

## Sokolow and Habonim

### A Memorable Morning

**HAZAK!** Hazak Ve-ematz!

Thus Nahum Sokolow was greeted by Johannesburg Habonim last Sunday morning. Then, accompanied by his daughter, he walked slowly down the centre of the Selborne Hall between the ranks of uniformed Officers, Bonim and Bonoth. The distinguished visitors went on to the platform to be followed by the leaders of the Movement. Thus one of the most momentous meetings in the history of Habonim was opened. It was simple, yet nobody present was left untouched by the dignity of this little ceremony.

In a few suitable words the leader of Habonim welcomed the President of the Zionist Organisation. His address to them will long be remembered, not so much for the importance of the words, but because they were uttered by a man who had grown old in the service of his people. The children felt this. And it is this emotional experience which will leave a lasting effect on Habonim.

His words must have struck deep roots in the hearts of his listeners. For they are words of admiration for the ideals of their Movement. They showed Habonim as it should be, a goal for which every Boneh and Bonah must strive. They showed that the work of the Jewish people must be done in the open and without secrecy. They showed above all, that the Uniform that the Boneh wears is a symbol of purity and courage. Little wonder then that the children were moved.

Then as a fitting conclusion to the address came the new Habonim song. Its words taken from the sayings of the Prophets, its music translating the wealth of meaning into song, created a deep impression.

The closing stages were simple but fitting. Again Sokolow walked down between the ranks. The impressiveness of the tribute paid by Habonim was eloquently shown by the tears in the eyes of the onlookers.

### Young Mizrahi Organisation

At a meeting held at the H.O.D. Hall on Thursday, the 12th inst., it was decided to re-establish the Young Mizrahi Organisation in Johannesburg, as it was felt by all present that there was no suitable youth organisation in which the religious National Jewish Youth of Johannesburg could interest themselves.

The following are the aims of the Young Mizrahi:—

- (1) To strengthen the observance of the Jewish tradition among the members as far as it is possible under the S.A. conditions.
- (2) To carry on an intensive study of our Jewish Cultural Treasures.
- (3) To help in the upbuilding of Eretz Israel on the basis of the Torah.

Any person desiring to join the above organisation should communicate to the Young Mizrahi Organisation, P.O. Box 7197, Johannesburg.



Dr. E. Bernstein.

### Jew's Free School, London

Re-Union of Old Pupils on Sunday Next.

Among the visitors, who are at present in Johannesburg in connection with the Educational Conference, is Dr. Enoch Bernstein, Headmaster of the Jews' Free School in London. This is one of the largest schools in England and is famous, having been established since 1770. The school is situated in London's Ghetto and has produced many a brilliant scholar.

Dr. Bernstein is anxious to meet any old pupils of the school, of whom there are a number in Johannesburg and along the Reef. In order that these old pupils shall be given an opportunity of meeting the present Headmaster, a reception is being held at the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, Oxford Road, Parktown, on Sunday evening, the 22nd July.

All old pupils are cordially invited.

### Germiston Women's Zionist League

A large gathering met at the residence of Mrs. Sam Kalmek to listen to a lecture delivered by Dr. N. Birnbaum on "The Jews of Russia." The audience was greatly interested in the subject and the lecture was much appreciated. A vote of thanks to the lecturer was proposed by Mrs. Goldblatt.

A reading circle was then formed and arrangements were made for monthly meetings.

Visitors included Mrs. W. Senior, Johannesburg, and Mrs. Cherny and Mrs. Friedman, chairman and treasurer respectively of the Bloemfontein Women's Zionist League. After the proposal of a vote of thanks to Mrs. Kalmek, the hostess, the meeting dispersed.

### Johannesburg Women's Zionist League

**Berea Branch.**—This branch held its literary afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Segil, on Wednesday, the 4th inst. Mrs. Soreson read a paper on "The Destruction of the Second Temple, and Rabbi ben Zakkai." This was greatly enjoyed by all present.

**Yeoville Branch.**—An interesting literary afternoon was held at the residence of Mrs. S. Pincus, on Monday, the 2nd inst. Mrs. E. Gluckman read an illuminating paper entitled "Zionism as the Solution of the Jewish Problem."

Mrs. S. Sieff read the current topical news of the month and some recitations by Miss M. Inglestone concluded the meeting.

### Johannesburg Jewish Guild

The Jewish Guild, Johannesburg, will hold another of its popular socials on Sunday, the 22nd inst., at 8.15 p.m. The programme will include a one-act play, produced by Miss Shelia Nathanson, some vocal solos by Mrs. M. Hilson, a piano solo by Miss Bella Paikin and an exhibition dance by Miss Gertie Schneider. This will be followed by informal dancing to the music of the Jewish Guild orchestra.

A function of unusual interest will be "The Trial of Zabbati Zevi," arranged by the Hatechiya Section of the Guild and the Hebrew Speaking Circle, which has been postponed to Tuesday, July 31, at 8.15 p.m. This function will be conducted entirely in Hebrew. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

A bright and snappy function, a "Spotlight Evening," is being arranged by the Guild of Israel Section on Saturday, 28th inst., at 8.15 p.m., at the Jewish Guild War Memorial Hall. The proceeds will be allocated to the Transvaal Zionist Youth Campaign.

### An Appeal for Clothes

The Witwatersrand Jewish Aged Home, which has 117 inmates and is entirely dependent on voluntary contributions, is greatly in need of clothing, especially men's clothing. The committee earnestly appeal for gifts of discarded apparel, which would be gratefully appreciated. These can be sent to the Home, "The Turrets," Louisa Street, Doornfontein, or the parcel of clothing will be fetched if a message giving the name and address of the donor is 'phoned to the Master, Matron or Secretary (phone 44-4217).

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