

ARE THE SUFFERERS IN RUSSIA?

Interesting Lecture by Mr. B. L. Rubik

"Bolshevism and the Jews" was the subject of an address delivered by Mr. B. L. Rubik, LL.B., to the Unitarian Literary Society at the Unitarian Church in Capetown, on the 26th ult. Captain D. Cameron Swan presided.

In giving a detailed account of the rise of the revolutionary movement in Russia, Mr. Rubik showed that it was absurd to imagine that Bolshevism had been fostered by the Jews in Russia, though a small percentage of the population had suffered more from Bolshevism than any other section of the people; but they had suffered, not because they were Jews, but because so many of them represented the capitalist and bourgeois occupations.

Under the Czarist regime, said Mr. Rubik, the Jews had been oppressed and the victims of pogroms, but they had been a group closely knit together, living a strong Jewish communal life. It was not until the latter part of the 19th century that reformatories had begun to appear among the Jews, but even after the revolution, most of the Jewish socialists had been utterly opposed to Bolshevism.

The present regime in Russia had declared anti-Semitism illegal, and had done much to alleviate the sufferings of the previously declassed Jews. But the use of Hebrew was forbidden, and Zionism regarded as counter-revolutionary.

"For the first time, Jews in Russia are realising their hopes of freedom and equality," concluded Mr. Rubik, "but they are doing so at the expense of their religion. The social and economic basis of the 'Jewish problem' are solved by the dissolution of the Jewish people itself."

Branch of Union of Jewish Women

A branch of the Union of Jewish Women has now been formed at Durban. On the 31st ult., an enthusiastic well-attended meeting was held at the Durban Jewish Club, and it was decided to discuss the various proposals from the discussion that place that this move on the part of the Durban Jewish women was a success.

The following executive was elected: Chairlady, Mrs. M. Lewis; vice-chairlady, Mrs. V. Robinson; secretary, Mrs. A. Goldberg; treasurer, Mrs. Meyerovitz. Committee: Messrs. C. P. Robinson, I. Goldberg, S. Bloom, B. H. Bloom, W. Cranko, M. A. Jacobson, B. Sachs, A. H. Simmonds (ex-officio).

Cantor B. Chagy's "Tifiloth Chagy"

Services of Cantor Chagy's recently published "Tifiloth Chagy" (a record which lately appeared in the pages of the *Zionist Record*) have been conducted in Johannesburg and can be heard at Rubin's Hebrew Bookshop, 77 Simmonds Street, Johannesburg.

Mr. I. Mirwish

A well-known singer, Mr. I. Mirwish, conducted the Holy Festival Succoth services at the Kimbri Synagogue this year. The interest of the services was of a high standard and was much appreciated by the congregation.

Johannesburg Hebrew Teachers' Association

On Saturday, the 14th ult., Rev. Dr. A. Shrock called a meeting of the Hebrew teachers of Johannesburg which took place at his residence. About 30 teachers were present and a most instructive discussion arose on the subject of Hebrew education, and the position of the Hebrew teacher in this country.

The following resolutions were finally passed:

(a) To organise a strong and all-embracing teachers' association which would cater for the professional and cultural needs of the Hebrew teachers in Johannesburg.

(b) That the Hebrew teachers' Association take the initiative to organise all Hebrew cultural work in Johannesburg.

A provisional committee was elected.

A general meeting of the Association was held on Sunday, the 26th ult., at the Coronation Hall. Most Hebrew teachers of Johannesburg were present.

The meeting was opened by Mr. Infeld, the temporary chairman of the Association, who submitted a report of work done during the past month, and also outlined the programme of the Association.

The constitution of the Association was then submitted to the meeting by its authors, Messrs. A. Bakst and Crikell, and after lengthy discussion, it was unanimously adopted.

Election of officers resulted as follows: Chairman, Dr. A. Birnbaum; vice-chairman, Mr. V. Rybko; treasurer, Mr. A. Bobrov; secretary, Mr. M. Ben Moshe. Committee: Rabbi C. Chigier and Messrs. Crikell and Infeld.

Jewish Reform Congregation

The service of the first eve of Tabernacles on Sunday evening was well attended. At the conclusion of the service, the congregation adjourned to the beautifully decorated Succah, in the passage outside the Temple, where kiddush was recited.

There was a large attendance at the Succoth morning service on Monday which was fully choral. The children walked in procession, carrying offerings, fruit and vegetables, and the rabbi made a benediction over the Lulav and Ethrog. The children themselves participated in the service, and the rabbi gave a suitable sermon on the significance of the festival. At the conclusion of the service, kiddush was recited in the Succah, followed by the usual Succoth social, which was carried out under the auspices of the Sisterhood. All the children received refreshments. The offerings, together with sweets and cakes, were sent to the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, as a gift from the Children's Congregation.

The service of the last eve of Tabernacles took place on Sunday, the 26th ult., and the children's Simchat Torah service was held on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. There were many children present and a procession of children carrying flags and torahs took place.

A Cabaret

A cabaret is to be held by the Brakpan Women's Zionist League at the Brakpan Town Hall on Wednesday, the 6th inst. There will be dancing from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., and Reg. Clayton's Gaiety Orchestra will be in attendance.

Five Hundred People Attend Silver Wedding Reception

Representative Gathering Present at Home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Sand.



Reading from left: Mrs. M. Sand, Chief Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau, Mrs. Landau and Mr. M. Sand. A photograph taken at the function.

ON Sunday afternoon last five hundred guests were entertained in a large marquee in the grounds of the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Morrie Sand in St. Patrick's Road, Houghton. The occasion was the celebration of the twenty-fifth year of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Sand. Those present were representative of every angle of Jewish charitable and communal life on the Rand. It was an unique occasion.

Chief Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau, who had married Mr. and Mrs. Sand twenty-five years ago in the Park Synagogue, congratulated them upon their successful matrimonial life. Their home had been truly Jewish throughout all this period and their children brought up in the fine spirit of Judaism. They had set a good example to the rest of the community. Other congratulatory speeches were delivered by Rev. Dr. A. T. Shrock, Rabbi S. Rosenzweig and Rabbi E. Zimmerman.

Mr. Sand duly responded to the felicitous addresses and expressed the grateful thanks of Mrs. Sand and himself for the honour accorded them by the presence of so large and representative a gathering. Mr. and Mrs. Sand were the recipients of many valuable gifts sent by a large number of friends to celebrate the occasion.

Johannesburg Women's Zionist League

Yeoville Branch.—A large gathering met at the residence of Mrs. J. Salmonson when Rabbi Gervis visited the branch to speak on "40 Years of Zionist Endeavour."

The lecturer was heartily welcomed by the chairlady of the Literary and Culture Section, Mrs. Schatz.

A short biography of Nahum Sokolow was read by Miss Esther Lutrin and Miss Le Roith entertained the audience with recitations which were well received. Mrs. Pincus, chairlady of the Yeoville branch, proposed a vote of thanks to Rabbi Gervis for his interesting address.

Houghton Branch.—A bridge and rummy afternoon will be held at Casa Mia on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at 2.30 p.m. Games will be arranged for individual players who have not been able to fix up complete tables.

"THEODORA GOES WILD" AT THE COLOSSEUM

Commencing from to-day the attraction at the Colosseum Theatre is one of the best pictures of the year. Starring Irene Dunne as Theodora, the story tells of a small-town girl who writes a successful novel. Melvyn Douglas is the artist who illustrates the novel and the rest of the supporting cast of "Theodora Goes Wild" is excellent. Charles Manning continues to delight his audiences with his conducting of the orchestra.

TEMPLE ISRAEL BALL

Successful Affair at the Langham

The Langham Hotel presented a gay scene on Tuesday night, when the ball organised in aid of the Temple Israel Building Fund took place. A large and representative gathering had assembled to enjoy the evening's entertainment, which was held under the patronage of the Hon. J. H. Hofmeyr, Minister of Mines, and the Mayor and Mayoress of Johannesburg, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mackay.

The committee of women responsible for the excellent arrangements included Mrs. Max Marx, chairwoman; Mrs. M. Cassell, vice-chairwoman; Mrs. E. Jacobson, secretary; Mrs. L. Reichman, treasurer; Mrs. H. Davis Marks, Mrs. L. Marks, Mrs. I. Katz, Mrs. R. Klipin, Mrs. H. Saevitzon, Mrs. L. Hochschild, Mrs. H. Lezard, Mrs. D. Cohen, Mrs. D. Brookstone, Mrs. L. Miller and Mrs. S. Goldblatt. Much credit is due to them for the outstanding success of the ball.

Among those at the main table was Mr. I. Greenberg, chairman of the Temple Israel Congregation, who welcomed the Mayor and Mayoress. During the evening, Mr. Morry Blake and Miss Sadie Regal gave an interesting exhibition of dancing.

CUTHBERT'S FOR GOLF SHOES