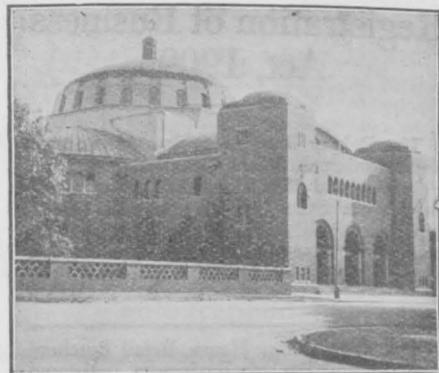




JOHANNESBURG

DAY BY DAY



THE S.A. JEWISH BOARD OF DEPUTIES.

An important congress will take place in Johannesburg at the end of this month, when delegates representing the 122 constituent bodies of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies will come together to discuss matters of communal interest. The conference will be held at the Jewish Guild.

The last meeting of the Board, prior to the conference, was very well attended. Mr. Siegfried Raphaely acting president, was in the chair. There were two new applications for membership—from the Jagersfontein and Wepener Hebrew Congregations—and both were granted.

Mr. Raphaely said that he had always received admirable assistance from the Executive, and he thanked all the Deputies for the way in which they had worked together for South African Jewry.

It was decided to bring before the congress all that had been done to overcome the difficulty of gaining admission for Jewish children to certain schools on the Rand.

The Department of the Interior has sent a communication, asking the Board to disseminate the information as widely as possible, that persons coming from Poland, Lithuania and Latvia, who may wish to return there should see in good time that their passports are renewed before date of expiration, as there are no consular representatives of these countries in South Africa, and the Department of the Interior is unable to renew any but British passports.

DREAMERS OF THE GHETTO.

A very interesting lecture was delivered by Dr. P. Sniderman to the Hebrew Order of David, Dr. Herzl Lodge, on Monday evening, the subject being "Dreamers of the Ghetto." Dr. Sniderman traced the development of the Ghetto from early Venetian days and went on to delineate its vicissitudes in France, Germany, Spain and Portugal. He showed the conditions under which the Jews of those days had to spend their lives.

The lecturer then proceeded to deal with Israel Zangwill's famous book, commencing with the unfulfilled desire of "Joseph the Dreamer." He outlined the lives and philosophy of Uriel Asosta, Baruch Spinoza, Heine and Lassalle. A very lively discussion followed the lecture and the vote of thanks proposed by Bro. M. Abrams was endorsed with enthusiasm.

Wor. Bro. Michael Kam was in the chair.

On Monday next, July 11th, Dr. Manfred Nathan, K.C., will lecture to the same lodge at the Jewish Guild on: "The Jew in World Politics."

AN INTERESTING WEDDING.

The Selborne Hall looked very festive on Thursday evening when Miss Mary Lipschitz, the charming and popular daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Lipschitz, of Bertrams, was married to Mr. Ben Blecher. Arches

of greenery latticed with flowers decked the entrance and rose above the table where the bridal couple were seated, and many streamers of various hues further brightened the hall.

The Chief Rabbi, Dr. J. L. Landau, assisted by Cantor Pincasovich and the bride's father, performed the marriage ceremony.

The bride wore a lovely dress of white silk and georgette embroidered with silver pearl and crystal beads. Her becoming head-dress, worn with a tulle veil, had orange blossoms introduced into a jewelled lattice. Mrs. Lipschitz looked very well in a black and white silk gown and a smart hat trimmed with osprey.

So many young people took the floor for dancing that it was impossible to take note of all who were present, but the company included most of the leaders of the Rand Jewish community.

The Rev. and Mrs. Lipschitz are extremely popular, and made many friends while they were resident at Jeppe before Mr. Lipschitz accepted the call from the Bertrams Hebrew Congregation.

Dr. Landau alluded to the bride's exceptional musical gifts when he said that she had always been a make of harmony, and he felt sure that the spirit of harmony would dwell in her home.

Mrs. Landau, on behalf of the Committee of the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League, presented the bride with a pair of handsome candlesticks, and made a charming speech in which she wished the young couple much happiness.

A MASS MEETING.

A very large audience filled the Standard Theatre on Sunday night when Dr. Leon Bramson, the representative of Ort-Oze-Emigdirekt, delivered his message from the Jews of Eastern Europe.

Mr. Bernard Alexander was in the chair, supported by the Chief Rabbi, Dr. J. L. Landau, Mr. A. M. Abrahams, President of the Zionist Federation, Mr. Siegfried Raphaely, acting President of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies, Mr. Lewson and Mr. Michael, the Secretary of the Committee for the new campaign.

The Chairman said that Dr. Bramson's name was known to all who were interested in things Jewish, and they would be glad to hear his message. He would quote the first few words of the appeal that had been issued: "If Jewish life is to continue the Jews of Eastern Europe must be assisted and enabled to reconstruct their lives." South African Jews had responded nobly during the war to the cry for help, but their work was only half completed.

Mr. Alexander also read a telegram from Mr. Morris Kentrodge, M.L.A., expressing his regret that he was unable to attend the meeting, and the hope that the Rand Jewry would rise to the occasion as they had done before.

The Chief Rabbi, in response to a call for Yiddish, spoke in that lan-

guage, and in eloquent terms painted the suffering of their fellow Jews who now called for their help. He said that every page of history was saturated with Jewish blood, and they were the greatest sufferers by the war. Yet the war has brought a new destiny for the Jews. Through the work of the organisations represented by Dr. Bramson they would become producers and craftsmen. Money would enable the heart of Jewry in Eastern Europe to throb again and they who provided it would gain in moral and spiritual strength through their self-sacrifice.

Cheers greeted Dr. Bramson, the distinguished emissary of the war-sufferers, when he rose to speak. He said that if the facts of life in Eastern Europe were related truthfully they would hear a tale of woe and misery. The Great War had wrought havoc among the eight million Jews of Russia, Lithuania, Latvia and Bessarabia. It had destroyed or greatly crippled their means of livelihood, enfeebled their physique and powers of endurance. In the whole of Eastern Europe over two and a half million Jews were unable to earn a living under the conditions now existing. Consequently there was a rush to learn trades or some productive occupation, and many were anxious to settle on the land. The Jewish masses themselves began to condemn as precarious and unstable, the role of the middleman; intermediary between producer and consumer. Jews were now longing for agricultural and industrial occupations, and Dr. Bramson went on to show how the organisation Ort was meeting this demand. He told that in Russia, within two years, 55,000 families had registered as desirous of obtaining land out of which number 15,000 were satisfied; 11,000 already being settled and 14,000 in process. Jewish farmers had been successful despite severe hardships and many obstacles. The speaker also outlined the great work of Oze, which looks after the physical health of the sufferers, and of Emigdirekt, which assists emigrants who want to settle in such countries as Canada, Brazil, and the Argentine. This organisation had founded trades courses and groups of model farms where prospective emigrants could be trained.

In conclusion, Dr. Bramson made an eloquent appeal for help from South African Jewry. A resolution, pledging the meeting to give the movement full support, was moved by Mr. Siegfried Raphaely and supported by Mr. A. M. Abrahams and Mr. N. Kirschner, of Benoni. It was carried with acclamation.

JEWISH GUILD ACTIVITIES.

The performance which was to have taken place at the Guild last night (Sunday) had to be postponed owing to the fact that one of the principal performers was unable to appear. It is hoped to put the show on next Sunday evening and again on the 17th inst., when two one-act plays, "Taming the Lion," by J. Kirton, and

"The Monkey's Paw," by W. W. Jacobs, will be staged by members of the Guild Dramatic Section.

A Debating Section has re-started with Mr. H. S. Blank as chairman and Miss Rose Meskin as hon. secretary, among the members are Advocate Fanny Ustiev, Dr. Meyers, Dr. Stem, Misses P. Orkin and T. Davidson; Messrs. J. Golding, S. Harris, A. Navias, L. Effron, Pollard and Goldberg.

Mrs. Hirsch, the secretary of the Guild, had the happy idea of instituting a Home-makers course for girl members, and this is proving very successful.

Dr. Podlashuk, one of our woman doctors, who has recently returned from Europe, is giving talks on hygiene and child welfare, and Mrs. Hirsch is speaking on cookery and interior decoration; she has a special interest in these subjects and a qualified knowledge of them. These classes meet at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays, and are open to all. Wednesday evenings are devoted to chess and bridge, and instructors are always present to help beginners.

A Lift Fund has been opened, and all who dislike climbing two long flights of stairs will sympathise with the effort to place a lift in the space provided for one by the architect of the Guild building.

NUTSHELL COMMENTS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Janower will be "At Home" to their many friends at the Selborne Hall next Sunday afternoon, the occasion being the barmitzvah of their son. Mr. Janower has been hon. treasurer of the S.A. Zionist Federation for many years, and his wife has rendered exceptional service on the Committee of the Women's Zionist League. Both Mr. and Mrs. Janower are very popular in communal circles on the Rand.

A bridge drive in aid of the children's stall at the bazaar, now being organised by the Jewish Women's Benevolent Society, will take place at The Stephanie on Tuesday afternoon, the 12th June, Mrs. A. Schlosberg and Mrs. S. Silberman who are convening for this stall, will arrange the function.

The result of the election of delegates to the Zionist Congress at Basle is not yet known. In Johannesburg there has been little interest in the election, and a comparatively small number of votes have been polled.

The Rev. S. Steinberg has returned to Johannesburg in response to the call of the North Johannesburg Hebrew Congregation. He has been officiating at the Roeland Street Synagogue in Cape Town for several years.

Mr. Herman Polliack, of Messrs. Polliack & Co., has kindly donated a handsome new Gors & Kallman piano to the Hebrew High School in the name of his son, Hyman. The Committee, staff and children of the school take this opportunity of expressing their grateful appreciation of this munificent gift.

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