

## A HEBREW PROFICIENCY TEST

Announcement by S.A. Board of Jewish Education

THE Council of the S.A. Board of Jewish Education has much pleasure in announcing that it is introducing an annual Proficiency Test Examination in connection with the work done in our Hebrew schools. There will be a Junior Proficiency Examination and a Senior Proficiency Examination. The syllabus in connection with the former would roughly correspond to that of Standard V of the official syllabus of the Board, and the syllabus in connection with the latter goes in certain respects beyond the limits of the complete syllabus of the Board.

Examinations will be held in one or more centres of the Union in the month of September. Pupils who will successfully pass these examinations will receive suitable diplomas from the head office of the Board.

The basic idea underlying the Proficiency Test Examination is the same as that of the Afrikaans Taalbond, and is intended to stimulate the study of Hebrew and kindred subjects. It is natural for young students to expect some acknowledgment or recognition of their work and many a pupil will, no doubt, apply himself with great assiduity to his work when he knows that he will eventually be rewarded with a certificate from an authoritative body.

It is hoped that both teachers and school committees will encourage students to enter for these examinations, and thus help the Board to make these examinations a real factor in furthering Jewish education in this country. Copies of the Proficiency Examination syllabus have been posted to all affiliated bodies and headmasters of schools throughout the country. Private teachers or any other teachers who have not received copies of the syllabus are requested to apply to the Board (P.O. Box 2942 Johannesburg) for same.

### A Men's Society

The second informal meeting of the Men's Society of the Johannesburg Jewish Reform Congregation will take place at the Langham Hotel (Banquet Room) on Monday, the 11th inst., at 8.30 p.m.

Dr. Louis F. Freed will lead the discussion on George Sacks's book: "The Intelligent Man's Guide to Jew-Baiting."

## Cape Jewish Board of Guardians

AN APPEAL FOR PASSOVER RELIEF

ONE of the oldest and most essential services rendered to the poor and needy in the community, is the distribution of Passover requirements and monetary grants to those requiring same. For many years the Board of Guardians has undertaken the administration of the Fund, in order to carry out the above worthy object. This has been done, year after year, with the assistance of a generous Jewish public.

Thus, at least once a year, a little joy and happiness, a little ray of sunshine, is brought into homes which are, unfortunately, usually drab and cheerless.

Those of us who only know of bright and cheerful "Seder" nights, of happiness and of contentment, will surely, out of fulness of heart, give a thought to those whose financial position debars them from observing Pesach in the manner they desire.

Under the auspices of the Hebrew Congregations of the Peninsula an appeal has been issued for funds. It is desired that not one Jewish person in need shall be forgotten this Passover.

Representatives of each congregation will make a personal canvass throughout the Peninsula, and it is earnestly hoped that the response will be in that generous spirit so characteristic of our community. Cheques may be sent to donor's own congregation or to the Hon. Treasurer, P.O. Box 1501, Capetown, made payable to "The Matzo Fund," and crossed.

### Trumpeldor Commemoration

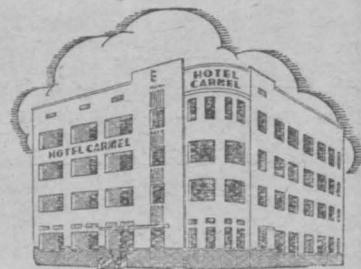
A meeting to commemorate the fifteenth anniversary of the death of Joseph Trumpeldor will be held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at 8.15 p.m., in the H.O.D. Hall, under the auspices of the United Zionist Socialist Party.

Prominent speakers will address the meeting to which all are welcome.

### The Benoni Hebrew Circle

Mr. J. Rubik, editor of the "Barkai" and chairman of the Johannesburg "Chug Ivri—Bnei Bialik" Association, will lecture to the Benoni Hebrew Circle on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Hebrew Hall, at 8.30 p.m. Mr. Nafty will preside. All interested in the revival of the Hebrew language are invited.

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## Johannesburg Symphony Society

NEW SEASON'S FIRST CONCERT.

ON Thursday evening of last week, the Johannesburg Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Mr. Joseph Traunek, opened its new season at the Wanderers Hall, Johannesburg. There was a record attendance, the hall being packed to the doors. Many of the delegates of the Imperial Press Conference were among those present.

The programme was indeed an ambitious one. The major piece of the evening was Schubert's great masterpiece, the Symphony No. 7 in C Major. This classic symphony was played with fine control, and it is certainly a tribute to Mr. Traunek that his orchestra handled it so ably and combined so well.

The second piece was Beethoven's famous "Emperor" Concerto, in which Miss Hertha Kumbruch was the soloist. This concerto, as the programme remarks, belongs to the repertoire of the really great pianists, and while criticism could be made on Miss Kumbruch's rendering, this aspect should be overlooked, for she deserves high praise for the performance she gave. She had a fine command of her instrument and a sound appreciation of the heroic theme of the composition. Especially in the Adagio movement was the quality of her playing marked. She maintained a limpid, fluid tone throughout, in which the music never tended to blur, and she capped this by a strong, spirited performance in the Rondo. She was warmly applauded and encored, and was the recipient of several bouquets.

The concluding piece of the evening was Weber's Freischutz Overture, which was handled with suitable dramatic effect.

This first concert of the season has set a high standard for future work, and there can be little doubt that music lovers will have a series of good concerts this year.

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