

## Sir Ronald Storrs

Visit to the Park Synagogue in Johannesburg.

SIR RONALD STORRS (who some time ago was Governor of Jerusalem) spent a few hours in Johannesburg on Monday last. Sir Ronald was on his way to Livingstone to take up his position as Governor of Northern Rhodesia.

Although much pressed for time on account of the shortness of his visit, Sir Ronald rang up the secretary of the United Hebrew Congregation and expressed a wish to view the Park Synagogue in Wolmarans Street. A few moments later, he drove up to the synagogue and was received by the Secretary, Mr. H. Baranov, who showed him over the synagogue building. The visitor demonstrated a deep interest in the beautiful edifice and asked a battery of questions about Jewish life and activity in Johannesburg.

Sir Ronald left the same evening for Bulawayo.

## Cantor Chagy at the Plaza

AN UNIQUE MUSICAL EVENT.

On Sunday evening next at the Plaza Theatre in Johannesburg, the famous Cantor Berele Chagy will give his first concert in South Africa. The magnificent voice of this gifted singer will be heard in a number of operatic items and in a series of old Jewish folk songs in modern settings, and also a number of recently composed Hebrew songs.

The programme is an extremely varied one and should attract to the theatre all lovers of distinctly Jewish music. Besides the singing of the cantor, the concert will be additionally attractive by the fact that Mr. Hyman Sachs, the brilliant young Johannesburg pianist, will accompany the cantor at the piano.

## LA ROCHELLE HEBREW CONGREGATION.

On the 23rd ult., the La Rochelle Communal Hall was filled to its utmost capacity. An enthusiastic audience applauded the plays and sketches by the pupils of Miss Merimsky. This function was in aid of the Synagogue Building Fund. The entertainment committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Soll, is to be congratulated on the success of the evening.

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## "Deputies" Meeting in Germiston.

A MEETING of the Jewish community of Germiston and district will be held at the Synagogue Hall on Thursday, the 8th inst., under the joint auspices of the United Hebrew Institutions of Germiston and the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies.

The meeting will be addressed by Mr. H. Hillman, president of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies; Mr. S. Raphaely, vice-president; Mr. D. A. Bradlow, honorary treasurer; and Mr. I. M. Goodman.

The object of the meeting is to confer with the Jewish residents of Germiston and district and discuss with them matters of vital importance to South African Jewry.

## Women Zionists "At Home"

Farewell to Mrs. Ethel Hayman.

A record number of members of the Women's Zionist League attended the monthly "At Home" held at the Langham Hotel, on Tuesday, the 29th ult., over which Mrs. B. Patley presided. Mrs. Reinhold read out the amended constitution and proposed its adoption; this motion was seconded by Mrs. Bloom and carried. Following this, Mrs. Emmanuel Jacobson read a paper dealing with news of Zionist interest. This was well received.

Mrs. Patley, on behalf of the League, then made a small presentation to Mrs. Ethel Hayman (who is proceeding on a visit to Palestine) as a token of goodwill and appreciation of her splendid work. Mrs. Hayman suitably responded.

Musical fare was provided by the Misses Ann Sacks (accompanied by Miss Nellie Sacks), Myra Meyerowitz, Rose Kowarsky and Mrs. Steele.

## Women's Zionist League

Branch Activities.

*Saxonwold.*—A meeting of the committee of this branch was held at Mrs. I. Marks' residence on Wednesday morning, the 23rd ult., for the purpose of wishing the chairwoman, Mrs. Ethel Hayman, a farewell prior to her visit to Palestine.

Mrs. B. Patley, on behalf of the Central Committee of the Women's Zionist League, wished Mrs. Hayman a happy holiday, and stated how much she would be missed during the coming months. On behalf of the Saxonwold Branch, Mrs. L. Greenberg presented Mrs. Hayman with a writing case, as a token of appreciation of the splendid work she had done in connection with the branch.

Mrs. Hayman, in thanking the workers, said she was happy to leave the work of the branch in such capable hands as those of the acting chairwoman, Mrs. I. Marks.

*Hillbrow.*—On Thursday, 21st ult., this branch held a well-attended meeting at the residence of Miss Spitz, in Olivia Road. Mrs. Balkin was in the chair.

Miss Wellenhyk read a paper on "Time and the Jew," which was well received. The committee voted £10 to the Dunam Drive, the money to be raised by means of competitions.

*Berea.*—The quarterly meeting of this branch was held at the residence of Mrs. Furman, in Webb Street, on the 8th ult. Mrs. Udwin was in the chair. A short paper was read by Mrs. Rajak on current views and events in Palestine. Reports on the collections of the National Fund Boxes indicated that the sum of £32 17s. 6d. was made at the last collection (there being 210 boxes on the lists of this branch).

## "FROM FORDSBURG TO PARKTOWN."

Mr. David Fram, the well-known Yiddish poet has just completed a four-act comedy of Johannesburg Jewish life entitled "From Fordsburg to Parktown." The play, which is full of humorous situations, has been accepted for early production at the Jewish Guild, by the Yiddish Dramatic Circle.

## Death of Ariel Ben Sion

LOSS TO SEPHARDIC JEWRY.

Paris, November 9th.

DR. ARIEL BEN SION (former Rabbi of the Sephardic Community of Belgrade and for many years representative of the Keren Hayesod (visiting particularly the Sephardic and Oriental Jewish communities all over the world), died here to-day in the American Hospital, after a serious illness lasting several months. He was only 45 years of age.

Dr. Ben Sion was the first to bring the Marranos of Portugal to public attention. In Spain he was welcomed as the first Jewish emissary since the Expulsion, and was elected Vice-President of La Casa de los Sefaradim, of which the King of Spain was President, formed to welcome Sephardic Jews back to Spain.

As far back as 1913, he was one of the initiators of the idea of calling a World Conference of Sephardic Jews to work for Zionist aims, and he was appointed General Secretary of a Provisional Committee. When the World Confederation of Sephardim was formed and took an anti-Zionist trend he combated these anti-Zionist activities, and formed the Bene Kedem to counteract them, and engage in Zionist work among the Sephardim.

In the issue of the *Zionist Record* of November 11th, there appeared an illuminating review by Dr. Gaster of Dr. Ben Sion's recently published book "The Zohar in Moslem and Christian Spain." This work is now held as an important contribution to Jewish mysticism.

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