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REPORTS OF JEWISH ACTIVITIES IN THE MOTHER CITY  
From Our Own Correspondent.

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## YOM KIPPUR SERVICES.

Yom Kippur was observed here last Thursday with the usual solemnity and reverence. The extraordinarily large number of worshippers and others who every year frequent the synagogues and *minyanim* on this day, were not present last week, and the services everywhere were as inspiring and impressive as always.

It was more than pleasing to note that Rev. A. P. Bender was present at the services at the Great Synagogue on Wednesday evening and on Thursday. He is to be congratulated on his recovery from the indisposition which prevented his attendance at the services on Rosh Hashonah, and on the fact that he was able to deliver two excellent sermons in his usual inimitable style.

## THE KADIMAH ASSOCIATION.

It is indeed with not a little pleasure that I have noticed the awakening of the Kadimah Association after its long winter (and, incidentally, summer as well) hibernation. Mr. Z. Avin, I have learnt, has now become chairman of the association and it is due to his energy and enthusiasm that the latter is able to present a programme for the next few weeks, which should certainly prove an attraction to both members and non-members of the Association.

Meanwhile several interesting functions have been held already. On Wednesday evening, 24th September, Mr. A. Levin, headmaster of the Talmud Torah, lectured on "Jewish Nationalism in the Diaspora." On Sunday evening, 28th September, an extraordinarily good lecture on "Jehudah Leib Gordon" was delivered by Mr. M. Natas, whilst last Saturday night a lecture by Dr. J. Sachs on "Jewish Music," a report of which will be found below, was given. Future functions are a cabaret dance on Sunday evening, 11th inst., a literary trial of Tchernichowsky's *Boruch M'magentsa* on Saturday evening, 18th inst., two lectures on Lamdan's poem "Masada" on Sunday evening, 26th inst., and a "Living Newspaper" on Sunday, 2nd November.

## "JEWISH MUSIC."

One of the finest lectures that have been heard for a long time now in Capetown Jewish circles was that delivered by Dr. J. Sachs, M.A., Ph.D., to the Kadimah Association last Saturday night.

Dr. Sachs chose as his subject "Jewish Music," and he dealt with it in a fashion which clearly showed that he had spent not a little time and thought on it, and that his knowledge of it was as profound as it was interesting. The prolonged applause, at the conclusion, from the large gathering which had assembled to hear the lecture was undoubtedly indicative of the enthusiastic appreciation with which it was received.

Dr. Sachs at the outset dealt briefly with the history of music, and paid particular attention to jazz music, which had become so popular to-day. He deplored the fact that the present generation had become so impervious to the beauty of classic music and had instead acquired a taste for jazz, which merely played upon the senses and did nothing to develop the outlook and artistic conceptions of man.

After speaking of the difference between Oriental and Occidental music, Dr. Sachs went on to speak of the characteristics of Jewish music, which, he said, in spite of the fact that the Jews were so rational a people, was sentimental and yet brimful of life. He laid stress on the large part being played by Jewish composers in the development of modern music.

At the conclusion of the lecture a very hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer was passed by the chairman, Mr. Z. Avin.

## DORSHEI ZION CONCERT.

There was a fairly large gathering at the Zionist Hall last Sunday evening, when a concert under the auspices of the Dorshei Zion Association was held. A most attractive programme had been arranged, and included such items as a piano solo by Mr. M. S. Freedman, songs by Mr. H. Garfinkel, dances by the pupils of the Miriam and Elvira Kirsch School of Dancing, a musical monologue by Miss Elma Feinhols, a sketch, "Yiddin Singen," performed by Messrs. Barks and Kretzmar, and selections from the Maccabean Guild Koon Concert Party.

During the evening a short address was delivered by Adv. J. Herbstein, who dealt generally with the serious time through which Jews were passing to-day and the need for us to stand together and to rally round our leaders.

## CAPETOWN HEBREW CONGREGATION.

The following executive was elected at the first meeting of the new committee of the Capetown Hebrew Congregation:— President, Mr. Sam Goldstein; vice-president, Dr. B. Bernstein; treasurer, Mr. S. Gesundheit. The heartiest congratulations are extended to all three gentlemen.

## GENERAL.

The heartiest congratulations are extended to Miss Bertha Beinkinstadt and to Mr. B. Padowich on their engagement, which has just been announced. Miss Beinkinstadt is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Beinkinstadt, of Capetown, and Mr. Padowich the only son of Rachel Padowich, of Tel-Aviv, and of the late Michael Padowich. Both parties are well known in Capetown and far beyond its borders for their keen and active interest in all matters Jewish, and particularly for their interest in the national movement.

A very successful Oneg Shabbos was held last Saturday afternoon. Mr. Ch. B. Levinsohn presided, and Mr. M. Wolozinsky delivered an interesting address during the afternoon on the Festival of Succoth.



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