

# SOCIAL and PERSONAL

The engagement is announced of Miss Sarah Kretzmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Kretzmer of Ascot Road, Bertrams, to Mr. Leon Feldberg, son of Mrs. Feldberg and the late Rabbi Feldberg of Kroki, Lithuania. Miss Kretzmer is well known as a keen Zionist worker in Johannesburg. Mr. Feldberg has occupied the post of rabbi of Bothaville until recently; he is a great-grandchild of the famous Vilna Gaon. Mr. Feldberg is taking up permanent residence in Johannesburg.

Miss Joyce Behrmann, at the recent Afrikaans Eisteddfod, won the Joubert Cup for the best recitation in Afrikaans by a pupil from an English speaking school.

The engagement is announced between Bessie, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Isaacson, and Maurice, second son of Mr and Mrs K. Tatz. Miss Isaacson has been a member of the Guild staff for six years, and Mr. Tatz has been associated with the Guild Musical Art Section for a considerable time. He is at present Vice-Chairman of the Section.

The engagement is announced of Lulu, eldest daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. B. Golub, to Dr. M. C. Bender, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Bender, of Krugersdorp.

The engagement is announced of Ray, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hepker, of Johannesburg, to Reuben, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Kahanovitz, of Benoni.

The engagement is announced of Miss Betty Klein, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Klein, of Bloemfontein, and Mr. Leonard (Louis) Levinsohn, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Levinsohn, of Beaconsfield.

### "JEWISH CONCEPTION OF GOD."

On Tuesday next, the 4th inst., a lecture will be delivered under the auspices of the Jewish Religious Union. The meeting will take place at the Carlton Hotel at 8.15 p.m., when Dr. L. Freed will deliver an address on "The Jewish Conception of God, Man and the Universe." All interested are cordially invited to attend.

### Mr. Justice Greenberg

Elected Member of the Board of Governors of Hebrew University.

AT a meeting of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem which took place in London recently, and over which Dr. Chaim Weizmann presided, Judge L. Greenberg of South Africa, was elected a member of the Board of the Hebrew University.

This is the first time that a South African has been chosen as a Governor of the University and proves another link drawing South Africa closer to Palestine.

### Lecture by Dr. Goldstein

To Speak before S.A. Zeire Zion.

UNDER the auspices of the S.A. Zeire Zion, Dr. A. Goldstein will deliver a lecture on Sunday, October 2nd at 8.15 p.m. at the H.O.D. Hall, De Villiers Street. The lecturer will deal with the evolution of the Democratic Fraction at the First Zionist Congress and show the developments which led to the present-day *Hachalutz* movement.

The lecture should be illuminating to all interested in the labour movement within Zionism. The Jewish public is cordially invited to attend.

### Helman-Friedman.

The wedding took place on Wednesday the 21st inst., in the Jeppe Synagogue of Stella, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Friedman, to Mr. Henry Helman, second son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Helman. The Rev. A. M. Kaplan performed the ceremony.

The parents of the bride and bridegroom acted as unterfuhrers, and the bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by her cousin, Miss Sarah Levy, as maid of honour, and the nine bridesmaids were Miss Cicely Harris, Miss Gladys Friedman, Miss Doris Braude, Miss Sophie Lunsky, Miss Victoria Foote, Miss Aurora Liknaitzky, Miss Golda Riskowitz, Miss Dora Kroomer and Miss Gertrude Bessarabia.

Mr. S. H. Friedman and Mr. Maurice Helman acted as groomsmen. The canopy bearers were Mr. Norman Friedman, Mr. Norman Hotz, Mr. Sackie Helman, and Mr. Charles Helman.

After the ceremony a reception was held in the Selborne Hall, at which 600 guests were present. The toast of honour was proposed by the Rev. A. M. Kaplan.

### "The World of Chassidim and Mystics."

DR. GOLDSTEIN'S LECTURE TO WOMEN ZIONISTS.

The above was the subject of a most interesting and unique lecture delivered to the Women's Zionist League at the Langham Hotel on the afternoon of the 27th inst. by Dr. Alexander Goldstein. Before the address Mrs. Cartoon read a short account of the economic position in Palestine.

Dr. Goldstein, in expounding the "soul" of chassidism, illustrated his points with many stories of human interest.

The lecturer declared that chassidism had been founded by *Baal Shem* during the dark times following the pogroms of Chelnitzky, and satisfied the craving of the misery-stricken masses for romance and the glory of "the other side." Peretz was the first to see the sparks of spiritual idealism hidden under the ashes of a repulsive life. In his realistic stories, Peretz gave the pathetic picture of the Earth of the Ghetto, but the Jewish masses could not have survived centuries of such an earth if they had not had a heaven—a Jewish heaven of their own, a heaven of faith and of legends and mystic poems. And on this poor earth of the Ghetto fell the stars of his chassidic stories and *volkstümliche geschichten*. He opened before the amazed eyes of his generation the treasure of the mystic poems and legends hidden deep in the heart of the people. The rays of the real soul of chassidism shed a dazzling light in Peretz's chassidic stories.

Dr. Goldstein ended his discourse by declaring that things had changed since the time of Peretz, and chassidism was decaying. The descendants were not like their ancestors. The inner spiritual forces of the masses, however, that could have created such legends and such a movement will yet many times burst out in idealism and spiritual beauty.

Dr. Goldstein's address was enthusiastically applauded. Mrs. Toni Saphra thanked him on behalf of the gathering for his unique and interesting lecture.

### MUSICAL SUCCESS.

Mr. Isador Epstein, the well known pianist, who has been teaching in Johannesburg for just a little over two years, has achieved remarkable success with his pupils. This was evidenced recently when out of fifteen pupils sent in to compete in the Afrikaans Eisteddfod, thirteen received first and second prizes. For the South African University, Mr. Epstein sent in three pupils, all of whom passed.

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