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ROSH HASHONAH IN JOHANNESBURG.

All Synagogues Crowded.

The observance of Rosh Hashonah in Johannesburg was notable for the manner in which all places of worship were crowded. The large part played by Jewry in local business circles was exemplified by the almost Sabbatical appearance of the streets. Large and small shops in all the business centres were closed for the *Yomim Neroim*.

The Great Synagogue in Wolmarans Street was filled to overflowing by worshippers at every service. Above the ordinary seating capacity of the large auditorium of the *shool*, the aisles were packed with eager and curious crowds desirous of listening to Cantor Inspektor, who had come by aeroplane from Capetown on Monday.

Cantor Inspektor showed himself to be a most capable chazan, who possesses an extremely pleasant voice. His intonation of the services retains the old *negunim* and at the same time his interpretations of the prayers have also the touch of the modern singer.

An eloquent and powerful sermon was delivered by Dr. J. L. Landau (Chief Rabbi) and his words made a deep impression upon the large congregation.

The Air Journey.

Nine hours after leaving the Walmer Castle at Capetown on Monday morning, Cantor Inspektor reached Johannesburg in time to be present at the New Year services in the Wolmarans Street Synagogue. He came in the Fokker monoplane Springbok; of the Union Airways, this being the first journey that the Cantor had ever made by air.

He was the first passenger to leave the mailboat, which docked at 7.30 a.m. The cantor was rushed to Maitland Aerodrome, where Major A. M. Miller, D.S.O., was waiting with the Fokker machine. The mails had been taken in, the cantor climbed aboard, and the aeroplane left at 8.12 a.m.

Cantor Inspektor, with a broad smile and a bowler hat, was the first to step out a Baragwanath Aerodrome when the Fokker landed at 5.20 p.m., after 8 hours 5 mins. actual flying time with an average speed of 124 miles an hour. To all appearances he was an experienced air traveller. He admitted, however, that he had been a little nervous at the start.

"Who would not be?" he said. "I have never travelled in an aeroplane before, and all this happened in a great hurry. Once I had got over my nervousness, however, I enjoyed the trip very much.

"I have never travelled so fast in my life. The fastest I have ever travelled was in a railway train. And I have never travelled so far in one day, but I am very glad to be here so soon."

Cantor Inspektor was met at the aerodrome by Mr. H. Teeger, M.P.C., president of the United Hebrew Congregation, by which body the cantor was brought to Johannesburg for the High Festivals. Other members of the congregation were also present.

After attending the service on the first evening of Rosh Hashonah at the Wolmarans Street *Shool*, the cantor practised with the choir till 1 o'clock the following morning. He was thereby enabled to conduct the services on Tuesday morning in complete harmony with the excellent choir under the direction of Rev. Grossberg.

Air Letter to the "Zionist Record."

When at Port Elizabeth a letter was handed to the Cantor addressed to the Editor of the *Zionist Record* from Councillor A. Schauder who wrote:—

"As Oberkantor Inspektor is passing through Port Elizabeth by Airmail, I cannot miss the unique opportunity of sending you very best wishes, also to your Board, for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

"The coming of Oberkantor Inspektor 7,000 miles and then flying a further 1,000 miles for the purpose of conducting services at the premier synagogue in Johannesburg must be an unique event in Jewish history . . .

"I trust the incoming year will herald a new epoch for us, and from now onwards things will gradually improve, and that we shall be able to carry on our national work without let or hindrance."

Berea Synagogue.

The Berea Synagogue in Tudhope Avenue was filled to its utmost capacity on both days of Rosh Hashonah, and, as a matter of fact, people had to be turned away owing to want of accommodation.

The Rev. S. Steinberg officiated and, assisted by the exceptionally well-trained choir under the skilful baton of Mr. Steinberg, junior, gave an exquisite rendering of the services such as one has become accustomed to from such a past master of the art of Chazanuth as Mr. Steinberg.

One could not help noting the excellent decorum that prevailed in the synagogue during both days, showing in this a good example that could be well followed in some other places of worship. The Warden's Box was occupied by Mr. J. Feltberg, the President, Mr. I. J. Hersch, Vice-President, and Mr. S. Kessel, the Hon. Treasurer.

CHILDREN HEBREW CULTURAL GROUPS.

Rehearsals for the historical play to be produced by the above groups are progressing favourably and promise to be of great interest both to the participants and the Jewish public generally.

It is interesting to note how well the children have adapted themselves to their parts in spite of the fact that until recently they were total strangers to the Hebrew language.

The energetic producer, Miss Ben Jacob, is fortunate in having enlisted the able assistance of Mrs. Grace Salomon for musical direction, Miss Pearl Adler for dancing displays and Miss Levitas as elocution mistress.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO FUNDS.

(Concluded from page 24.)

Somerset East	0 10 0	0 10 0
Salisbury	5 10 0	1 1 0
Strand Somerset West	1 1 0	1 1 0
Stellenbosch	7 19 6	3 9 6
Theunissen	1 15 9	1 15 9
Tarkastad-Hofmeyr	2 7 3	2 7 3
Vrede	1 17 9	2 11 6
Van Rhynsdorp	3 0 3	3 0 3
Volksrust	0 6 0	0 2 0
Willowmore		
Total	£256 14 2	£228 10 11

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

	July	August.
On account—		
1930 Campaign	£2,343 11 6	£1,959 18 2
1928 Campaign	307 6 9	194 0 8
1926 Campaign	0 10 0	3 10 0
Kfar Yeladim, 1930 Campaign	256 14 2	228 10 11
Kfar Yeladim, 1928 Campaign	32 3 6	113 18 3
Total	£2940 5 11	£2,499 18 0

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