

AMONG OURSELVES

By SHULAMITH

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A Silver Wedding.

This week Mr. and Mrs. Sam Goldstein celebrate their silver wedding anniversary and are the recipients of many congratulatory wishes and messages. Their marriage was celebrated at Stepney Green Synagogue in London, but immediately afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Goldstein set sail for South Africa where they have spent their married life and where, by their communal activities, they have earned for themselves well deserved popularity among a large circle of friends.



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For some eleven years Mr. Goldstein was an active member of the City Council and in that capacity achieved fame by reason of his efforts in instituting Turkish baths in the City. On the Council he had as a colleague an ex-school friend, Mr. L. Gradner, our present Mayor. Both Mr. Gradner and Mr. Goldstein were at Jews' Free School, London, and were pupils of the late Israel Zangwill.

Mr. and Mrs. Goldstein have always taken an active interest in communal life. Mr. Goldstein is an ex-President of the Cape Town Hebrew Congregation and is at present a member of the Synagogue Management Committee and of the Committee of the Cape Jewish Aged Home. Mrs. Goldstein, who was a Miss Hartstone, of Hull, has done her fair share of communal work and is at present a committee member of the Board of Guardians. In addition I have heard that she is an excellent housekeeper and that her delicious pastries and cakes are the work of an artist.

Owing to the Yomtovim I am told that the celebrations will be postponed till the end of the month.

A Musical Career.

Mr. Jack Aronowitz who appeared so successfully with the Cape Town Orchestra on Thursday night has had an interesting musical career. He has made a special study of the interpretation of the works of Liszt and Chopin, and his execution of Liszt's Concerto in E Flat drew appreciative applause.

From an early age Mr. Aronowitz evinced unusual musical ability and in 1929, after successfully winning the University of South Africa Scholarship, proceeded to London to further his musical studies at the Royal Academy under Prof. Claude Pollard. He gained with distinction both the L.R.A.M. and A.R.C.M. in addition to other medal awards.

Mr. Aronowitz is interested too in musical composition and recently in London gave a successful recital of his own compositions.

At the end of this week he is proceeding to Kingwilliamstown to visit his parents,



Mr. and Mrs. M. Aronowitz, before going to Johannesburg where he intends to settle.

It is interesting to note that the South African University Scholarship was won two years ago by Mr. Aronowitz's sister Alice and that this month his young brother Cecil is among those who is competing for this much coveted award.

Vardi and Yoalit.

The stage associations of Eva Yoalit and David Vardi who have so delighted us with their sympathetic portrayal of Jewish life both ancient and modern date back to their early student days when both were members of the Dramatic Society of the Herzlia Gymnasium in Tel-Aviv.

In her pleasing voice, Eva Yoalit who, with her fine olive complexion, brown eyes and dark hair, is an extremely attractive personality, told me of the founding of the Habimah Theatre in Moscow in 1918, first as a school of dramatic art and later as a theatre, under the direction of Stanislavski, and of her husband's association with it from its inception. Since that time both Miss Yoalit (who became Mrs. Vardi) and Mr. Vardi have travelled through most of the countries of Europe, London and America in their work of bringing our national art to the scattered fragments of the Jewish race.

In Eva Yoalit one can appreciate that fineness and strength which make her interpretation of the Bible and the tragedies of the Jewish people so real and moving. Her sincerity is both deep and impressive. She and David Vardi, whose humour is not

without a tinge of tragedy, present to us the infinite variety and richness that is to be found in Jewish life.

Mr. Vardi himself, with his amazingly impressive gestures, is an example of an infant prodigy who has more than fulfilled the promise of his youth. From his early childhood days he improvised his own sketches and is the author of several well known plays, in which he has incorporated his vast and intimate understanding of humanity. His comedy "Lenin's Dowry" ran in New York for two years and both Mr. Vardi and Miss Yoalit appeared in it. They were also responsible for the staging of "The Dybbuk" by a non-Jewish company in New York.

In the past year Miss Yoalit and Mr. Vardi have visited seventeen countries—a no mean achievement—where appreciative audiences have generously acknowledged their talent.

After South Africa, Palestine is their destination and they have plans for studying and starting a dramatic school which will interpret the new national art growing in the rich soil of Jewish life in its own land.

Corporation Sunday.

Those of us who remember Corporation Sunday last year, will be eager to witness this Sunday the religious ceremonial of the inauguration of the second year of office of our Mayor and Mayoress, Mr. and Mrs. L. Gradner.

To see our first citizens bedecked in their robes and chains of office and the long procession of berobed Councillors and Municipal officials attending divine service at the Great Synagogue, is indeed a sight which is vividly impressed on one's memory. I am looking forward, too, to hearing again the dignified service and to listening to the lovely voices of our choir filling the quiet of the Synagogue. Perhaps no less interesting, too, is the sight of so many distinguished persons attending the service.

It is apposite, I think, that this Corporation Sunday should take place just after Rosh Hashona—an occasion when we might do worse, when making our New Year resolutions (can anyone escape them?) than resolve to emulate the example of our Mayor and Mayoress and realise that from each one of us some public service is demanded.

Barmitzvah.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Tockar, of Mowbray, were "At Home" at the Mowbray Town Hall to a large number of relatives and friends on the occasion of the Barmitzvah of their eldest son Tyman last Saturday week.

Rev. S. Michelsen presided and among those who delivered speeches were Rabbi Isaacson, Rabbi Schwartz, Mr. A. Stoliav and Mr. M. Natas.

On behalf of the Board of Jewish Education, Mr. Z. Avin presented the Barmitzvah with an Efficiency Certificate and warmly commended his work.

Master Tokar suitably responded to the toasts in both Hebrew and English.

After the speeches the guests indulged in dancing until a late hour.

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