

The Poneves Society**OPENING OF NEW SYNAGOGUE.**

ON Sunday afternoon of last week the new Synagogue erected by the Poneves Society at the corner of Hilner and Siemert Roads, Doornfontein, was officially opened. A large gathering was present.

Chief Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau delivered an eloquent address and handed to Mr. S. Kruger a golden key wherewith to open the synagogue. An address was also delivered by Mr. D. I. Fram, who presided, and who pointed out that this present Simchah was a double one, since, besides marking the opening of the Shul, it also marked a "Siyum Torah." After mincha, Rabbi Kosowski addressed the congregation, and after maariv, Rabbi Gordon and Rabbi Rosenzweig.

A number of musical items were rendered by the Hechalutz band, under the baton of Mr. Ichilchik.

United Zionist Socialist Party

A DISCUSSION about the possibilities of Peace in Zionism took place at the H.O.D. Hall, Johannesburg, on Sunday last, the 28th inst. Mr. E. Hechter presided.

Mr. Ch. Achron, who initiated the discussion, dwelt on the various proposals of peace which have recently been made, and on the positions of parties. He showed how certain groups have been interested in painting the present position in Zionism in black colours, exaggerating the party strife and overlooking the activities of the Zionist Executive, which have never been so intensive as at present. The speaker then classified the sources of the disruptive tendencies proving that though absolute peace within the Yishub is impossible, more peaceful relations between labour and capital would have been established were it not for the militant policy of a certain group of farmers and industrialists in Palestine. They broke the unity of the Yishub by leaving the Vaad Leumi and by many other politically disruptive actions.

A lively discussion ensued in which Mrs. Tallerson, and Messrs. Hechter, Batnitzky, Wilkov, Wilk and others participated.

THE Annual General Meeting of the United Zionist Socialist Party was announced to take place at the H.O.D. Hall on Sunday, the 11th November.

THE NEXT "OPEN FORUM."

The next "Open Forum" will take place on Wednesday, the 7th November, at 8.15 p.m., in the H.O.D. Hall, under the auspices of the United Zionist Socialist Party.

Dr. H. Sonnabend will deliver a lecture on "Races, Heredity and the Jews." Dr. Sonnabend, who received his doctorate degree in Social Sciences at the University of Padua, is an authority on demography, and a highly interesting evening is assured.

Griqualand West Honours Mr.**G. M. H. Barrell, M.P.C.****INSCRIPTION IN THE GOLDEN BOOK**

THERE was a large gathering of members of the Jewish community of Griqualand West in the Supper Room of the Kimberley City Hall, on Sunday evening last.

The occasion was the presentation to Mr. G. M. H. Barrell, M.P.C. of the certificate of his inscription in the Golden Book—an honour paid to him in recognition of his life-long services to the Zionist cause.

The presentation was made by Mr. H. Stoller, chairman of the Kimberley Zionist Association, who presided at the meeting. Mr. Stoller outlined the purpose of the Golden Book as a record of those Jews and non-Jews who had done great service for Zionism and referred to the sincerity and generosity of Mr. Barrell's efforts in that direction.

Mr. Barrell in his reply expressed the sense of honour he felt in having his name inscribed in a book which included such famous non-Jews as Lord Balfour, Lloyd George and General Smuts. The underlying motive of his work, he said, had been the preservation and extension of those principles of freedom, liberty, justice and equality of opportunity that should belong to all peoples. He spoke of grim events that had occurred in the Jewish past and the necessity they implied for a recognised home for Jewry, "a land where they can live and where they can extend and develop unmolested, and where they would be recognised as a nation and could contribute as a nation in all human activities to the progress and civilisation of the human race."

The Jewish people, he went on, were again passing through tragic times, but he felt sure that they would survive them and still preserve their pristine greatness. True Christians everywhere appreciated the gifts of Israel to mankind and he felt sure that they would condemn the non-Christian acts of anti-Semites and give their help to the Jews. "History shows that no good has come of nations that have persecuted the Jews."

Tributes to Mr. Barrell were also paid by Mr. M. M. Aaronson, president of the Griqualand West Hebrew Congregation, and Mrs. H. Stoller, chairwoman of the Women's Zionist League.

Some well rendered musical items by Mrs. B. Horwitz, Miss E. Maresky and the Reverend Kamionaky added greatly to the happy spirit of the evening.

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Mrs. Levy-Stein**PLEASANT RECEPTION AT
CARLTON HOTEL.**

MRS. JETTKA LEVY-STEIN recently left Johannesburg for Durban and Cape Town; and it will be a source of gratification to all those who assisted her mission, both by contributions and by co-operation, to know that considerable success attended her efforts on behalf of the settlement of German Jewish children in Palestine. As a result, a substantial number of children will be transplanted from Germany and trained as future citizens of the Jewish National Home.

Mrs. Levy-Stein's committee took leave of her at an intimate gathering in the Carlton Hotel on Friday, October 5. Dr. Max Greenberg presided over the company, which included Chief Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau and Mrs. Landau, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hillman, Mr. and Mrs. Falkson (Pretoria), Mesdames W. Senior, I. Hayman and E. Gluckman, Messrs. B. Kaumheimer, J. Port, Dr. W. Pollak, L. Hochstadter, J. Alexander, E. Houthakker and H. Kallenbach, and Miss R. Ancell.

Warm tributes were paid by Dr. Greenberg to Mrs. Levy-Stein and to the members of the committee. A tribute was also paid her by Dr. Landau, whilst Mr. W. Hillman, who has given splendid help throughout, spoke eloquently of the immense value of the object which Mrs. Levy-Stein represented. Further tributes were paid by Messrs. Port and Kaumheimer. In her reply Mrs. Levy-Stein spoke in eloquent terms of the problem which the children's settlement scheme was endeavouring to solve and thanked one and all for their hospitality and assistance.

Senekal Zionist Society

The Annual General Meeting of the Zionist Society was held at the local Synagogue on Thursday, the 18th ult. An excellent year from the point of view of finance was recorded. The chairman thanked the committee for the fine work done, special thanks being due to the secretary, Mr. Nathan Rosenthal. The following were elected to the new committee: President, Mr. G. Muller; Vice-President, Mr. I. Greenman; Joint Secretaries, Mr. J. Besil and Miss Z. Muller; Committee, Mrs. Lutrin, Miss Narunsky, Messrs. Rosenthal, Zaltzman and Rewald.

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