

A NEWLY-ELECTED PRESIDENT



[Photo by Jane Plotz.]

MR. J. RABINOWITZ
—who was elected President of the "Gemillath Chassodim" (Witwatersrand Hebrew Benevolent Association) at the annual meeting held a fortnight ago. Mr. Rabinowitz is a well-known communal worker.

Cape Jewish Ministers' Association

A reception in honour of Rabbi Israel Abrahams, M.A., was held in the Old Synagogue, Cape Town, on Sunday, the 14th inst. Rabbi I. M. Mirvish presided and welcomed Rabbi Abrahams, on behalf of the association. He also stressed the necessity of supporting the association.

In proposing the health of the guest, Rabbi Mirvish wished him all success in his new undertakings. This was supported by the Rabbis Morgenstern, Kramer and Gravitsky.

Rabbi Abrahams eloquently responded, exhorting the association to foster friendly relations among its members, and enhance the prestige of the community. The chairman then expressed his thanks to the organisers of the function, i.e., the secretary, Rabbi A. R. Abrahamson, and the treasurer, Rabbi I. Isaacson. The function concluded with the afternoon service.

The Second Isidor Epstein Pianoforte School Concert

The second of the series of concerts given annually by the Isidor Epstein Pianoforte School took place on the 8th inst. at the Selborne Hall, and found an enthusiastic audience.

The programme consisted of works by the old masters and compositions of the modern school.

The artists showed remarkable control over the instrument. Technical problems were brushed aside with ease, and their playing revealed a feeling for beauty of tone and correct conception of rhythm and phrasing.

The artist pupils of Mr. Epstein surpassed themselves. That they owe much to the artistry of their tuition is obvious.

Bothaville

At the pidyan haben of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Richard, of P.O. Mirage, held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Richard, of Viljoenskroon, on Sunday, the 7th inst., the sum of £3 was collected for the S.A. Jewish Orphanage and has been forwarded to that institution by Mr. H. J. Heller, hon. secretary of the Bothaville Hebrew Congregation.

**PRAYERS FOR RAIN
To be Offered Up in All
Synagogues**

Chief Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau has sent out telegrams to congregations in all parts of the country asking that prayers for rain be offered up during the morning services to-morrow.

The Federation of Synagogues of the Transvaal has sent a communication to its constituent congregations throughout the province to have special prayers for rain offered in their synagogues.

AMSHWITZ ART SHOW

"We are here to admire the artistic creations of a Jewish painter, who depicts an episode in the stormy life of our Dutch friends and forefathers, and here an I—an English Bishop—opening the exhibition."

The above remarks were made by the Bishop of Pretoria, the Right Rev. Wilfred Parker, when he opened an exhibition of the Voortrekker panel for the Pretoria City Hall and other paintings by Mr. J. H. Amshewitz, at the Carlton Hotel on Monday afternoon.

The Bishop went on to say that the occasion had a symbolic meaning, which affirmed that the peoples of the Union were determined to work together as lovers of art and lovers of South Africa.

The Voortrekker panel, which proved to be the centre of attraction of the exhibition, and showed the potentialities of the artist, depicts a historic period in South Africa's past. It is a dramatic conception of the Great Trek, and is for the Pretoria City Hall. It was presented by Mr. M. Haskel, Union High Commissioner for Palestine.

The other paintings show the genius of Amshewitz, who is now in his full power as a creative artist and great painter.

"THEATRE ROYAL"

New Play for Johannesburg

An interesting production is promised for the 29th and 30th inst., when the Saxonwold branch of the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League is presenting "Theatre Royal" at the Standard Theatre.

This sparkling satire, which deals with the life of that famous theatrical family, the Barrymores, has never been staged before in South Africa. The cast is a talented one, the players having been selected from various groups and societies. Hubert Crane and Emlyn Norton are the producers.

Tickets are obtainable from all members of the committee and also at Carlton Publix, where the advance booking opened to-day. The proceeds of the performance are in aid of the Jewish National Fund.

Somerset West and Strand

An address on the "Partition Problem" was delivered by Miss M. Oblovitz at a meeting held in Somerset West under the auspices of the Somerset West and Strand WIZO Group, on the 11th inst.

Miss Oblovitz stressed the duty of every Zionist to endeavour to understand the present situation, and to prepare himself to make an honest decision when called upon to do so.

Mrs. H. M. Jaffe presided and after several questions from the floor, Mrs. Hellig thanked the lecturer.

**Visit of Chief Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau to
Kroonstad Jewish Community**

Tuesday and Wednesday, the 26th and 27th ult., were red-letter days in the history of Kroonstad Jewry, owing to the visit of Chief Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau. The visitor was met by the committee of the congregation and the committee of the Jewish Literary and Social Club, and the Rev. A. M. Kaplan. He was entertained to tea at the Victoria Hotel, after which a number of local problems and communal matters were discussed and deliberated upon.

On Tuesday evening, Dr. Landau was entertained at the residence of Mrs. Grossmark by the committee of the Jewish Literary and Social Club. An enjoyable evening was spent, musical items being rendered by Miss Louisa Grossmark and Miss Avis Savage. Miss Esta Tolpas was the accompanist.

On Wednesday morning Dr. Landau was entertained to tea by the Mayor, Mr. Rautenbach, at the Town Hall. Later in the morning Dr. Landau paid an official visit to the General Hospital. There he was met by Dr. Stainer, chairman of the Hospital Board, Dr. van Coller, the superintendent, and the matron. The visitor was shown over the hospital. Mr. Stainer thanked Dr. Landau for the honour he had paid to the institution. In the afternoon Dr. Landau was entertained to tea at the river pavilion. An enjoyable afternoon was spent, after which he addressed all the Jewish children of the town at the local synagogue at a specially held service.

A Reception.

In the evening the guest was entertained at a social given in his honour in the Talmud Torah Hall under the auspices of the Jewish Literary and Social Club. Mr. I. Goldsmid, who presided over a large attendance, expressed the appreciation of the community for the honour which Dr. Landau had paid them by spending two days in Kroonstad.

The leading honorary officers of all congregational and communal activities in the town then also extended felicitations. Greetings were also expressed by the Mayor, Mr. J. Rautenbach, the Rev. Father Hertig, the Rev. J. Sorrie and the Rev. Charles Gould. During the function a number of interesting musical items were rendered.

A striking address was delivered by Dr. Landau, who said he was pleased to see such a fine spirit of cooperation in evidence between Jews and Christians in Kroonstad. He believed with all his heart that the time would come when Jew and Christian would see, understand and live in the spirit of the Bible.

Rev. A. M. Kaplan, Minister of Kroonstad Hebrew Congregation, thanked Dr. Landau for his much appreciated and admirable address.

During his stay in Kroonstad Dr. Landau was the guest of the Rev. Mrs. A. M. Kaplan.

Johannesburg Symphony

Orchestra

Rose Alper, South Africa's colouratura soprano, who is shortly to leave this country and join the Carl Rosa Opera Company in Europe, figures prominently on the programme of the next concert by the Johannesburg Symphony Orchestra, which will take place on Tuesday, the 30th inst., at the City Hall, at 8.15 p.m.

The orchestra, conducted by Mr. Joseph Traunek, will be heard in varied items to please all music lovers. Smetana, Liszt, Mozart, Thomas and Rachmaninoff are to be featured and Mendelssohn's Scotch Symphony will also be played. As at previous performances, it is anticipated that there will be a "full house."

Boksburg

Under the combined auspices of the women's and men's section of the Boksburg and Boksburg North Zionist Societies, a social evening will take place at the Hebrew Hall, Boksburg North, on Thursday evening, the 25th inst., at 8 p.m.

Adv. N. Phillips and Mrs. H. Davidoff will give addresses and musical items will be rendered during the evening. Refreshments will be served and there will be no charge for admission.

The Boksburg and Boksburg North Hatechiya Association are holding a grand Chanukah dance at the Talmud Torah Hall on Saturday, the 27th inst. This function promises to be an outstanding success and a most enjoyable evening is assured. All interested are cordially invited.

Robertson, C.P.

The excellent results obtained in the last J.N.F. Box clearance are a great credit on the box-holders concerned. Particular mention must be made of the following outstanding yields: Mrs. Ch. H. Abramowitz, 7s.; Mr. S. Abramowitz, £3 17s.

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