

## Cantor Chagy in Europe

### Enthusiastic Appreciation Shown for Great Cantor

EXTRAORDINARY interest has been taken in Europe at the visit from South Africa of Cantor Berele Chagy, the well-known world Cantor, who is chazan of the Beth Hamedrash Hagodel in Johannesburg. His arrival in London coincided with Chanukah. The service he gave on that occasion, which included a recital of *Chazanut* and folk songs, at the Pavilion Theatre, attracted an enormous and appreciative audience.



Cantor Berele Chagy

A highly eulogistic article on the recital appeared in the *London Jewish Chronicle*. In the course of this, the writer said: "It is in his *Chazanut* that Cantor Chagy gives of his best, for in it he displays not only his magnificent tenor voice, but an interpretation both enlightening and moving of the Synagogue prayers." The writer in the journal also declares that Cantor Chagy demonstrates a high excellence in Hebrew diction.

A critic of *The Jewish Post*—the London daily Yiddish newspaper—after praising the cantor as a great singer, describes his performance as a magnificent exhibition of the art of the cantor.

Cantor Chagy was due to have given a few concerts in Poland and in one or two other European countries. He sails to-day from Southampton on the *Warwick Castle* and is due to arrive in Capetown on February 5th.

### Transvaal Zionist Youth Executive

THE Transvaal Zionist Youth Executive is busily engaged in seeking suitable premises for the establishment of a Central Club in Johannesburg. Meanwhile Room 30, Progress Buildings, has been rented to serve as a temporary office and reading-room. Members of the Zionist Youth and general Jewish community are requested to assist the Transvaal Executive in establishing the nucleus of a library.

Gifts of books and periodicals will gratefully be received, and may be sent c/o the Organiser-Secretary, South African Zionist Youth Council, P.O. Box 18, Johannesburg, or Progress Buildings, Commissioner Street, Johannesburg.

It is anticipated that ready assistance will be forthcoming from all Zionists in this important task of providing suitable reading facilities for Young Zionists in Johannesburg.

### Jewish Libraries in South Africa

From Mr. J. M. SHERMAN (Johannesburg).

To the Editor of the "Zionist Record."

Sir,—Mr. C. Gershter, in his article, "Jewish Libraries in South Africa," in last week's issue of the *Zionist Record*, asks, "What has become of the library of the now defunct Yiddish Literary Society?"

This library was sold to the Johannesburg Public Library, the books of which were sent to London to be bound (or rebound) and will be on the shelves of the new Library when it opens next month.

Yours, etc.,

J. M. Sherman.

### JOHANNESBURG ZIONIST-REVISIONIST ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday night, January 22nd, 1935, at 8.15 p.m., the monthly meeting of the Johannesburg Zionist-Revisionist Association will take place at the Elgin Hotel, Plein Street, Johannesburg. A social and cultural programme has been arranged.

It is understood that a prominent Revisionist, who has just returned from Europe, will give his impressions of Zionism and Revisionism in particular in Europe. Revisionists in Johannesburg and on the Reef are cordially invited to attend.

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THE S.A. Zionist Federation has received a letter from a leading communal personality of Johannesburg, who, together with his wife, has just returned from an extended tour of East Africa, Palestine, the Continent and the United Kingdom, having left in February of last year with the Excursion party to Palestine arranged by the Zionist Federation. The letter reads in part as follows:

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#### "CHUG IVRI"—"BNEI BIALIK."

Under the auspices of the above joint organisation, a lecture will be delivered by Mr. J. Rubik on Saturday, the 19th inst., at 8.15 p.m., at the Hebrew High School, Wolmarans Street. Mr. Rubik, who visited the Orange Free State some time ago and has just returned from the Cape, will speak on "The Jews in the Orange Free State and the Cape Province."

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