



# JOHANNESBURG DAY BY DAY

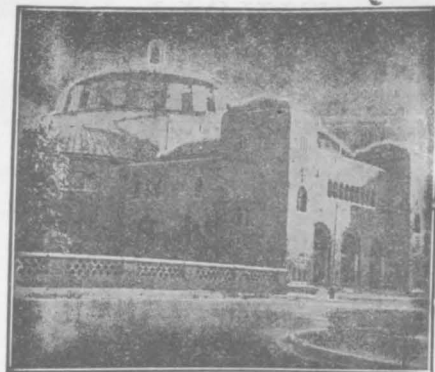
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## Beauty Besieged

### UNGALLANT STUDENTS ANTI-SEMITISM.

Miss Elizabeth Simon, the Jewish girl who was selected as "Miss Europe" at the recent International Beauty Contest in Paris, went through a very unpleasant experience at her home in her birth-town, Kossthsly, Hungary, where her father, Dr. Simon, is in practice as a medical man and serves as a member of the Board of the local Jewish community. A group of students at the Agricultural School went to the cinema of Kossthsly, where a film was being shown, depicting Miss Simon's triumphal entry into Budapest. They created a terrible disturbance there and finally compelled the showing of the film to be suspended. They then proceeded to Dr. Simon's house and held a demonstration outside against Miss Simon, cat-calling and shouting "Down with the Jewess."

The Hakoah Jewish football team, which was organised in New York, has won the American Soccer Championship in the final series, playing against the St. Louis Madison Kennel Club.

(The Hakoah Jewish Football Team of Vienna first arrived on a tour in the United States in February, 1926, and played matches with remarkable success against American professional teams throughout the country. Several of the leading players decided to stay behind in America, and organised an all-Jewish soccer team.)

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Madame Olga Ryss, the brilliant operatic singer lately arrived in our midst, is worthy of the highest praise for her services in organising this concert. She was supported by Mr. Hyman Sachs, the talented young South African pianist, whilst the Synagogue choir was conducted by the Rev. S. Rabee, of Wolmarans Street Synagogue. The Yiddish melodies rang beautifully and in their simplicity held an universal appeal.

#### JEWISH GUILD.

The monthly programme for May includes a number of interesting functions, such as a Bridge Drive on 8th May, two lectures on 12th and 26th May, a Play Reading on 19th May, and another of the popular visits to the Union Observatory on 23rd May.

Rehearsals are proceeding apace for the new Musical Art Troupe, and it is expected that their show will be presented early in June. Another interesting event will be the forthcoming production of "Berkeley Square," expected early in July, the production being in the capable hands of Maurice H. Mendelsohn.

#### FARBUTH CAMPAIGN.

The campaign in aid of the "Farbuth," Lithuania, inaugurated by Madame Bernstein Kahan, M.D., appears to be proceeding slowly, and additional interest was lent to the concert held at the Orpheum last Sunday through the appearance of this talented lady. Madame Bernstein-Kahan gave a programme of Bible readings, renderings in the original from the works of Hebrew and Arabic poets and was supported by Madame A. Schonfrucht, the celebrated Belgian soprano, who was accompanied by Professor Margottini, Miss Suzanne Margolis, the brilliant pianist, and Margaret Stoddart, who gave violin solos and was accompanied by Helen Graham.

Madame Bernstein-Kahan proposes leaving shortly for Bloemfontein and Port Elizabeth to further her cultural mission on behalf of the "Farbuth," of Lithuania.

#### RADIUM FUND APPEAL.

The Radium Fund Appeal has now reached the sum of £5,512 16s. 3d. and is likely to be augmented rapidly as a result of measures decided upon at the recent meeting of the Hospital Board. A street collection is to be held shortly, £1,000 has been set aside by the Provincial Council and about £100 will accrue as the share of the proceeds of the special dirt track race meeting held recently at the Wanderers. It was also announced at the Board meeting that Mr.

Michael H. Kam had offered his services in an honorary capacity and the Board decided to await the response to the appeal issued through the Press and if such appeal were not successful the Board would gladly avail itself of his services.

#### NEW YIDDISH COMPANY.

The long expected Yiddish Company has arrived from Europe and is headed by Minnie Axelrad (late leading lady of Morris Moskowitz), F. Rubinna, H. Fostel, Dora Nathan, Leon Frouman, Anna Frouman, H. Wiltler. They opened on Monday last, 29th April, with "A Mother's Sacrifice," and booking is at the Carlton Booking Office. Mr. H. Berman is producing the plays and reports an excellent season in Cape Town, where the Company received high praise. The Company are assured of a good welcome in Johannesburg, where the need for Yiddish plays has long manifested itself.

#### PERSONALIA.

The "Carnarvon Castle" left Cape Town with a full complement of passengers, and amongst the Johannesburg departures were Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Schlesinger and son, sailing on a short visit to Europe and accompanied by their nephew, Mr. S. A. Schlesinger; Mr. S. Kaplan, Managing Director of the C.T.C. Bazaars; Mr. S. Malk, who left on a holiday trip and intends visiting Great Britain, the Continent and America; and Mr. and Mrs. Elias Gordon.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sacke are due to leave for England and the Continent by the "Edinburgh Castle," sailing on May 3rd.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Karnovsky, of Haughton Ridge, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, which happy event occurred on Thursday, April 18th.

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Edelstein have returned from their motoring tour of Natal.

#### BREVITIES.

The Seventeenth Annual General Meeting of the Witwatersrand Jewish Aged Home was held at the Hebrew High School on Sunday last, when the Report and Balance Sheet were adopted and the Officers and Executive elected for the ensuing term.

Brightman's First Annual Staff Ball is being held at the Wanderers Hall on Wednesday, May 8th, and is in aid of the Star Seaside Fund. Exhibition dances will be given by Signor and Madam Canale, the music is in the hands of Jimmy Clarke and his Symphonators, and tickets are

#### A RABBINICAL VISITOR.

South Africa has ever attracted distinguished visitors from Europe, and the present is no exception. In our midst is Mr. Reuben Brainin, the distinguished Zionist and Hebraist scholar, Dr. Miriam Bernstein Kahan, the renowned exponent of Hebrew dramatic art, and now we have to welcome a distinguished Rabbi and scholar from Vilna, Russia. Rabbi J. L. Gurewitz has undertaken a mission in South Africa to raise funds for the Yeshiva in Polish-Lithuania, which, owing to the sad economic conditions existing there at the present, are in sore financial straits.

The visiting Rabbi has just returned from Cape Town, where, during his two months' stay, he made a deep impression and succeeded in interesting an influential committee of communal workers in his mission. He has consented to address the community at a number of Synagogues and large attendances were present when he preached on Friday last at the Berea Synagogue, in the afternoon, and at the Wolmarans Street Synagogue in the evening. The following day, Saturday, 27th April, he delivered a "Droscha" at the Orthodox Beth Hamedrash, in Fox Street, and proved himself to be a fine orator.

#### UNITED TALMUD TORAH'S.

A short while ago it was announced that the Council of the United Talmud Torah Schools of Johannesburg had entered into an arrangement with the Berea Hebrew Congregation whereby Hebrew Classes would be opened in Berea, and it is now reported that these classes will be commenced on 5th May and held at the Corona Lodge, 8 O'Reilly Road, Berea. Hours and days of tuition are Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 3-6 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays, 10-12 noon, and enrolment of pupils is now proceeding. The Berea Hebrew School, as the classes will be known, will come under the direct control of the Council, United Talmud Torahs, assisted by a Local Governing Body to be elected by the members and parents (of pupils), and will be inspected periodically by the Inspector, the Rev. H. Lipschitz.

#### YIDDISH FOLK SONGS.

The gradual awakening of a national consciousness has resulted in Jewry becoming deeply interested in Hebrew and Yiddish Culture, and one phase in particular is that of the revival of Yiddish Folk Songs. Accordingly the Concert held at the City Hall last Saturday attracted more than ordinary interest and

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