite recently the Committee received an invitation to the "Pidyan Haben" of the little son of a happy wife and mother who lived at the Orphanage until her marriage. One of the elder boys who is now on his own has sent a charming letter to the secretary, in which he says: "I feel it incumbent to express my appreciation and deep-felt thanks for your generous efforts and encouraging advice during my time at Arcadia." He goes on to speak of the educational facilities afforded him, and concludes "My thanks are also due to Mr. and Mrs. Scher, who have shown me every consideration and been of great assistance to me at all times. I shall be grateful if you will convey to them my appreciation."

Letters of this order are very encouraging to the Orphanage workers. One of the pleasant things about the Institution is the desire of the Housemaster and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. Scher, to make the place home-like, and the children have their little gaieties and wholesome fun. Concert parties are always made welcome, and much joy was afforded by the entertainment given by the clever artists who contributed to the programme organised by Mrs. Louis Phillips on Sunday. They were Mesdames I. Davis and C. Perlman; Misses Freda Gross, Helen Stein, Messrs. Alf. Feiteberg and Dave Kaplan. A pleasing item was the dancing of a small couple, Dulcit Levy and Maurice James. Two of the children at Arcadia contributed to the entertainment, Tillie Kaplan a clever little dancer, and Charlie Gonisas a born comedian.

Mr. Phillips, of the Independent Film Company, invited all the children to attend a showing of "The Flag Lieutenant" at the Town Hall, earlier in the month.

Now that the Passover holidays are approaching, the usual donations of eggs, poultry, fruit and other good things, will surely be forthcoming.

### STUDENTS' JEWISH ASSOCIATION.

Following Mr. David Landau, the elder son of the Chief Rabbi, Mr. I. Maisels, B.A., has been elected chairman for the coming year of the Students' Jewish Association of the University of the Witwatersrand. Miss G. Hesselson, B.A., is vice-chairlady; Mr. R. Frankel, the hon. treasurer, and Messrs. C. Adler and L. Kuper, the joint hon. secretaries. The Committee is made up by Misses M. Cooper, B.Sc., S. Katz, B.A., A. Hersch; Messrs. David Landau, K. Froom and D. Wolpert.

Recent activities of the Association included an interesting debate with

the Jewish Guild on the subject "Is the Modern Jewish Youth Movement a Failure?"

An unusual number of Jewish students were capped at the graduation ceremony in the Town Hall on Saturday morning. These included Miss Lily Schwartz, who won the degree of M.A. with her thesis on the novel and fascinating subject "The novels of Paul Bourget from the moral point of view." Miss Schwartz has been brought up in Johannesburg and is a popular and attractive girl as well as a clever one.

### PALESTINE EXHIBITION.

A ladies committee of the Women's Zionist League, including Mesdames A. Schlosberg, Max Guinsberg and I. Jacobson, is responsible for the attractive arrangement of Palestine goods in the Jewish Guild Assembly Hall, which will be opened this evening (Monday) by the Chief Rabbi, Dr. J. L. Landau. Mr. A. M. Abrahams, President of the S.A. Zionist Federation, will also speak. Chief Cantor Pincasovich has promised to sing.

The goods on view include some handsome rugs and embroideries, attractive brass-ware and pottery from the Bezalel school and elsewhere; also some excellent examples of the oil, soap and confectionery industries of the Promised Land.

### "RELIGION AND HERESY."

The sermon for the week in yesterday's *Sunday Times* bearing the above title was by the Chief Rabbi, Dr. J. L. Landau. It was originally delivered in the Braamfontein Synagogue when a Sepher Torah was presented and dedicated. This remarkably eloquent and impressive address is prefaced by an editorial note eulogising the Chief Rabbi (who has lived for twenty-three years in Johannesburg) which contains these sentences: "No parochialism mars his polished oratory; his desire always appears to be that through his preaching and teaching, the lives of men and women around him—irrespective of class, creed, and nationality—may be made cleaner, sweeter and more truly free."

### NUTSHELL COMMENTS.

Many friends have welcomed the return to Johannesburg of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Solomon and their younger daughter Poppins. After a tour of Europe, which lasted several months. During their stay in Germany, Miss Poppins Solomon studied with Pavlova's ballet and appeared on several occasions with the ballet when the dancer she understudied fell ill. I have seen some delightful photographs of the young dancer in poses which indicate the advance she has made in her art.

There will be a presentation to Mrs. Joe Cohen on Tuesday morning at the Jewish Guild, in recognition of her services to the community. Ladies representing the Jewish Guild and other Jewish institutions have purchased a handsome dressing case, and this has been suitably inscribed. Mrs. Joe Cohen will sail on the "Carnavon Castle" for England and expects to be away six months.

Mr. and Mrs. Myer Kaplan, of Oudtshoorn, have issued invitations

for the marriage of their daughter Becky to Mr. I. B. Rudaizky, of Johannesburg. The ceremony takes place on April 10th in the Queen Street Synagogue, Oudtshoorn, and will be followed by a reception in the Templar's Hall.

Mr. Rudaizky has been for many years the hon. treasurer of the Jewish Guild and has been closely identified with other communal work in Johannesburg. The Rand Jewish community extend to the happy couple their heartiest felicitations and good wishes.

There was a large gathering at the graveside of the late Rabbi Moses Friedman on Sunday morning, when the tombstone to his memory was unveiled. The Chief Rabbi, Dr. J. L. Landau, and Rabbi Kahanaman, in their addresses testified to the affectionate esteem with which Rabbi Friedman was regarded by all who knew him.

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