

## PALESTINE LABOUR LEADER ARRIVING IN SOUTH AFRICA

### VISIT OF MR. GERSHON CHANOCH



then elected as a delegate from Tveriah to the first National Assembly in Palestine. The following year saw him in America where he was one of the founders of the Zeire Zion Hitachduth in that country and Canada, and was secretary of the Party for more than a year.

On his return to Palestine Mr. Chanoch was engaged in journalism, being one of the editors of "Hapoel Hatzair." An active member of the Central Committee of the Party until the amalgamation, he visited Poland, Galicia, the Baltic countries, etc., as a representative of the Histadruth and the Party. For some time he edited the "Bamaavar," in Warsaw. He also organised the Gordonia movement in Poland, helping to establish it in Danzig, and becoming the editor of its first publication, "Derech Hanoar."

Mr. Chanoch was elected to the Town Council of Tel-Aviv in 1927, and a year later became secretary of the Head Office of the Hitachduth in Berlin. He represented his Party at many congresses and world conferences, and in 1930 joined the editorial staff of the "Haaretz" in Palestine. The affairs of the youth, and the cultural activities of the Histadruth were matters of particular interest to him, and he also lectured for the Merkaz Hatarbut of the Vaad Hapoel on the history of the Labour movement in Palestine. When he took up residence for some time in London, he acted as London correspondent for the "Davar," "Dos Naie Wort," and other papers.

He commenced his activities for the Habima in 1933, becoming one of the founders of the Chug Habima. He has been connected with this work up to the present and is now the editor of the theatrical journal, "Bamah." An outstanding journalist and interesting lecturer, he will no doubt greatly contribute towards the cultural and Jewish public life of South Africa.

Mr. Gershon Chanoch, one of the leaders of the Palestine Labour movement, arrives on the 26th inst. at Capetown on the "Guilio Cesare," to tour this country in the interests of the Zionist Labour movement.

Gershon Chanoch was born in Zametch, Poland, and educated in Brisk. He came to Palestine during the second aliyah in 1913. A member of the "Hapoel Hatzair," he worked as a Shomer in the colonies of the Judea and in the first Kvutzah, "Klandiah," near Jerusalem (now "Ataroth"). At the beginning of the Great War he joined the Kvutzah, "Gan Shmuel," near Hedera, where he remained until the British occupation. He became known as a writer of short stories, essays and articles, which appeared in the "Hapoel Hatzair" and "Haaretz Vehaavoda."

In 1919 he became one of the secretaries of the Party in Samaria and for a year directed the Bureau of "Hapoel Hatzair" in Tveriah. He was

#### A Masonic Ball

The annual ball of the District Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the Transvaal will be held in the City Hall on Wednesday, May 11. The function is in aid of the Transvaal Memorial Hospital for Children and the District Lodge Mark Benevolent Fund. Double tickets are priced £1 1s., and can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, P.O. Box 3995, Johannesburg.

#### GRAND OPERA AT CITY HALL.

Baritone Terrasi and his pupils are presenting selections from Grand Opera at their concert at the City Hall next Thursday night. The programme is varied; there will be a selection from "La Traviata" (Verdi), produced in costume; the first act of Leoncavalla's "Pagliacci" will also be in costume. Other items will include a duet, "La Ci Daremlamano" (Mozart); "Oh Mio Balbino Caro" from Gianni Schicche by Puccini, Meyerbeer's "Oh Paradiso," Verdi's "Caro Nome," Toselli's "Rimpianto," "Solerne In Ovest'ore" (Verdi) and Puccini's "Un Bel Di."

#### Mrs. Eva Kottler's Exhibition

Hand-weaving is an art that is rare in this country. It was for that reason that a large crowd gathered at the opening ceremony at Gainsborough Galleries in Johannesburg, where an exhibition of hand-weaving by Mrs. Eva Kottler was opened on Monday afternoon last. Mr. P. H. Hendriks, curator of Johannesburg Art Gallery, who performed this ceremony, said in the course of his address that we should not forget that the making of a beautiful piece of cloth requires as much taste or skill as the making of a picture.

Mrs. Kottler has studied hand-weaving in Europe. Her exhibition contains a number of beautifully woven articles which have aroused considerable admiration. She possesses a fine sense of colour and design.

#### THE SEFER HAYELED

##### A Barmitzvah Gift

On the occasion of the birthday of the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sher, Germiston, the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Segal, donated two guineas for the inscription of the child's name in the Sefer Hayeled.

## S.A. SCENE

### No Future for Shirt Movements in South Africa

"DIE REPUBLIKEIN" of the 18th inst., in an analysis of the Piquetberg by-election result, comes to the conclusion that there is no future in South Africa for the various shirt movements.

This is essentially due to the imitation of Nazi Party symbols like the Swastika and further to the great part men of German extraction are playing in these movements, which deters both Englishmen and Boers from joining them.

A further reason is the great discord and diversity of leadership between the various branches of Shirtism.

### Greyshirts Co-operating With Indians ?

ACCORDING to a report in "Die Volk" of the 17th inst., the Greyshirts are busily engaged in collecting funds from the Indian community. Sir Raza Ali himself has stated that the Greyshirts eagerly exploited the bad feelings existing to-day between Europeans and Indians. "Die Volk" warns Afrikaners not to be misled by the Greyshirts who preached nothing but a different brand of Communism.

### War on Race Hatred

A NEW organisation, known as the "Council for the Defence of Democracy," has been started in Johannesburg with the purpose of "eradicating racial hatred" and of combating Fascism and Nazism.

The Council will attempt to co-ordinate democratic activities in the Union, and although it has no connection with any other organisation with similar aims, it is prepared to consider co-operating with such organisations.

Mr. A. A. Moore, of the South African Reduction Workers' Association, is the Chairman. The committee consists of Mr. C. B. Tyler, of the Building Workers' Industrial Union of South Africa; Mr. W. Kiloh, who is acting secretary; Mr. A. J. Downes and Mr. J. Hume.

### Yeoville Synagogue

#### Women's World Day of Prayer.

In connection with the Women's World Day of Prayer, a special sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. A. T. Shrock at the Yeoville Synagogue on Friday evening, March 4.

The service, to which Jewish women are particularly invited, will commence at 6 p.m.



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