

## Mr. Leo Tager in the Free State

### ALL COMMUNITIES RESPONDING WELL

**R**EACHING Marquard on Wednesday, August 29th, Mr. Tager addressed a good attendance of the Jewish community at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. Goodman with very satisfactory results for the Keren Hayesod. During his stay Mr. Tager was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Regensberg. Visits to Senekal and Bultfontein followed as reported last week. At Ficksburg on Sunday evening, September 2nd, the local community gathered in force at the Ficksburg Hotel to meet Mr. Tager, but most unfortunately tyre trouble prevented him from reaching the town that night. In spite of this the meeting decided to go ahead with the campaign and a large number of donations were made. The opportunity was also taken of re-organising the Zionist Society, the following being elected to hold office for the ensuing year: Chairman, Mr. D. Tobias; Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. Goldstein; Honorary Treasurer and Secretary, Miss P. Aronson (re-elected); Committee, Mrs. Goldstein and Messrs. E. Cohen, L. Solomon and Sam Levin. On the following Tuesday Mr. Tager was able to fit in a visit to Ficksburg, when he met most of the members of the community and also conferred with

the Zionist Committee and in conjunction with them formulated plans of activity for the Society.

The visit to Clocolan on Monday, September 3rd, was very successful. Warm thanks are due to Mr. A. Lewis, the Chairman, for his valued work. During his stay in Clocolan Mr. Tager was the guest of Mr. Kornblum, of the Clocolan Hotel.

Wednesday morning was spent in Fouriesburg, where Mrs. B. Katz undertook to approach the residents of the village and district for donations on the evening of the termination of Yom Kippur. Later in the day Mr. Tager went over to Tweespruit, where the same evening there was a very enjoyable and successful gathering at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. I. Shevel. Practically all the Jewish residents within a radius of about eighteen miles came over, and contributions were made by one and all, except by those few who had already given in Bloemfontein. Mr. and Mrs. Shevel, whose guest Mr. Tager was during his stay, merit heartiest thanks for the kind hospitality extended to the local community.

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## Rosh Hashonah in the City

### A Brief Impression

**J**OHANNESBURG on Monday and Tuesday last presented an unusual appearance to the person passing through. The city was strangely subdued, as though the great throbbing song of commerce and industry had for the while been stilled. For it was the New Year, and hundreds of businesses were closed.

In all the synagogues of the city there were crowds of people, young and old, who gathered to celebrate these solemn days of Israel—festive days into which there is introduced somehow a note of austerity; for is not the great White Fast at hand, the dread Yom Kippur on which the people of the world pass before the throne of divine judgment for their fate during the coming year?

Men and women were dressed in new clothes, the women presenting a gay symphony of bright colours in this land where Rosh Hashonah coincides with the first weeks of Spring—a mystic herald, as it were, of the new year of the seasons.

And during two days and two nights there was a massed humanity praying before Almighty God, and the white-robed cantors, decked with long talisim as with stoles, sang to the hushed gatherings in the Synagogues the beautiful melodies of their people—grand and wistful melodies that have survived through two thousand years of martyrdom.

And then, on the evening of the second day, the concluding services of the Rosh Hashonah Holy Days were held, and the nation gathering in strange communion far and wide, went back again to the small worlds in which they had their life, to resume on the following day the ways of those worlds in peaceful co-operation with their neighbours.

### The Services in Johannesburg.

**A**T the great synagogue in Wolmarans Street the sermon was preached by Chief Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau, M.A., Ph.D., who delivered an eloquent and impressive oration, which was received by a crowded hall. The services were conducted by Chief Cantor Inspektor, assisted by a carefully trained choir under the baton of Mr. G. Grosberg, who was also Second Reader.

As on previous occasions, the beautiful voice of Cantor Berele Chagy attracted a great crowd to the Beth Hamedrash Hagodel. Cantor Chagy was assisted by Mr. Kapelovsky and a fine choir under the baton of Mr. Ichilchik. The sermon was preached by Rabbi I. Kossowski, Rabbi of the Federation of Synagogues.

At the Yeoville Synagogue the sermon was preached by Rev. A. T. Schrock, B.A., and the services were conducted by Cantor Lopato, assisted by Mr. M. Shapiro and a full choir under the baton of Mr. J. Kantor. The choir earned the highest praise from the congregation.

Cantor S. Steinberg officiated at the Berea Synagogue assisted by Mr. I. W. Cohen and a well-trained choir under the baton of Mr. Solly Steinberg.

The services of the Johannesburg Reform Congregation were conducted by Rabbi M. C. Weiler, and a fine choir under the baton of Mr. J. Idelson. Here on the second day the Haphtarah was read by a youth of fourteen, Master Montague Gordon.

At the Jeppe Synagogue the services were conducted by Rev. A. M. Kaplan, who was assisted by a well-trained choir.

At Ladybrand next day, Thursday, Mr. Tager, who was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Blechman, of the Central Hotel, addressed a gathering at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. B. Proos, over which Dr. Immerman, Chairman of the Zionist Society, presided. There was an excellent attendance and Mr. Tager's address called forth a fine response, which is expected to be substantially increased by a further canvass. Votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. Tager on the motion of Mr. Blechman and to the host and hostess on motion from the Chair.

From Ladybrand Mr. Tager returned to Johannesburg for Rosh Hashonah.

### Peddie and the Keren Hayesod

**T**HE Committee of the Kingwilliamstown Hebrew Congregation, together with Mr. M. B. Cohen and Mr. K. Keet, respectively President and Honorary Secretary of Zionist Society, spent a very enjoyable morning in Peddie on Sunday, September 2nd. As an outcome of the visit substantial contributions to the Keren Hayesod were forthcoming from all the local residents.

Other societies are urged to follow the example of Kingwilliamstown, by securing donations from residents of their respective districts, and thus helping to make the present Keren Hayesod campaign representative, to the extent of 100 per cent., of the strength of South African Jewry.

### Swastika on Slopes of Table Mountain

#### CITY COUNCIL UNABLE TO TAKE ACTION.

It is learned that the City Council of Cape Town is unable to take any official action to remove the huge swastika which has been laid out in whitewashed stones on the slopes of Table Mountain just above the Devil's Peak Estate.

The discovery of the swastika caused a great deal of resentment in the city and complaints were lodged with the municipal authorities.

It has been ascertained, however, that the swastika is laid out on private property and the City Council have, therefore, no jurisdiction in the matter.

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