

# Pastoral Tour Commenced

## Jewish Ministers Visit Centres

The pastoral tour which is at present being conducted by the S.A. Jewish Ministers' Association, is proving highly successful. We give a short account of the visits which have so far been made.

**Parys.**—On Monday, the 7th inst., Rabbi I. Kossowsky (Rav of the Federation), Rabbi S. Rosenzweig, Dr. A. T. Shrock, and the hon. secretary, Rev. B. D. Glass, commenced the Pastoral Tour by visiting the Parys Hebrew Congregation.

They were met outside the town by Mr. Rubin, chairman of the Hebrew Congregation, and the hon. secretary, Mr. Laz Loon and Rev. Mitavsky. Dr. Shrock and Rev. Glass held a Goodwill meeting at 11 a.m. in the Supper Room of the Town Hall. In the afternoon Rabbi I. Kossowsky and Rabbi S. Rosenzweig examined the Talmud Torah children, and a joint committee meeting was held with the committee members of the Parys Hebrew Congregation.

At 8 p.m. a general meeting took place at the synagogue, where a large audience was present. Mr. Rubin presided. Inspiring addresses were delivered on the following subjects: "The Eternity of the Jewish Nation" (Rabbi Kossowsky); "Tradition and Service" (Rabbi Rosenzweig); "Jewish Communal Life" (Dr. A. T. Shrock); "Our Leaders and the Importance of Unity in Communal Life" (Rev. B. D. Glass).

**Boksburg.**—Rabbi I. Kossowsky, accompanied by the Rev. M. Altschuler, of Brakpan, visited the Boksburg Hebrew Congregation on February 10.

The visitors were met on arrival by the Rev. M. D. Klaff, and Mr. L. Friedman. After examining the Hebrew classes and conferring with the local committee, the visitors were entertained to dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Notolewitz.

Mr. B. Grunes, vice-chairman of the congregation, presided at a well-attended meeting in the Boksburg Synagogue, when Rabbi Kossowsky delivered an inspiring address on "The Eternity of the Jewish People," and Mr. Altschuler spoke on "Education, School, Home and Synagogue." The Rev. Klaff proposed, and Mr. L. Friedman seconded, a vote of thanks to the speakers.

Mr. Laz Loon, Dr. Friedman and Rev. Mitavsky expressed appreciation to the speakers.

**Heilbron.**—From Parys the rabbis proceeded to Heilbron on Tuesday, the 8th inst., where they were met by Mr. Misnun, the chairman of the Hebrew Congregation, and Rev. Kaplan.

Dr. Shrock and Rev. Glass held a Goodwill meeting at the residence of Rev. Kaplan. In the afternoon the Talmud Torah children were examined by Rabbi I. Kossowsky, and here also a joint committee meeting with the Hebrew Congregation was held.

Dr. Shrock addressed the ladies at the residence of Mr. Misnun on "Youth and our Future."

At 8 p.m. a general meeting was held at the Synagogue, where Mr. Misnun presided. An exceptionally large audience was present to hear addresses on the following subjects: "Belief and Religion" (Rabbi Kossowsky); "Torah and Charity" (Rabbi Rosenzweig); "Youth and Education" (Dr. Shrock); "Societies and Organisations in Villages" (Rev. Glass).

Mr. Misnun thanked the speakers and Rev. Kaplan.

### Association of Jewish Groups (Johannesburg)

The Olga Guinsberg group held its first reunion after the holiday recess at Mrs. Paglin's residence, Grafton Road, Yeoville, on Wednesday, the 12th inst. Dr. A. Birnbaum addressed the members on "The Wandering Jew," holding his audience enthralled for nearly two hours. His talk covered the peregrinations of the Jew from the defeat of Judea by the Assyrians in the 8th century B.C.E., till modern times.

Mrs. Olga Guinsberg, the original founder of the groups, congratulated the lecturer on his clear and concise exposition of his subject, and initiated keen discussion on various points. This group has decided to concentrate on Jewish history, the fascination of which the lecturer had revealed to them. Enquiries from those interested may be addressed to Miss C. Kahn, Hon. Secretary, 63 Alexandra Street, Berea.

The Pretoria group (hon. secretary, Miss L. Wilenchyk, 745 Church Street, Arcadia), met on Thursday, the 17th inst., at Dr. S. Behr's home in Government Avenue. Dr. Behr opened up new vistas of knowledge in his paper entitled "Romance under the Soil of Palestine," which dealt with archaeological discoveries in Palestine. The history of the past, which lies buried in the successive strata of the holy soil, is gradually being unfolded in more and more detail by recent discoveries.

### MR AND MRS. BOBROV

Honoured on Occasion of Silver Wedding Celebration

A FITTING tribute has been paid to Mr. and Mrs. Bobrov, of Naauwpoort, on the occasion of their Silver Wedding by the inscription of their names in the Golden Book at the instance of their children and relatives.

Mr. Bobrov has given many years of devoted service to Zionism and is known by Zionists throughout the country as a stalwart worker for our national cause. He has done much to spread the Zionist idea among Jewish inhabitants of the Karroo. Mr. Bobrov has also been a member of the Naauwpoort Village Management Board since its inception and for a number of years has served on the local School Board.

Their children (Jack and Eva) are prominently associated with Zionist Youth work in the Cape.

### CANTOR B. CHAGY.

Cantor B. Chagy will be visiting Rhodesia during March and is due to give a concert of Hebrew melodies and Jewish folk-songs at Bulawayo on March 16, and at Salisbury on March 20.

### ANNUAL MUSIC FESTIVAL BEGINS

#### City Hall Symphony Concert

JOHANNESBURG would seem finally to have set the seal upon its development in spheres other than the purely civic, judging by the size of the audience that gathered at the City Hall on Tuesday night to greet John Connell and his orchestra of some seventy players, when they gave the first concert of the most ambitious series of annual music festivals yet formulated.

Music, as Bernard Shaw has it, may be the brandy of the damned. In which case the overwhelming tendency of the Rand towards artistic insobriety is certainly not to be condemned.

The programme was nicely calculated. Humperdinck in the charming and popular prelude to "Hansel and Gretel" opened the evening, and gave the orchestra an opportunity to get over a certain coldness and nervousness in readiness for the Beethoven piano concerto No. 1. Heinz Hirschland was the soloist. The confidence of this artist must have communicated itself to the orchestra, for though there could not have been many rehearsals, the manner in which he carried the performance to a triumphant close proved that one must lead that others may follow. Hirschland has sincerity and ability, and moreover versatility of a very high order. He is an outstanding artist. One has listened to him in Chopin recitals and sworn that here is another Pachman. When he comes to Beethoven he demonstrates a profundity and clarity that stamps a true disciple of the great master. Such and such, he says, is what the composer intended, and you are carried along by a technique that knows no limits and convinced and pleased by an attitude that never emphasises the player at the expense of the concerto. The ovation that greeted him as he rose after the final movement was ample proof of how successfully he had filled the role of interpreter. A great performance indeed.

Beethoven again after the interval. The Symphony No. 4 in B. Flat. Connell has long deserved well of a city whose musical education he has so excellently advanced, and his labours on this occasion merit every praise. The orchestra may have been hesitant and lacking at times in tempo and temperament, but not so the director of civic musical development. An orchestra is essentially its conductor, and the plaudits that followed the final chords of this, one of Beethoven's most masterly symphonies, said all that was necessary.

The ultimate item of the evening, the well-known Rakoczy March by Berlioz, was the orchestra's great opportunity to vindicate itself. Almost they ran away from the conductor, reversing the tables by leading him so gallantly and joyfully that an encore was demanded and obtained.

And so it ended, this first concert of the 13th annual music festival. A very lucky omen indeed.

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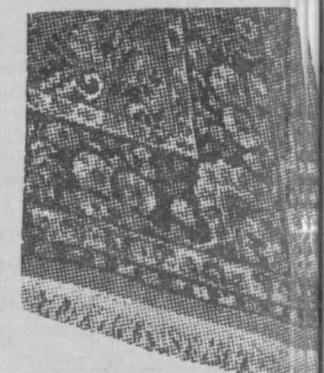
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