

## Zionist Conversazione.

INTERESTING PAPER BY  
Dr. F. GOSS.

Dr. F. Goss, a famous international journalist and a member of the staff of a leading paper in Berlin prior to the Hitler regime, was the lecturer at the fortnightly Conversazione held at the Zionist Hall last Tuesday evening.

Adv. J. Herbstein was the host and at the outset gave a short talk on Chanukah, and made an appeal for a revival of the Maccabean spirit and for unity in Zionist ranks.

Miss R. Kessler rendered a pianoforte solo.

Dr. Goss took as his subject "Four Jews and I," and said that he had to include the "I" as journalism could not be purely objective. The "Four Jews" were Ignatz Lincoln Trebeitsch, Charlie Chaplin, Yehuda Menuhin and Professor Einstein, with each of whom Dr. Goss had had interviews in Berlin when acting as leading interviewer for an important American paper.

Dr. Goss gave a fascinating account of his meeting with Trebeitsch whom he met quite by accident and recognised by his striking appearance and peculiar garb. Trebeitsch, said Dr. Goss, was not a Jew of whom we had reason to be proud. His life read like the most sensational novel; he acted many parts during his life and many episodes are not of a too savoury nature. He was Christian pastor, member of Parliament, fortune hunter, censor, translator, German spy, each in turn. He wandered from one country to another and gave his services to which ever offered the best opportunities for the exercise of his wits. He developed an ungovernable hatred of England, who became suspicious of his activities during the war. He spent three years in prison on the charge of having forged Mr. Rowntree's signature, and was forty years old when he left, only to continue his career as opportunist and intriguer. He went to China, Afghanistan, Thibet and Manchuria and spent a few years in a Trappist monastery. He was the Wandering Jew in person, said Dr. Goss, who once severed from Judaism, finds it impossible to be at peace. He could never escape from his Jewish faith; although he tried to become an Englishman, Hungarian, etc., he remained a Jew. Judaism, said Dr. Goss, was too powerful to be extinguished in one of strong character—only the weak could assimilate rapidly.

Dr. Goss went on to speak of his interview with Charlie Chaplin, to whom, he said, it was more difficult to gain access than to the Pope. The first thing asked of him by Charlie Chaplin was where he could obtain souvenirs of Napoleon, and it was not long before he realised that the "clown" was also a student of history, whose life's ambition it was to play Napoleon on the screen. Dr. Goss came to the conclusion that Chaplin's humour was Jewish fundamentally, and had something resigned and melancholy about it—it was laughter with a catch in the throat. It was true Jewish humour; even if Chaplin did not realise it himself he was subconsciously influenced by his ancestors.

Yehuda Menuhin, said Dr. Goss, was a true representative of Jewish art, whose strength lay not in the direction of creation

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## Rev. A. P. Bender Addresses "Sons of England."

Rev. A. P. Bender spoke on conditions in Palestine at the Sons of England Lunch Club on Wednesday. He pointed out that the country was of special interest to that club as England held the Mandatory power over it.

Palestine, he said, was attracting people from all over the world, and the University in Jerusalem was making rapid strides; it would not be long before it would become a great centre for science, medicine and literature, commanding the respect and attention of the whole world.

He hoped that the Mandatory Power would relax the immigration restrictions, as there was a great shortage of labour in the country.

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but of reproduction. No Jewish artist had produced a work of true Jewish originality—he was a "genius of reproduction." Menuhin played Beethoven as seen through Jewish eyes and seemed to be praying while he played. His favourite study was economics and the solving of arithmetical problems. Menuhin expressed to Dr. Goss his great ambition to meet Einstein and this was arranged. The meeting was a historic one, said Dr. Goss, and will ever remain in his memory. They discussed music, Einstein himself being an outstanding violinist, as one genius to another. The conversation turned on art and politics; Einstein spoke on the German problem and from that, on Zionism; the Menuhins are also Zionists. Menuhin and Einstein, said Dr. Goss, were two of the finest types of Jew of our day; they manifested the great heritage of the Jew—the love of learning for one's own deeper satisfaction. They were intensely conscious of their Jewishness.

These four Jews, concluded Dr. Goss, were different from one another, yet were all typically Jewish.

Dr. S. E. Kark, Mr. B. L. Rubik, Mr. B. Mirvish participated in the discussion. Dr. Goss replied.

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## Exhibition at Girls' Central School.

An Exhibition of Children's Drawing, Painting and Sculpture was opened by Lady Phillips in the Drawing Room of the Girls' Central School, last Wednesday, at 11 a.m., in the presence of a large and representative gathering. The exhibition is the direct outcome of the New Education Fellowship Conference, and was made possible by the application of new education methods.

The work exhibited shows a genuine artistic instinct on the part of the children and careful and painstaking work on the part of the Principal, Miss Rosa van Gelderen, and her capable staff.

The exhibition will remain open to the public daily from 9 a.m. till 5.30 p.m. until December 12th.

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## "דער פרעמדער"

A Play in Four Acts by Jacob Gordin will take place in the ZIONIST HALL, HOPE ST., CAPE TOWN, ON SUNDAY, 9th DECEMBER, 1934, AT 8.15 p.m.

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## BARMITZVAH.

GOLDSTEIN.—Samuel, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Goldstein, will read a portion of the Law and Maffir at the Mowbray-Observatory Synagogue on Saturday, 8th December, 1934.

DOBRIN.—Oscar, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. Dobrin, 13, Maynard Street, Cape Town, will read a portion of the Law and Maffir at the Beth Hamedrash Hachodosh, Constitution St., on Saturday, 8th December, "At Home," Sunday, 9th December, at 8 p.m. All friends cordially invited.

## MARRIAGE.

GEFFEN-SALBER. — The marriage of Anne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Salber, Leeuwenvoet Road, Tamboers Kloof, Cape Town, to Saul, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Geffen, Queens Road, Sea Point, will take place at the Gardens Synagogue on Tuesday, 18th December, at 3 p.m. Reception: Zionist Hall, Cape Town. Relatives and friends cordially invited. No cards.

## BIRTH.

SLOVIN.—To Mr. and Mrs. S. Slovin, of Tamboers Kloof, on 4th December, 1934, at the Tralfagar Nursing Home, a daughter. Both well.

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