

The "Universal Message of Judaism."

ADDRESS TO JEWISH RELIGIOUS UNION.

A fair attendance of the Jewish public was present on Tuesday evening last at the Carlton Hotel to hear an instructive lecture by Mr. J. B. Shacksnovis on "Judaism the Religion of Humanity."

Mr. Max Franks presided.

Speaking as a "Jewish" Jew, with no particular labels attached to his faith, Mr. Shacksnovis said that Judaism inculcated the purest principles of Humanity, regarding social service as the highest charity, and to-day as of old, it commanded "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

The Jew played a great part in the reconstruction of the world, for he built his aspirations on the Divine plan as laid down in the Bible. More than ever to-day, the moral regeneration of mankind was needed, and the Jew's help was sorely needed in that direction.

The speaker instanced the age-old teachings of Judaism as the religion of the human kind from biblical and post-biblical sources, particularly that of the Rabbis in the Talmud. Judaism stressed the love of God and the love of man in the relationship between Jew and Gentile. That factor was also to be witnessed in our liturgy on the most solemn days of the Jewish year.

Israel's Mission.

MENTIONING the universality of God's scheme as applied to Israel, he

spoke of the Jews' great and glorious mission in life. "We had been divinely entrusted with the privilege of disseminating and inculcating to the world at large and simple and sublime ideals of the Godhead and the lofty ethical conceptions," said Mr. Shacksnovis.

Wherever there existed spiritual darkness, wherever materialism and unholy passion reign, the Jew's function was to be that of a Moral Light showing man the path of a brighter, better and more ethical life. Israel was to be the torch bearer of all that was good, noble and beautiful. The ideal of Holiness, running like a golden thread through our sacred writings, should always be uppermost in our consciences."

Judaism was more than a mere code of ethical laws and a system of ceremonies; it was eminently a way of life, not a mere creed. It was a life incarnate, suffused with the consciousness of God. The prestige of our mission was immensely enhanced when the Jew showed that conformity to the demands of his religion developed and unfolded the best of characters. Above all, the Torah was to be our loadstar.

After discussion and questions had been asked and replied to, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the lecturer.

Hyman Sachs Recital.

THERE was a distinguished audience present on Tuesday night at the Selborne Hall, on the occasion of the recital of Hyman Sachs, the brilliant young Johannesburg pianist. He had chosen three ambitious works of piano repertoire — the Cesar Franck "Prelude, Chorale and Fugue," Beethoven's "Sonata, Opus 110," and Schumann's "Carnaval." In these, the artist demonstrated the possession of a fine musical technique and a striving towards the performance of big things on the piano. There can be no doubt that Hyman Sachs has made considerable progress since his last recital here. He is a young artist who should be heard in other parts of the country, for his recitals must arouse interest everywhere among keen lovers of good music.

Mr. Rudolphe Gaillard displayed his fine baritone voice in a number of songs which included compositions of Mr Ernst Lowenherz. Mr. Gaillard sang in gifted manner and his renditions of a group of Schubert lieder were specially notable and enjoyable. The music of Mr. Lowenherz is full of harmony and demonstrates his further development in the art of song compositions. The words of one of the songs were by Mr. David Dainow, the Johannesburg journalist. Miss Marjorie Starke aroused admiration by her work as accompanist. She is undoubtedly an exceptionally skilled musician.

The concert was one of the most notable recently held in the Golden City.

Doornfontein Ladies' Society.

AN energetic committee is in charge of the Grand Ball to be held at the Selborne Hall on Saturday, December 3. The Merry Syncopaters Personal Orchestra will be in attendance and an enjoyable time is assured to all patrons. Signor and Madame Canale and their shadows will give exhibitions of the latest ballroom dancing, during the evening.

The cause is a most deserving one as the Society supports a number of distressed families.

Cantor Berele Chagy.

CANTOR BERELE CHAGY will conduct the services at the Beth Hamedrash Hagodel in Doornfontein on Friday evening, November 25 and on Saturday morning, November 26. The services on this occasion will be of special interest in view of the fact that the famous cantor will sing for the first time with his newly organised choir. Thereafter Cantor Chagy will conduct the services at the synagogues every other Sabbath.

HACHUG HAIVRI.

On Saturday, the 19th inst., at 8.15 p.m. a lecture will be held at the Hebrew High School, at which Rabbi K. Frenkel of Palestine, will speak on "The Situation in Palestine."

"CAPTAIN APPLEJACK" AT THE STANDARD.

A rare attraction in the way of a talkie film will be shown at the Standard Theatre on Tuesday next. This is "Captain Applejack," a Warner Bros. sensational comedy-drama of "piratical" interest. The film is full of sensational incidents and happenings are of a most exciting character.

POLAND'S IRON FIST.

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which have been effected because of the serious financial situation in the country have been disproportionate at the expense of the Jewish population and their institutions.

Too, there is an increasing tendency to clear all Jewish workers and employees out of all official positions and institutions.

When we reproach this "strong" government with its glaring weakness we get in reply an attempt to

prove to us that it is all the fault of that modern scape-goat, the economic crisis, which is held up as responsible for everything. But this is, of course only an excuse, a flimsy bandage to cover the bruised knuckles of the government's "iron" fist.

Jews Heavily Taxed.

FOR in spite of the economic crisis in Poland, in spite of the difficult position of the Treasury, the Government has found the money necessary to assist Polish agriculture and the big commercial

undertakings. The working-class, too, gets relief provided out of the State budgets; but there is no money to do anything for the other sections of the population, to which the overwhelming majority of the Jewish population belongs, although the Jews are weighed under a much heavier burden of taxation than any other part of the population.

It is not only a question of money. In matters which call for no expenditure of money the Government shows its weakness in regard to the Jews.