

## Death of Mr. Herman Jaff.

We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. Herman Jaff, which occurred in his fifty-second year at his residence in Johannesburg on Friday afternoon last.



The late Mr. Jaff, who was a member of a well-known and highly respected Jewish family in Lithuania, came to this country as a lad, some thirty-five years ago. He was for many years resident in Harrismith, O.F.S., where he built up for himself a reputation as a sterling citizen and keen Jewish worker. Some five years ago Mr. and Mrs. Jaff left Harrismith, to the deep regret of the Jewish community there, and established themselves in Johannesburg, where the family soon gathered round them a host of friends.

The deceased took an active and practical interest in every aspect of Jewish life. He was a keen supporter of all philanthropic endeavour and was an ardent Zionist throughout his life. The funeral on Sunday morning was attended by a large concourse of mourners. The ceremony at the graveside was conducted by Rev. N. Lopato of the Yeoville Synagogue.

### An Appreciation.

It is really difficult to decide whether, in this ugly and complex world of ours, unobtrusiveness, unaffectedness, extreme modesty springing out of perfect sincerity are virtues or defects. The late Herman Jaff, who possessed all these traits, did not stop to think whether they were qualities or defects. They were part of his being, and he probably could not, even if he would, have garbed them in affection or pomposity.

Our great teachers have told us that all these traits which I have enumerated are rare virtues. So they are. But we, Jaff's friends, often felt a legitimate desire to express our appreciation, nay, admiration, of his sterling qualities a little more openly, more articulately. We knew, however, that it would have pained him if we had done so, and we admired Herman Jaff silently.

That is why, from my point of view, it is difficult to decide whether Jaff's modesty was a quality or a defect. It is only now, when this beloved friend of ours is gone, that I can write openly of those virtues which have won my esteem and affection. It is only now, when his ears are closed for ever, that I am able to divulge the fact that, quite accidentally, I came to hear of certain cases where he gave and helped without anyone being the wiser or happier, except the fortunate parties concerned and Jaff himself. The record of these facts can now no longer pain him.

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### Mr. I. Sindler (Oudtshoorn).

The death occurred at Capetown recently after a serious operation of Mr. I. Sindler of Oudtshoorn, who was 62 years of age.

The late Mr. Sindler had been residing in Oudtshoorn for the past 25 years. He was an esteemed and respected member of the community and one of the pioneer members of the Oudtshoorn Israelitish Congregation. The deceased leaves a widow and seven children (two sons and five daughters), to whom the deepest sympathy is extended.

The deceased was laid to rest in Oudtshoorn and at a service held in the St. John Street Synagogue, Rabbi Kaufmann delivered a *Hespet*.

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## A Young Israel Week.

### Interesting Series of Functions.

The Transvaal Young Israel Executive has embarked upon a scheme of conducting a Young Israel Week throughout the Province during *Chole-amoad Succoth*. The objects will be, firstly, to focus the attention of the general Jewish public on the aims and ideas of Young Israel; secondly, Young Israelites themselves will be given the opportunity of indulging in matters specifically Jewish arranged exclusively by themselves; and at the same time the significance of the Holy Days will be constantly brought to the forefront.

The Executive is arranging that each of the affiliated societies in the various towns throughout the Province celebrate Young Israel Week, which is to commence on Sunday, 27th September, and concludes on Monday, 5th October, on similar lines.

The projected programme of activities in Johannesburg will be conducted on the following lines:—

The opening function of the Week will be a "Tarbut" evening—a type of cultural mass meeting—to be held in the Jewish Guild on Sunday, the 27th September, at 8.15 p.m. An inaugural address, launching the Week will be delivered by the President of the Transvaal Young Israel Executive Mr. Israel Dunsky while other speakers will be representatives of the South African Zionist Federation and the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League. Mr. S. C. Ostrofsky, the Vice-President of the Transvaal Young Israel Executive, will be in the Chair.

On the following evening, the Bertrams Judean Society will be "At Home" to Johannesburg Young Israel in the Jewish Guild Hall. Musical items will be rendered and dancing will be indulged in.

A debate with the Sir Moses Montifore Lodge H.O.D. is being contemplated for Tuesday evening, the 29th, at the H.O.D. Hall. The arrangements of this function are in the hands of the Combined Johannesburg Judean Committee. The subject of the debate will be announced later.

The Braamfontein Judean Society will be responsible for Wednesday's entertainment, which will assume the shape of a Succoth Ball. The details of this function will be published as soon as the final arrangements are completed.

Thursday evening, 1st October,—the Eve of Hoshanah Rabbah—has been chosen as suitable for a public lecture in some central hall. The combined Johannesburg Judean Committee has asked Rev. Shrock, of Yeoville, to deliver an address. Dr. Landau (Chief Rabbi) has been approached to devote his sermon for the Eve of *Shmini Atzeres* to the theme of "Young Israel." Saturday evening, the 3rd—*Simchas Torah* Eve—will be observed in the various shools of Johannesburg by Young Israelites.

The Jewish Guild Hall will be the venue of Sunday's function which will take the form of a display by the members of the Habonim Movement, the children of the Jewish Orphanage, and the Maccabee Gymnasts.

The final day, Monday, the 5th, which is, incidentally, a Bank holiday, will commence with a Young Israel Hike, ending with a *Simchas Torah* concert. This will take place in the Jeppe Communal Hall. Hebrew songs will be sung, there will be typically Jewish sketches, etc.

### INTERFUNCTION OF Y.I. SOCIETIES AT GRAHAMSTOWN.

An enjoyable interfunction was held at Grahamstown on the first week-end in August, and representatives from Young Israel Societies in Port Elizabeth, East London and Kinkwilliamstown participated. At the dance held at the Assembly Rooms on Saturday., The president of the local Young Israel Society, extended an official welcome to the visitors. On Sunday a motor excursion to Kowie was arranged, and a dinner and dance held there in the evening. There was a fair attendance at the debate held on Monday morning at the St. George's Hall, the subject being that "Zionism Has Intensified the Jewish Problem." Mr. Schochet (Port Elizabeth) led, seconded by Miss Green (East London), and Mr. S. Frank (Grahamstown) opposed, seconded by Mr. Cooper (Grahamstown). The motion, however, was lost after a considerable amount of discussion, in which the following took part: Mr. S. Levine, Mr. Blumberg, Mr. S. Luntz and Mr. Zartz.

In the afternoon a farewell function to the various societies was held at the St. George's Hall, which completed a most enjoyable and memorable week-end.

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