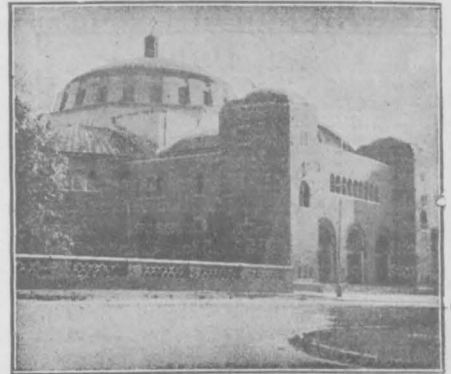




JOHANNESBURG DAY BY DAY

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S.A. JEWISH BOARD OF DEPUTIES.

Mr. S. Raphaely, the President, at Sunday's meeting of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies, referred to the Kanthack tragedy as a national disaster for South Africa, and as affecting all citizens of the Union, and proposed that an expression of the Board's sincere condolences be conveyed to the bereaved parents. This was carried in silence, all present standing.

The Chairman reported that a deputation, consisting of himself, Dr. Ch. Spiro (Vice-President), Councillor Harry Carter, M.P.C. (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. L. Snider (member of the Executive), and Mr. Percy Cowen (secretary), had interviewed the Transvaal Administrator and the Provincial Executive, with whom was also the Director of Education, in Pretoria, the previous Tuesday, on the subject of the admission of Jewish children to certain of the Johannesburg Government schools, with regard to which they had already interviewed the Director of Education, with whom they also had had a great deal of correspondence. Prior to the previous Tuesday's interview, copies of the correspondence had been sent to the Provincial Secretary for the information of the Administrator and Executive. The Board maintained that unfair discrimination had been made in the consideration of the applications for admission to certain of the Government schools, and gave instances. In order to remedy that state of affairs, the deputation urged that the lists of applications for admission and of the admissions themselves be available for inspection by those of the public interested, in any manner that the Administration might think fit.

The Administrator admitted that in the past the matter of the applications for admission to the schools had been administered in an uncertain manner, but new rules governing such applications had now been issued by the Director to the principals of the schools, a copy of which had been supplied to the Board of Deputies, and he gave the deputation his assurance and that of the Executive that in the future the new rules would be adhered to. Mr. Hofmeyr also stated that the representations made by the deputation would be considered, and a reply sent in due course.

The meeting decided to await the promised reply before taking any further action.

An application for membership of the Board of Deputies by the

Bethlehem (Chaim Weitzmann) Lodge of the Hebrew Order of David was granted.

A COMMUNAL LOSS.

On Sunday afternoon there took place the funeral of the late Mr. Peter Kaplan, who for the past few years has been suffering very seriously through illness. Prior to his being taken sick, Mr. Kaplan took a deep interest in communal affairs in Johannesburg, and worked unceasingly for many of the local institutions. Particularly was he interested in the *Chevre Kadisha* and the *Meshev Zekenim*, and at the time of his death he was president of the latter institution. In business life he occupied the position, until his illness necessitated his retirement, of general manager in Johannesburg of Messrs. Irvin and Johnston, Limited, the controllers of the fish industry in this country.

The late Mr. Kaplan was of a very charitable disposition, and was always willing to assist any deserving object.

An unusual procedure was adopted in connection with the journey to the cemetery, as instead of going straight from the house in Valley Road, Parktown, to the *Beth Chayyim*, a detour was made, and outside the Jewish Aged Home a prayer was said over the coffin during a halt.

At the graveside the funeral service was conducted by Chief Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau, assisted by Cantor Pincasovitch, and in the course of a fervent address which he delivered Dr. Landau spoke at considerable length of the good deeds of the deceased, who, he declared, had done much good in the world. The attendance at the funeral service was a very large and representative one, including amongst others Mr. Bernard Alexander, Mr. Moss Alexander, Mr. S. Broude, Mr. Chigwyn, Mr. Drutman, Mr. S. Davis, Mr. Epstein, Mr. S. B. Friede, Mr. B. Ginsberg, Mr. W. Gemmill, Mr. Mark Goldberg, Dr. M. Greenberg, Mr. Joek Hyman, Mr. Hillman, Mr. Edgar Hyman, Mr. Albert Hyman, Mr. H. Heinann, Mr. J. Heyman, Mr. Klatsky, Mr. L. Japhet, Mr. De Leeuw, Mr. Harry Leatherman, Mr. L. Marks, Mr. R. F. Neufleiss, Dr. Pielman, Mr. A. Piel, Mr. I. Rosenthal, Mr. M. Rosenthal (Pretoria), Mr. Max Rothkugel, Mr. Reuvid, Mr. S. Raphaely, Mr. Sive, Mr. Schmier, Rev. J. Steinberg, Mr. M. Shapiro, Mr. Alfred Schlesinger, Mr. G. Sonn, Dr. Van Niekerk, Major Weil, Dr. Woolf, Mr. Sher, and the boys of the Jewish Orphanage, the inmates of the Aged Home, the staff of the Kalk

Bay Fisheries, and Messrs. Irvin and Johnston. Considerable sympathy is felt throughout the community for Mrs. Kaplan (*nee* Annie Rosenthal) and her two children on the death of a devoted husband and father.

CONFIRMATION OF GIRLS.

On Sunday there took place a confirmation service for girls in the Yeoville Synagogue, when the Rev. B. I. Beckman delivered a short sermon on "Religious Education." The musical portion of the service was rendered by Cantor Pincasovitch, who was accompanied by his choir.

After the service the annual distribution of the prizes earned by the children attending the Yeoville Synagogue Hebrew classes took place, when Mr. B. Guinsberg, chairman of the Council of the United Hebrew Congregation, presided, and Mrs. Guinsberg presented the prizes. Dr. Landau delivered an interesting address, which was listened to with marked attention by all those present.

GRAUMAN'S GENEROSITY.

We learn with interest that at the last meeting of the Dr. Herzl Lodge, No. 1, Johannesburg, the announcement was made that Wor. Bro. Sir Harry Grauman had decided to cancel the bond over the lodge's property, and by this additional gift had donated £1,100 to the building fund. The announcement was received with enthusiasm. Plans for the proposed building are under consideration, and it is hoped to commence operations early in the New Year. Some day the Jewish public of Johannesburg will realise how generous Sir Harry Grauman has been in connection with many of our charities, and particularly is this the case as regards the Hebrew Order of David, to whose funds he has not only contributed several thousands of pounds, but has always taken a deep interest in their work and afforded them the benefit of his advice and guidance. Socially, too, the order is making progress, and about the middle of January a social and dance will be given by the Dr. Herzl Lodge, when it is expected to have present representatives of the order from all over the Union.

THE RAND PIONEERS.

The twenty-fifth annual dinner of the Rand Pioneers (incorporated) will be held at the St. James' Restaurant on Monday, December 19, when it is anticipated that there will be a large and influential gathering. For the occasion many members of the Cabinet,

headed by the Prime Minister, have been invited to be present, when it is expected that there will be some interesting speeches made. The Hon. J. H. Hofmeyr, Administrator of the Transvaal, has already signified his intention of attending, and so one oratorical treat can be relied upon. The Rand Pioneers' dinners in the old days, some ten or fifteen years ago, used to be occasions of great importance on the Witwatersrand occupying something of the position—of course, on a much smaller scale—accorded to the London Lord Mayor's banquets, because in those days prominent members of the Cabinet used to attend and deliver important political speeches. For some years past, however, these dinners have not been held, and the importance and influence of the Rand Pioneers has largely lessened. To-day, however, under the influential committee which exists, an attempt is being made to recreate interest in the formation, and it is to be hoped that it will succeed. There are several Jewish members of the Rand Pioneers, and at one time—in its palmiest days—it enjoyed the possession of a Jewish president in the person of Mr. M. Harris, the well-known auctioneer. The price charged for the dinner on Monday week is quite moderate, gentlemen's tickets being 12s. 6d. and ladies' 10s. 6d.


BREVITIES.

We are asked to announce that the diamond donated by Sir Ernest Oppenheimer for a competition in aid of the funds of the bazaar for the Johannesburg Jewish Women's Benevolent Society has been awarded to Mrs. Bene Alexander, Brandon Hall, Paul Nel Street, and the gramophone, kindly given by Sampson, Marks and Co., to Mr. J. Frenkel, P.O. Box 6634, Johannesburg.

On Tuesday, Dr. Immanuel Olsvanger, the well-known Zionist lecturer and propagandist, arrived via the Cape from Europe, when there was a large and representative number of Zionists present to greet him.

The Kovno Society is organising a ball in the Johannesburg Town Hall on February 29 in aid of the Reconstruction Campaign for Jews in Eastern Europe. Already the Mayor and the Chief Rabbi have promised their patronage, and others of importance are taking an interest in the occasion.

On Sunday evening the Musical Revellers gave a special carnival night at the Jewish Guild, which was well attended and greatly enjoyed.



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