

June 13, 1930.

### THE HEBREW HIGH SCHOOL.

#### A Disclaimer by United Talmud Torahs.

We have received a protest from the United Hebrew Schools of Johannesburg against certain statements contained in a letter from a correspondent, which we published in our last issue. In this it was stated, as the opinion of the writer, that the United Talmud Torahs was fast developing into a fiasco, and that the Hebrew High School would shortly close down. The Executive Committee of the United Hebrew Schools of Johannesburg desires to point out that, so far from proving a fiasco, the Union has made definite progress since its inception nearly two and a half years ago. It controls nine schools, having opened two new schools in Berea and Yeoville since its inception, and on July 1st it opens a Hebrew Kindergarten in Yeoville. The Union employs 32 teachers and spends nearly £1,000 monthly. It is pointed out that this expansion and development belies the statement made by the correspondent.

So far as the Hebrew High School is concerned, there is no truth whatsoever in the rumour that it is to close down; in fact, there was recently introduced into the school manual training and cardboard modelling, so that children attending the Hebrew High School should suffer no disadvantages in comparison with other schools.

#### LITERARY MOCK TRIAL.

A unique event will take place at the Jewish Guild on Saturday evening, the 14th inst., when a grand literary mock trial will be held under the auspices of the Hebrew Circle of Johannesburg.

On this occasion "Hebrew Education" will be on trial, and the judges will include Dr. J. L. Landau (Chief Rabbi), Adv. G. Saron, Mr. L. Braudo and Rabbi Rosenzweig. The jury will be elected from the audience. The prosecutor will be Mr. J. M. Gervis, and the counsel for the defence will be Mr. J. Levitan. The plaintiff will be "The Jewish Child" and the defendant "The Jewish Father." The Attorney-General directing the prosecution will be Mr. M. Kritzman.

The whole of the proceedings will be in Hebrew.

#### S.A. JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

A general meeting of the S.A. Jewish Historical Society will be held in the H.O.D. Hall, De Villiers Street, on Wednesday, 18th June, at 8.15 p.m. The following is the agenda:—Your Book—1st issue and suggestions for 2nd issue; election of committee.

All interested are cordially invited to attend.

#### JEWISH GUILD (Johannesburg).

Signori Ferri, Burani and Alec Witkin, assisted by members of the Sistine School of Singing, will give a concert at the Jewish Guild, on Sunday, 15th June, at 8.30 p.m. An excellent programme has been arranged, and members and their friends are assured of a musical treat.

Victor Chenkin, Interpreter of International Songs, will be the guest of the Jewish Guild Executive at a luncheon to be held on Tuesday, 17th June, at 1 p.m. Those who have attended the previous luncheons have enjoyed them very much, and it is hoped that there will be an even larger attendance at this than formerly. Mr. Chenkin, who has a world wide reputation as an artist, will deliver a short address. Booking at the Jewish Guild (Central 5316).

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#### JOHANNESBURG WOMEN'S ZIONIST LEAGUE.

The annual general meeting will be held at the Jewish Guild on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at 3 p.m. Nominations for honorary officers can be received by the committee up to June 14th.

The seventeenth annual report and balance sheet has been submitted to the members of the League, which now amounts to the gratifying number of 830. The report states that the year has been marked by the untiring energy on the part of the members of the committee, and that considerable development has been noted in the work of the various branches of the organisation.

Members of the League assisted in the Women's Keren Hayesod Campaign, and the sum of £3,600 was secured in pledges from 840 donors. The sum of £868 was obtained from the National Fund box collections, and the amount of £240 was raised by branch committees in their special house-to-house collection for the Dunam Drive.

#### PALESTINE KNIT-WEAR.

Mr. A. Landsberg, who recently arrived in South Africa as a special representative of Palestine industries, has succeeded in placing a considerable portion of Palestine goods, special *Hasoreg* brand of knit-wear, with Messrs. Stuttafords, Ltd., of Johannesburg.

These sweaters are of extremely fine quality and at the price sold are excellent value. They appear to meet with the discerning taste of the South African public.

In view of the encouraging result of the trade mission from Palestine, Mr. Landsberg is expecting a various assortment of samples of all Palestinian products about the middle of August with the object of indenting orders for the future.

Mr. Landsberg can be communicated with care of the offices of Messrs. D. & D. Getz, Hatfield House, President Street or to P.O. Box 3331, Johannesburg.

#### OBITUARY.

##### Mrs. H. Sack (Middelburg, Tvl.).

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mrs. Hode Sack, wife of the late A. Sack, on May 29th. The deceased lady was an old and respected resident of the town. She came to South Africa from Russia twenty-seven years ago, and making her home in Middelburg lived there until her death. She did much communal work, especially for the local synagogue, until ill-health prevented her from continuing her activities. The deepest sympathy is extended to the bereaved family in the irreparable loss they have sustained.

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