

**United Hebrew Schools of Johannesburg
New Premises Under Construction.**

THE United Hebrew Schools of Johannesburg, of which the Chief Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau is the Hon. Life President, is an institution which for a great number of years has been fulfilling one of the fundamental functions in the life of the local community by looking after the Hebrew education of the younger generation.

The "United" has a network of nine schools in the city and suburbs and has in its care close on 900 children who are receiving sound systematic tuition in the Hebrew language, laws and customs, and Jewish history.

Unfortunately the institution has been performing its great work heavily handicapped by lack of funds, local Jewry having hitherto not extended the deserved support, with the consequence that not only have premises grown too small for the accommodation of the increasing number of children seeking admission to the schools, but have fallen into a grave state of disrepair. This applies in particular to the Doornfontein School which has a roll of over 250 children. The premises were in a dangerous condition and unless action was taken immediately it was feared that the school would have to be closed down. Depriving 250 children of their Hebrew education could not be contemplated and with the assistance therefore of some good friends of the institution, who have come forward with their help when most needed, a scheme has been embarked upon for the alteration and renovation of the Doornfontein School. When completed modern up-to-date premises with additional class rooms to cater for the expected increase in pupils will be available for the Jewish children in the district.

The reconstruction has been undertaken by the well known builders and contractors, Messrs. S. Stein and Son. Mr. S. Stein, who is keenly interested in the welfare of the institution, has made the supervision of the operations his personal concern. Many prominent firms in the city have given their support to the scheme by contributions of material or labour, and it is confidently expected that further generous support in cash or kind will be forthcoming when the committee approaches members of the community during the coming week.

The council of the United Hebrew Schools of Johannesburg wishes to express its grateful thanks to the following for their generosity: Hillman Bros., 1,600 iron sheets; Sand and Co., Ltd., 12,000 Coronation bricks; Kowarsky and Co., lime; Furman Glass Co., Ltd., 1,000 square feet glass; Rhodesian Timbers, Ltd., 1,000 lin. feet 3 by 9 deal; Kalenbach, Langerman (Pty.), Ltd., 1,600 feet flooring; Gratus and Gratus, Steel windows; Clyde Trading Co., paints; M. Pihrer and Son, 1 truck plaster lime; M. Kavin, plumbing; A. B. Silver and Co., Electrical installation; Hofman Bros. (Pty.), Ltd., galvanised iron; Spilkin Newfield and Co. (Pty.), Ltd., reinforcements.

Habonim and Zionist Youth

NORTHERN SUBURBS ARRANGING JOINT FUNCTION.

A function between the Habonim Gedudim in the Northern districts of Johannesburg and the local Zionist Society of the same area, will take place at the Berea School Hall, on Saturday, the 12th prox. The function will commence with a short address on the significance of Chanukah, followed by a fancy dress parade open to youth up to the age of 16. A Chanukah play presented jointly by the two sections will follow, and the evening will close with an impromptu dance for the senior members.

JEWISH GUILD (Johannesburg).

An inter-debate will be held at the Jewish Guild on Sunday, the 29th inst., at 8.30 p.m., between the Jewish Guild public speaking and debating section and the Students' Jewish Association, the subject being "That the Dominant Note of Palestinian Policy should be an Industrial one rather than one of 'back to the land.'" The Students' Jewish Association will speak for the motion and the public speaking section will oppose. Mr. H. Goss will preside. Admission is free to all.

The Jewish Guild dramatic section will present George Bernard Shaw's play "Candida" on Sundays, the 13th and 20th December. The production is in the hands of Miss Sheila Nathanson, and she is supported by an able cast.

On Sunday, the 6th December, the dramatic and musical art section will hold a cabaret, at which Alec Benjamin's personal band of five will supply the music.

**Planting Trees in the Dizengoff Forest
Keen Support All Over South Africa.**

REPORTS from all parts of the country tell of the efforts made by Jewish communities for the Dizengoff Forest. Of the larger centres, Johannesburg was the first to commence the drive which has now been completed in a number of its suburbs. The various branches of the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League, greatly assisted by Zionist Youth, were in charge of the execution of all the arrangements in their respective localities.

Capetown and other centres in the Western Province inaugurated a large-scale drive on Sunday, the 15th inst., while Pretoria will begin its effort on Sunday, the 22nd inst.

Balfour Park

Inauguration Ceremony on December 6.

THE ceremony inaugurating the development of the spacious grounds of the newly-purchased Balfour Park will be held on Sunday, December 6, at 3 p.m., at the park. The fine stretch of ground is situated in the new township "Northview," six miles from the City Hall on the Pretoria Road (off 12th Avenue).

THE Governing Body of "Balfour Park" advises that the following ladies and gentlemen have become donor members of the association to date:—

Mesdames A. J. Israel, I. Jacobson, Marjorie Jacobson, Ray Jacobson, H. L. Karnovsky, N. Kirschner, Harry Lourie, Nadia Lourie, S. Leftwich, W. Senior, B. Silberman, S. L. Sive, and the Misses Joan B. Jacobson, Edith Sonnenberg and Edith Wainstein.

Messrs. J. A. Horvitch, A. J. Israel, Bernard M. Jacobson, H. Kallenbach, H. L. Karnovsky, N. Kirschner, H. Lourie, N. Lourie, I. Maltz, H. B. Michalow, S. J. Pitts, I. B. Rudaizky, W. Senior, S. L. Sive and H. Wittert.

The levelling of the centre ground, suitable for soccer, cricket, rugby and athletics, is the first portion of the development scheme to be undertaken, and the contract for this has already been given out. It is anticipated that this ground will be ready for use by not later than the 1st March, 1937, when the first sporting event at "Balfour Park" will take place.

Full particulars regarding "Balfour Park" can be secured from the secretaries, "Balfour Park," Box 19, Johannesburg, or 6th Floor, Stability Buildings, Fox Street, Johannesburg.

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