

## Students' Jewish Association

LECTURE BY RABBI WEILER.

There was a record attendance at Rabbi Weiler's lecture on "Social Justice in Modern Palestine," held in the Botany lecture hall on Monday, the 13th inst., to the Students' Jewish Association. Mr. H. Stein was in the chair.

During the course of his lecture Rabbi Weiler said that there were different historical phases of Palestine, and to talk on the subject would be a difficult task because people had various opinions on it. The Jews usually have one idea, which when found wanting gives way to another. The thesis was the Diaspora, the anti-thesis was Palestine and the synthesis was Palestine plus Diaspora.

Rabbi Weiler dwelt on the exodus of Jews from Europe in 1881 and 1904. He emphasised the fact that only a small nucleus of Jews went to Palestine; these were the pioneers of the Jewish Commonwealth. They were not "Parlour Socialists," but enacted their ideals. They realised that Palestine could be obtained by neither money nor bayonets but only by labour and this labour should cease to be a fight between the Capitalist and the working man. They also believed in equality and that they should be able to choose that type of society which appealed to them. The working man's society was formed which believed in unity between the workers and employer and which would do away with cheap labour.

The lecturer also dwelt on the different types of settlements in Palestine, explaining the Kvutzah settlement, etc. There were various benefit societies; the towns have all modern conveniences. Women were given suffrage and equality of right which accounts for the few divorces in Palestine.

Rabbi Weiler concluded his lecture with the statement that Palestine would become insignificant if obtained by bloodshed and politics. That his lecture was much appreciated was amply demonstrated by the keen discussion which ensued. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the lecturer by Mr. H. Phillips.

## A Shilling Day

The Johannesburg Ladies' Benevolent Society is arranging a Shilling Day to take place on Sunday, 2nd September, for the purpose of augmenting funds. A special appeal is made to the public to give freely.

The Society is registered under the control of the Johannesburg Board of Charities, and has been in existence for the past 17 years. The objects are to assist distressed families. Canvassers are asked to come forward and give their services. Particulars from the Hon. Secretary. Phone 3015 Central.

## Johannesburg Women's Zionist League

**Mayfair Branch.**—On Wednesday, the 15th inst., a well-attended afternoon social and lecture was held at the residence of Mrs. J. Michelow. Mrs. I. Marks read an interesting paper on the position of world Jewry with special reference to Germany and Palestine. Mrs. Patley and Mrs. S. Gordon also spoke. The piano solo rendered by Miss Gertrude Copans was much enjoyed.

## Obituary

MR. B. BLOCH (JOHANNESBURG).

The death occurred on the 31st ult. of Benjamin Bloch, at his residence in Observatory, Johannesburg, after a short illness.

The late Mr. Bloch was a pioneer of the East Rand, having arrived on the Van Ryn Estates, Benoni, in 1888. He was one of the founders of the Benoni Jewish community, whose president he was on different occasions. He was at all times keenly interested in all Jewish matters and was of a quiet and unassuming character. He was deeply respected by all who knew him and well-known for his kindly disposition and many charitable acts.

## Unveiling of Synagogue Corner-Stone

CEREMONY AT THEUNISSEN

Before a large gathering of townspeople and farmers, Mr. A. Epstein, President of the Theunissen Hebrew Congregation, unveiled the foundation stone at the new synagogue there last Sunday afternoon.

Speaking on behalf of the Town Council of Theunissen, the Mayor, Mr. J. H. van Heerden, explained that the present ceremony had been delayed until the payments on the building had been fully completed. In view of the fact that the congregation consisted of only forty members, the completion of the synagogue was an eloquent example of what could be achieved by co-operation.

Among the other speakers who offered congratulations, were the Rev. P. D. Brandt, Minister of the Dutch Reformed Church, the Rev. B. Odendaal, Dutch Reformed Missionary, Mr. B. de Klerk, on behalf of the Reformed congregation, Mr. J. M. Logie, Anglican Church, Mr. B. Mandelzweig, Mr. A. B. Berman and Senator the Rev. C. J. van R. Smit.

## REFORM CONGREGATION SISTERHOOD.

On Tuesday evening, the 28th, at the Langham Hotel, at 8.15 p.m., a social will take place. The speaker will be Rabbi M. C. Weiler, who will give an address on "Liberal Judaism," and will answer questions. All interested are cordially invited. There will be a musical programme.

## "SECRET OF THE BLUE ROOM" AT THE PLAZA.

The recent success of such pictures as "The Mystery of Dr. X" and "The Mystery of the Wax Museum" is now followed by another mystery thriller in "The Secret of the Blue Room" showing at the Plaza Theatre this week. Lionel Atwill takes the leading role in this film, which should appeal to all picture-goers. The supporting programme is good.

## "LADY FOR A DAY" AT THE COLOSSEUM.

One of the finest actresses on the screen, May Robson, is seen in an excellent portrayal of a mother in "Lady for a Day" which is featured at the Colosseum Theatre this week. She is supported by a good cast of players. The supporting programme and the Colosseum Symphony Orchestra again add to an attractive pro-



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