

Mayoral Sunday in Capetown.

Election of Mr. Louis Gradner.

ON Thursday last a picturesque ceremony was carried out in the Council Chamber of City Hall, Capetown, when Mr. Louis Gradner was invested into the office of Mayor.

The retiring Mayor, Mr. Stephen, thanked Mr. Gradner for his services as Deputy-Mayor. Mr. W. Brinton proposed the election of Mr. Gradner as Mayor. He called attention to the fact that twenty-six years ago, the first member of the Jewish race to be Mayor was the late Mr. Hyman Lieberman. If Mr. Gradner would succeed in attaining the standard set by the first Jewish Mayor, he will deserve well of his fellowmen.

Mr. Brinton pointed out that Mr. Gradner had come to Capetown thirty-four years ago and had been associated with public activities for a large number of years. He had occupied most ably the position of Chairman of the Finance Committee for four consecutive years.

After his installation as Mayor, Mr. Gradner said that his predecessors had set a high standard and he would endeavour to retain the tradition and dignity of the high office.

At the subsequent luncheon, the Rev. J. S. Lewis proposed a toast to Mr. Gradner and described him as "a man of vision, determination and outlook."

Mayoral Sunday has been fixed for September 17th, when the service will be held in the Great Synagogue, Gardens, at 11 a.m., and will be attended by the Mayor and Mayoress, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gradner, and the members of the municipal council and their wives.

Amalgamated Labour Party

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A general meeting of the members of the amalgamated party will take place on Sunday, the 17th inst., at 8.15 p.m., at the H.O.D. Hall. On the agenda, committee's report, constitution, elections of new committee.

All members are requested to attend the meeting.

A Variety Entertainment

Miss Irene Cohn and her pupils will give a variety entertainment at the Jewish Guild on Saturday, the 15th inst., at 8.15 p.m. The entertainment will be in aid of the S.A. Fund for German Jewry and several local artists will also assist. It is hoped that the concert will be well supported in view of its worthy object.

Lecture at Randfontein

On Tuesday, the 19th inst., at 8.15 p.m., Mr. J. Rubik (editor of the Basad) will deliver a lecture in the Town Hall Supper Room at Randfontein on "Our Work in Palestine and the Diaspora."

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Kosher Kitchen at General Hospital.

Fine Work by Johannesburg Jewish Ladies' Association.

The 26th Annual Meeting of the Johannesburg Jewish Ladies' Association was held on the 27th ult., in the Vestry Room of the Wolmarans Street Synagogue. It was reported that in spite of the continued depression, the society has been able to carry on its good work, owing to the following bequests, which it had received during the year: the late Max Hillman, £50; the late Mr. Alexander Goldstein, £25; the late J. J. Smith, £25.

An average of forty Jewish patients were supplied with meals three times daily through the Kosher Kitchen at the General Hospital.

Special thanks was accorded to Dr. Louw and the Matron and staff of the Hospital for the courtesy and hospitality, and to Messrs. Isaacs and Kessel, auditors, for their honorary services.

The hon. officers of the society are as follows:—Mrs. J. L. Landau, Life Hon. President; Mrs. J. Reuvid, President; Mesdames A. Ullmann and P. Wolfson, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. Sam Hirschman, Hon. Treasurer. Mrs. L. Schneider, Hon. Secretary; committee, Mesdames S. Rosenberg, L. Sacks, J. Frame, J. Kruger, S. Rosensweig, A. Schrock, H. Maisels, all who were re-elected.

Eastern Districts Judean Society

On Sunday, the 17th inst., at 8.15 p.m., Mr. Tager will deliver a lecture to the Johannesburg Eastern Districts Judean Society at the Communal Hall, cr. Browning and Marshall Streets, Jeppe. The subject of the lecture will be "Palestine Since the Balfour Declaration."

This is the eighth of a series of lectures arranged by the above Society.

Association of Jewish Groups

A successful combined meeting of the Association of Jewish Groups was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the residence of Mrs. Rosofsky, of Louis Botha Avenue. About 120 members and 25 visitors were present.

An address was delivered by Rabbi M. C. Weiler, who spoke on the "Meaning of Reform Judaism."

In an historical analysis of the subject, Rabbi Weiler showed that reform movements had occurred throughout the history of Judaism and had progressively evolved as a vital religious and social factor to-day. In its essentials it was the same in ethical code, in belief in God and in culture, but it differed from orthodox Judaism in its interpretation, in keeping with the demands of a different age and a different environment.

A short meeting was held afterwards when the chairman (L. Wall) welcomed the visitors and announced that a play-reading of "Der Dybbuk" would take place in October.

In addition to this combined meeting, the individual groups have held their bi-monthly meetings. These were well attended and showed a distinct revival of enthusiasm and interest in this cultural association.

Jewish Reform Congregation

The first service, held under the auspices of the Johannesburg Reform Congregation took place at the Freemasons' Hall on Friday last and attracted a large number of worshippers. Rabbi M. C. Weiler delivered a sermon on the subject of "Tolerance in Judaism." He made a strong appeal for understanding between the various sections in Jewry. The choir was under the direction of Mr. J. Idelson and Miss Anna Donna rendered a sacred solo.

Arrangements have been made for the holding of services during the forthcoming High Festivals at the Freemasons' Hall.

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