

NEW SYNAGOGUE IN PRETORIA

Opening Ceremony on Sunday Last

The official opening of the new synagogue of the Adath Israel Congregation took place on Sunday, the 29th ult., at 11 a.m.

Mr. Lichtenstein presented a golden key to Mr. M. Pearlman, who performed the opening ceremony. Mr. Pearlman expressed his pleasure at the honour given him, and hoped that the new synagogue would serve the highest ideals of the Jewish religion and would enjoy a long life of service to the Jewish community generally.

A hearty welcome to all visitors was extended by Mr. M. Resnik. Among those present were Rabbi Kossowsky, Mr. M. Susman, on behalf of the Federation of Synagogues, and representatives of almost all the Pretoria Hebrew institutions. Mr. M. Resnik outlined the circumstances leading up to the building of the shul, and remarked that only the continued energy, enterprise and sacrifices of several devoted members had made the project possible.

Rabbi Kossowsky, who was accorded an ovation, brought greetings to the

leaders of the congregation and remarked that the main function of the synagogue was to unite the people with God and this could not be achieved without peace. The number of places of worship was immaterial—there could be numerous shuls, but there should be only one Kehila, he added. He appealed to the gathering to consecrate the new shul to this ideal, to bring the people to the synagogue, promote genuine brotherly love and unite the worshippers with God.

Mr. H. Sappirstein proposed a vote of thanks to the visitors and in particular to those who had travelled long distances to share the *simcha* with them.

The service was conducted by Cantor Inspektor and a male adult choir.

Wives of members provided refreshments for the entire gathering and the function proved a happy event from every point of view.

Cantor Inspektor has been engaged for 12 months and will conduct Friday night and Sabbath services as well as the High Festivals.

S.A. Jewish Ex-Service League

The annual commemoration service of the S.A. Jewish Ex-Service League will be held at the S.A. Jewish War Memorial Hall, corner Bree and Von Brandis Streets, Johannesburg, on Sunday, the 12th inst., at 2.30 p.m. Rev. Dr. A. T. Shrock, Chaplain to the League, will officiate, and the parade of Jewish ex-Servicemen will be under the command of Capt. M. Summerfield, M.C., President to the League.

A cordial invitation is extended to all Jewish ex-Servicemen, Jewish ranks of the Defence Force, V.A.D.'s and relatives of the fallen to attend.

Hashomer Hatzair

Mr. A. Abrahamson, the organiser-secretary of the South African Zionist Youth Council, will deliver an address at the Coronation Hall, cor. Claim and Plein Streets, on Saturday, the 11th inst., at 8.15 p.m. He will speak on his impressions of the Hashomer Hatzair activity in Eretz Israel. An invitation is extended to all those interested to be present.

A concert is to take place under the auspices of the organisation on Saturday, October 9, at the Jewish Guild Hall.

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SPORTS

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PETEY SARRON RETAINS HIS TITLE

But Miller Fights Magnificently

Over twenty thousand fans swarmed to the Wanderers last Saturday night to witness the first world title fight ever staged in South Africa. Amidst tense excitement that defied the icy wind that swept over the arena, Petey Sarron, the feather-weight champion of the world, opened cautiously against taciturn Freddie Miller, the challenger. The champion weaved, ducked and swung his vicious left at the moving target. Miller, cool and collected, anticipated and opened the scoring. Holding, clinching, and punching, both men set a terrific pace while thousands of voices cheered their heroes on.

Sarron scored heavily in the third round, smashing in hard rights and following up with a fast two-handed attack. Miller was unruffled. He waited for an opening and drove Sarron to the ropes. In the fourth round Miller fought back magnificently. He swung in two terrific lefts to the body, but Sarron retaliated with stinging jabs to the body. Thereafter it was a ding-dong affair. Miller gave as well as he received. Sarron danced about flashing out with his swinging arms, punching at will.

Though Miller was timing his punches well, the little champion, with his unorthodox style, did the attacking. In the sixth round he sent Miller down amidst a burst of cheers, but the ex-champion recovered miraculously and went hammer and tongs for his man. The crowd waited breathlessly for a knock-out. But the fighters were as tough as nails. They battered each other with speed and skill, they sent out punches that crashed and rocked each other.

The decision went to Sarron and met with a mixed reception. The margin of victory must have been very narrow, for the loser was as enthusiastically cheered as the victor. This history-making fight was a promotion of that splendid sporting body, the Transvaal National Sporting Club, who are to be heartily congratulated for successfully carrying out a promotion which will long be remembered in the history of professional boxing in South Africa.

S.A. AMATEUR BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

TOMORROW night the national amateur boxing championships take place at the Johannesburg City Hall. The cream of South Africa's amateur boxers will be seen in action and these pugilists will go all out to win their titles. Competition promises to be keener than ever this year for the championships will be an indication as to the team South Africa sends to the British Empire Games.

Among the many entries are two talented Jewish boxers. L. Lipschitz is once more in the fly-weight section. He will be up against some pretty tough opposition, and it will be interesting to see how he will fare. Perhaps the card of the evening will be Jackie Hahn, the crack welter-weight, who is regarded as a strong candidate for the Springbok team. Here's wishing them both good luck!



Syd. Kiel.

POSSIBLE JEWISH

SPRINGBOKS FOR EMPIRE GAMES

THIS athletic season should be a most eventful one; it will see the selection of the Springbok team for the Sydney Empire Games, an event which will have an important bearing on the coming Olympic Games to be held in Tokio. It may be well to note that 1940 is still a long way off, and within these two years a team was to represent South Africa will be to be moulded into a combination to stand the challenge of the world. And since the Empire Games are to be held next year, athletes in South Africa will go all out this season to win their places in the Springbok team. Let us survey the possibilities of Jewish candidates.

This month Krugersdorp will be the venue of what is titled "The British Empire Games' Trials and Krugersdorp Jubilee Games." Will any of the Jewish athletes be most likely to participate in these games? In the sprints I plump for Maurice Van der Merwe. Here is a class runner with a fine sense of speed. He shoots along at the crack of the pistol, strikes with grace, increases his pace as he finishes strongly. Yes, "Van" would be a strong candidate.

Sydney Kiel, unlucky but brilliant should be in the running for the hurdles. He may be considered a very fast runner, but actually he is only in his early twenties, and, more, he has stamina and the style that improve with training.

These two young athletes are the best I can think of—there may be more. Let us watch and see!

CUTHBERT'S FOR GOLF SHOES