

BEREA HEBREW CONGREGATION

Re-appointment of Minister

On Sunday morning at the Berea Hebrew School, a special general meeting of members of the Berea Hebrew Congregation was held for the purpose of considering the unanimous recommendation of the committee as follows:

"That Rabbi I. M. Gervis be re-engaged on the termination of his present term of office, on December 1, and that a contract of engagement be entered into with him for a period of five years at a salary of £600 per year."

Mr. S. Kessel, the president, who was in the chair, said that Rabbi Gervis had been appointed last year for a period of one year which expired this month. During the year, Rabbi Gervis had proved himself very capable and had become a real asset to the congregation. He had taken up his position at a difficult time and the record of his work in the past year greatly redounded to his credit. His work for their Talmud Torah was particularly praiseworthy. The chairman then moved the resolution of the council as above quoted.

Mr. L. Bagg, the vice-president, in seconding, referred to the excellent work performed by the Rabbi especially with regard to the Hebrew and religious education of their children. A number of other speakers, including Messrs I. J. Hersch and J. Peitelberg, past presidents of the congregation, and Mr. I. E. Judes, paid tribute to the high qualifications and good work performed by Rabbi Gervis, the former mentioning that both Chief Rabbi Dr. Landau and Rabbi Kossowsky were in favour of the appointment.

The resolution was then put to the vote and carried with acclamation.

TRANSVAAL ZIONIST YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The Executive.—On Sunday, the 14th inst., Miss Rosenstein and Messrs. D. Dunsky, L. Freeman and J. Cohn visited the Witbank Society. During the day they met the members at an enjoyable picnic. Future activities of the society were discussed with the committee and arrangements for the formation of a regular study group were made. In the evening Mr. D. Dunsky addressed a gathering of the youth.

The Northern Districts Society commenced an historical study cycle, the programme of which was drawn up by Dr. Birnbaum, who delivered the first lecture.

Interest to local Zionist Youth led to the departure to Eretz Israel of E. Hirschmann, a former member of the Central Districts Society.

Week-End Camp.—Members from over the Transvaal are looking forward to the annual "under canvas" gathering organised by the Transvaal Zionist Youth Executive.

This year's camp is being held in Johannesburg over the long week-end in December. Intending campers are advised to forward their applications in the next few days as the camp is being limited to 100 members. Application forms can be obtained from the Executive office, Coronation Hall, Plein and Claim Streets. (Phone 221).

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"LAND OF PROMISE" FILM IN KENYA

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A LARGE and representative gathering of non-Jews accepted the invitation of the Kenya Zionist Society to attend a preview of the "Land of Promise" film, which had been sent to Kenya by the Propaganda Committee of the S.A. Zionist Federation. The film made a profound impression on the audience and enthusiastic comments were made by the entire Kenya press.

Writing of the release of the picture the "Sunday Post" says: "When imagination is left to form an incoherent picture of what is happening in Palestine from newspaper headlines, it is illuminating and interesting to see a film which is so produced, that progress is the keynote of what one sees, and one has no doubt whatsoever that the workers made the film, not the film the workers."

"A new and vivid light was thrown on the Palestine problem," writes the "East African Standard," "by this film. An audience which at this distance has little knowledge of the background of the Palestine situation realises, as the story is unfolded, something that is moving in its realism, fundamental, elemental almost, in the national urge which has brought these people together from all the ends of the earth to strive and to labour, to sacrifice, to hope and to achieve. Apart entirely from its purpose, it would be a masterpiece of the art of the screen. The camera technique is brilliant and the life and the types of the race in Palestine stand out clear cut, vibrant and appealing in their earnestness. In this picture we see and sense the earnestness of the task, the confident expectation of success, the ingenuity and enterprise which has given the country new and abounding life and prosperity. The picture provides a new view of the Jewish people as homely peasants and workers, building and creating, welding themselves together again into a new nation..."

Grand Chanukah Celebration

A feature of this year's Chanukah celebrations is the grand concert of Jewish songs and recitations, which will take place on the 28th inst. (dos erschte lichtel) in the Selborne Hall. Cantor B. Chagy will sing a number of new Jewish folk-songs, and Lilla Emden, the accomplished vocalist, will render songs by Mendelssohn, Meyerbeer, and Rubenstein. F. Zigelbaum will be heard in some recitations hitherto unknown to South African audiences. Leonid Birson, of the S.A. Broadcasting Corporation, has prepared a special programme of Jewish music; and Mr. Hyman Sachs will render piano solos, and accompany the singers and violinist. As the programme is both interesting and entertaining, the evening should prove a most enjoyable one. Tickets may be obtained at 5 Warwick House, Joubert Street, Johannesburg.

Hebrew Chanukah Concert

A Hebrew Chanukah concert will be presented by the pupils of the Jeppe Hebrew School at the Jewish Guild on Wednesday, 1st prox., at 8 p.m. A varied and attractive programme, including plays, musical sketches, etc., has been prepared under the direction of the staff and Cantor J. Badash, who will also render several musical items.

Chanukah Service

The United Hebrew Congregation of Johannesburg will hold the annual Chanukah service at the Park Synagogue, Wolmarans Street, on Sunday, the 28th inst., at 5.30 p.m.

Chief Cantor Alter will conduct the service which will be fully choral, and Chief Rabbi Dr. J. I. Landau will deliver the sermon.

All members of the community are cordially invited to be present and Jewish ex-Servicemen and Jewish members of the Citizen Defence Force are specially requested to attend.

Pretoria Women's Zionist League

The above organisation held a successful monthly "At Home" at the Memorial Hall, over which Mrs. Janover presided. There was a record attendance. Mrs. C. Isaacson read an illuminating paper on "Jewish Drama." The speaker said that S. J. Abramavitch (better known as Mendele Monacher Sforim) was the first to attempt to arouse the present interest in the Yiddish language. The most striking figure of the modern theatrical history was Abraham Goldfader who, encouraged by his tutor, Gotterber, was a man of great versatility.

Another notable writer of Jewish drama, said the speaker, was Jacob Gordon, who had contributed over 60 plays.

Miss Jean Cohen, who recently arrived from Europe, entertained the audience with her singing.

A hearty vote of thanks to the speaker and the artists was proposed by Mrs. H. Schewitz. On behalf of the League, Mrs. Janover presented tree certificates to the children of the following members: Mesdames Greenstein, Burman, Behr, Matthews and Kallmeyer. Master Cyril Sliom was also presented with tree certificates on the occasion of his Barmitzva. The hostesses were Mesdames W. Ravid, Regal, H. Sapirstein, Balzam and Ginsberg.

Berea Hebrew Congregation

The last meeting in the year of the cultural section of the congregation will take place on Thursday, the 25th inst., at the Berea School Hall, at 8.15 p.m.

Mr. Blumenthal will lecture on "Dr. Max Nordau," which subject lends itself to most interesting treatment. All those interested are invited to attend.

"CHAMPAGNE WALTZ" AT THE COLOSSEUM.

"Champagne Waltz," the current attraction at the Colosseum Theatre, is a scintillating new "musical" with a cast of singing, dancing and comedy stars. Among the leading artists are Gladys Swarthout, the beautiful Metropolitan opera singer; Fred MacMurray, Jack Oakie, and Veloz and Yolanda, America's premier ballroom dancers. Included in the supporting programme is an exclusive film of the final rugby test between the Springboks and the All Blacks.

MOTHER AND HOME

The November issue of "Mother and Home" published by Weldons, Ltd., London, contains a free gift book of 16 pages entitled "Crafts for Children," as well as a home dress-making section with three free patterns. An article on mothercraft, an illustrated embroidery article, beauty and cookery section, are other features of this number. Copies, which are 10d. each, and for which the Central News Agency are the sole agents, can be obtained from all booksellers and newsagents.

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