

## JOHANNESBURG ZIONIST ASSOCIATION.

## Debate on Current Events.

There was a small attendance at the second meeting of the Association for discussing current Zionist news, held on Sunday night at the H.O.D. Hall.

Dr. W. Sachs, the President, was in the Chair, and in his opening remarks said that in spite of the small attendance they were determined to go on with these monthly meetings. It had become the custom to speak of the present as a period of depression, and it was also one for Zionism.

Mr. N. Kretzmer, in giving a survey of recent Zionist happenings, said that his remarks would chiefly be devoted to the meetings of the Actions Committee and the Jewish Agency. It was a pity that those two meetings should overshadow everything else such as the League of Nations meetings, at which the Palestine Mandate Commission's Report was presented. From the full reports now to hand, they showed how absurd it was to depend upon the small press cables that had appeared. Then there was Great Britain's reply to the Report, which received a very bad press, many of the English papers dealing with it adversely. The British Government must have repented of this reply, as Mr. Henderson himself had tried to get the Commission's Report toned down, in which, to some extent, he succeeded. Mr. Kretzmer dealt with, and gave extracts from, the Report of the Mandates Commission.

The speaker dealt with the Jewish Agency Meeting and gave extracts from the speeches of Mr. Felix Warburg, Dr. Weizmann and Dr. Hechster. He also referred to the report of the British Pro-Palestine Committee criticising severely the British Government's policy and dealing with their future work in Palestine.

A discussion ensued on the various matters raised by Mr. Kretzmer, the speakers including the Chairman, were Messrs. Getz, Osher, Joffe, Levin and Weinstein.

## JEWISH GUILD (Johannesburg).

A lecture of unusual interest is to be delivered at the Jewish Guild on Sunday, the 26th inst., at 8.30 p.m. The speaker will be Miss Marion Goldstein, L.R.A.M. (Honours), and her subject will be "The Theatre as I Saw it in England." Miss Goldstein has just returned from England, where she studied for eighteen months at the Royal Academy of Music. She was one of the two elocutionists who passed the special examination of the Teachers' Training Course at the Academy.

Sunday, November 2nd, will see the opening performance at the Guild of an outstanding Musical Production, namely "The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam," with the full song cycle of "In a Persian Garden," by Liza Lehmann. Some of Johannesburg's best talent are in the cast, and members and their friends are assured of an unusually interesting show. The cast is as follows: Khaja—Mrs. Henry Gluckman; Omar Khayyam—Mr. George Absolom; Mrs. H. L. Karnovsky—Soprano; Miss Jean Gluckman—Contralto; Rev. S. Backon—Tenor; Mr. S. Schragger—Baritone.

The trio which will supply the music is in the hands of Mrs. Ernest Solomon. The producers are Messrs. Ernest Solomon and Sydney Schragger.

## JEPPESTOWN SYNAGOGUE.

During the High Festivals, the Jeppe Synagogue, which has a seating capacity of almost 1,400, was crowded, many being unable to gain admission. The services were conducted by the Rev. A. M. Kaplan, who was assisted by a well-trained choir, with which his fine voice blended tastefully.

Rev. Kaplan preached eloquent sermons. Rabbi M. Katz, of Telz (a son of the late Jacob Katz), delivered several *Drosches*. The *Schachrith* services were conducted by the Rev. D. Menachemson.

In the wardens' box were I. W. Osrin, President; L. Joffe, Vice-President, and L. Freed, Hon. Treasurer. Generous amounts were donated for the synagogue, Talmud Torah, *Gemillath Chassodim* and other charitable institutions of Johannesburg.

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A Great Pianist.

It was pleasant to note that the large auditorium at the City Hall was well filled on the occasion of the first appearance in South Africa, of Ignaz Friedman, the great pianist, who has come here with a world reputation. His reception was a magnificent one and well worthy of his wonderful performance.

In the first place, Ignaz Friedman has a power in his personality which dominates the audience and this, with his strength in playing, makes a mighty combination. There is a technical perfection and maturity in his work which rise to the heights of genius. To hear such piano playing makes an indent in one's musical experience. To hear Friedman is a continuous exciting experience. Such a rippling over the piano keys, such beauty of tone extracted from the instrument, such dazzling technical perfection, all help to make an Ignaz Friedman evening an unforgettable event.

The great pianist drew a large crowd at his second concert last evening and is due to give his third concert on Sunday evening next at the City Hall.

Entertained by Jewish Guild.

On Friday last the Jewish Guild in Johannesburg entertained Mr. Ignaz Friedman, the eminent pianist, to a luncheon. The guest was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Lydia Friedman, and Dr. J. M. Cohen presided.

After being welcomed to the gathering, Mr. Friedman thanked his audience. In the course of his address, he stressed the obligation which fell upon those who valued culture in keeping art alive.

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