

## Famous Cantor Coming to Johannesburg

To Give Recital at Park Synagogue

IT is announced by the United Hebrew Congregation of Johannesburg that Cantor Israel Alter, the world-famous synagogue-reader and tenor, will be arriving at Capetown on the "Guilio Cesare" on Thursday, July 11. The cantor will be met by Mr. Louis Spitz, chairman of the Council of the United Hebrew Congregation, who will escort him to Johannesburg where they will arrive the following day (Friday), at 4.30 p.m.

Cantor Alter will spend twelve days in this country. On Wednesday evening the 17th inst., he will give a recital from *Yomin Noroyim* and *Sholash Rogolom* repertoire at the Wolmarans Street Synagogue. On the following Friday, the 19th inst., and on the Sabbath morning, the 20th inst., he will conduct the ordinary services at the Wolmarans Street Synagogue (the cantor will not conduct any service on the Friday evening of his arrival in Johannesburg).

Arrangements are being made for members to be admitted to the recital and services, prior to the opening of the synagogue to the general public. On Wednesday evening, members of the United Hebrew Congregation will be admitted through the office entrance in Smit Street, from 7 to 7.45 p.m. After that period the synagogue will be open to the general public. On Friday evenings the arrangements are for members to be admitted from 5 p.m. and later the general public will be admitted.

Cantor Alter is due to return to Europe on the "Guilio Cesare" on July 26. If he will be appointed *chazan* of the Wolmarans Street Synagogue, the cantor, accompanied by his wife and children, will come back here early in September, well in time to conduct the Holy Festival services.



Cantor Alter

Cantor Israel Alter is one of the foremost chazonim of to-day. He is thirty-four years of age and was born in Lemberg. For the last eight years, he has been the cantor at the great synagogue in Hanover (Germany). The difficulties of communal life in that country have forced him to leave Germany. He has since then been giving recitals of synagogue music and concerts of Hebrew and folk music in various countries of the world, as the result of which his reputation has been considerably enhanced. He is the possessor of a dramatic tenor voice of fine quality and his diction is reputed to be of a high standard.

Cantor Alter comes to South Africa with a reputation of being not only a singer in Israel, but also a scholar. His brother is Rabbi Moses Alter of Lemberg, and his grandfather held a rabbinical post in the same city for a period of over forty years.

### JOHANNESBURG HERZLIA.

The Herzlia held a successful social and dance at the Criterion Restaurant on the 26th ult. Items were rendered by Misses C. Margolius, J. Hurwitz, R. Weisholtz, S. Rigal and J. Egnos. Mr. H. Braude, chairman of the entertainment committee, was in charge of all the arrangements. During the course of the evening, Mr. S. Sapire appealed to members to give their whole-hearted support to the Zionist movement.

The name of Mr. Harry X. Rajak was inadvertently omitted in the list of office-bearers of the organisation, previously published.

### Johannesburg Women's Zionist League

#### AN ORATORICAL CONTEST

The Johannesburg Women's Zionist League announces the holding of an oratorical contest on Sunday, August 25, at 10 a.m., at the Jewish Guild Hall. This is to be the first of a proposed series of such contests to take place twice a year.

The contest is to be divided into two sections: (a) for boys and girls under 17, and (b) for young people from 17 to 21.

The subjects will be: Section (a) "The Importance of the Youth in Zionism;" (b) Shmarya Levin.

Prizes of £3 3s. and £2 2s., to be expended on books at the Zionist Federation, will be awarded in each section.

Entries, to be accompanied by full details of name, age, and address, should be sent before August 15 to Mrs. S. P. Jacobson, 173 Main Street, Kenilworth, Johannesburg.

#### YIDDISH PLAYS.

Miss Sarah Sylvia, the well-known Yiddish actress, is opening a season of Yiddish plays at His Majesty's Theatre on July 22. Particulars will be announced in the Press.

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## Rev. M. Konviser

### FAREWELL RECEPTION IN KIMBERLEY

A FAREWELL social in honour of Rev. M. Konviser, on the eve of his departure from Kimberley, was held in the Constance Hall, on Tuesday evening, the 25th ult. Mr. M. M. Aronson (president of the G.W. Hebrew congregation) presided.

The Mayor (Councillor W. H. Gasson) eulogised Mr. Konviser's excellent services and on behalf of the community of Kimberley thanked him for all he had done.

Dr. S. Zweiback, expressing the Jewish community's respect and appreciation of the integrity and splendid work of Mr. Konviser, handed to the departing guest, amid prolonged applause, a wallet of money as a token of the community's esteem and regard.

During the evening, too, Master Shirley Lewis, on behalf of the pupils of the Hebrew School, presented to their headmaster, Mr. Konviser, an address expressing regret at his departure and their high regard for his helpful services. They also handed him a suitable gift.

Rev. W. Pescod mentioned Mr. Konviser's untiring efforts to advance the interests of education. He regretted the loss to the School Board of a most capable member, and to the local Jewish community of "a genial, learned and excellent Rabbi."

Mr. H. Stoller (president of the G.W. Zionist Federation) thanked Mr. Konviser for his helpful collaboration during his eight years' stay in Kimberley.

Messrs. W. B. Humphreys, M.P., G. M. H. Barrell, M.P.C., and T. Ericson, M.P.C., echoed the prevalent note of regret at Mr. Konviser's departure, each stressing the fact that Mr. Konviser had played a great part, not only in the Jewish but also in the general life of the city. Mr. G. Haberfeld (president of the Hebrew Order of David, Louis Isaacson Lodge) sincerely thanked Mr. Konviser for the great help he had at all times rendered to the Lodge.

Mr. Konviser, in reply, exhorted his people to carry on their holy work and to continue to combine Jewish and civic loyalties.

Musical items were rendered by Mr. Frantisek Rob on the violin (accompanied by Miss M. Bennie); pianoforte solos given by Miss E. Brenner and exceedingly charming songs rendered by Mrs. B. Horwitz (beautifully accompanied by Mrs. J. Benjamin) greatly added to the enjoyment of the evening.

[Mr. Konviser is spending a few weeks in Johannesburg prior to assuming responsibilities as Minister to the Salisbury Hebrew Congregation.]