

Gratifying Response at Roodepoort

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DR. MICHAEL TRAUB and **Dr. Deborah Katzen**, accompanied by **Mr. S. Hirschmann**, paid a visit to Roodepoort on Wednesday evening, the 17th inst., when they addressed a well-attended meeting at the Station Hotel. **Dr. S. Spiro**, chairman of the Zionist Society, presided, and extended a cordial welcome to the visitors. Vigorous addresses, which aroused much interest, were delivered by the guests.

Dr. Traub, after dealing with the tragic position of Jewry in the Galuth, went on to describe conditions in Palestine where hundreds of thousands of refugees had been absorbed during the past few years, and where they had found a home.

Dr. Katzen dealt with the part played by the women in the up-building of the National Home, and urged the women of Roodepoort to support this great work to the utmost of their capacity.

The response to the addresses was unhesitant and generous. The response of the ladies was particularly heartening, in view of the fact that this is the first time they

have participated in a campaign in Roodepoort.

At the conclusion of the meeting a vote of thanks was proposed to the visitors by the Rev. Orenstein, and the opportunity was also taken of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Rosowsky who had acted as host and hostess.

During the next few days further contacts were made in Florida and in Roodepoort in regard to the campaign work. Mr. Hockman, of Roodepoort, and Mr. Galansky, of Florida, were particularly active in this connection. They accompanied Mr. Hirschmann on an intensive canvass of all further members of the community. The work at Roodepoort has not yet been completed, and the final results should be most gratifying.

REMITTANCES TO RELATIVES IN LITHUANIA

The Honorary Consul for Lithuania in Johannesburg has been informed that:

Since 10th April, 1940, all applications for drafts on London have had to be referred to the Exchange Control, Pretoria, by the banks, hence the delays.

Applications for drafts on London are still accepted by the local banks, as formerly, and are issued by the banks on receipt of permission from the Exchange Control, which is generally granted.

Seder at Jewish Guild

There were approximately one hundred people present at the sixth annual public Seder held by the Johannesburg Reform Congregation at the Jewish Guild on the first night of Passover, Monday, April 22.

Rabbi M. C. Weiler conducted the Seder ceremony and the guests participated in the reading of the Haggadah.

A number of soldiers in uniform were present as guests of the congregation. All enjoyed the Seder and a happy time was spent.

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WHEN Bronislaw Huberman made his first appearance in South Africa at the Colosseum Theatre last Sunday night, he played to an audience which had for weeks impatiently awaited the occasion. That he surpassed all their expectations was evidenced by the tremendous ovation he received.

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But this is not all the secret of Huberman's playing, of his power to hold and to move every member of an audience. Much of this can be explained by his sovereign power to shape and recreate a piece of music, to make it speak for his own creative personality. The very life of a unique personality can be felt pulsating through every bar of the music, which is given new life and meaning, and made an enriching experience for all.

The major work of the evening was the Mendelssohn Concerto, in which Huberman gave a performance to which it was sheer delight to listen. The Cesar Franck Sonata in A Major for piano and violin was also a memorable performance in which Huberman revealed himself as a player of great intellectual quality.

In Boris Roubakine, Huberman has a gifted musician who accompanies him with sensitiveness and understanding.

The recital last evening at the Town Hall also attracted a very large audience, and there is likely to be an equally great crowd at the Colosseum Theatre when the famous artist gives his third programme. Assisted by Boris Roubakine, a remarkably fine accompanist, Huberman will play the Sonata B Minor by Ottorino Respighi and the Chaconne for violin solo by Bach. Further attractive items on the programme will be souvenir d'un Lieu Cher by Tchaikowsky, and Symphonie Espagnole by Lalo.

OBITUARY

Mr. B. M. Cartoon (Johannesburg)

The death occurred at his residence on Sunday, the 21st inst., of Mr. Benjamin M. Cartoon, of Johannesburg, one of the directors of Messrs. Leizerowitz Bros., of this city.

Mr. Cartoon was born in Gruz, Lithuania, and came to South Africa in 1904 as a young boy. Although of a quiet and unassuming nature, he took a keen interest in Jewish and Zionist affairs, and it had been his intention to retire shortly and settle in Palestine with his family. Of an unobtrusive nature, Mr. Cartoon was a sincere and generous friend. He assisted many people who were in straitened circumstances, always extending a helping hand to every charitable cause.

The deepest sympathy is extended to his sorrowing wife, his children and relatives in the irreparable loss they have sustained.

Mrs. Cartoon is a well-known and loyal Zionist worker and is closely associated with the Parkview branch of the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League, of which she is chairlady. She is the daughter of the well-known South African Zionist pioneers, Mr. and Mrs. B. Weinronk, of Port Elizabeth, to whom sympathy is also extended in their bereavement.

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Berea Study Circle

A large gathering of members of the young Mizrahi was present on Friday night, 19th inst., at the residence of Rabbi and Mrs. Gervis.

Rabbi Gervis delivered a thoughtful address on "Physical Survival and Spiritual Continuity." Many participated in the discussion which followed, after which the gathering indulged in the singing of Palestinian songs until a late hour.

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The Beth Din desire to draw the attention of the public to the following facts in Jewish law:—

- (a) Only a "Get" (Jewish Divorce) or death dissolves a religious marriage;
- (b) Re-marriage by the woman without a "Get," even if solemnised in a Synagogue and by a Rabbi, is not valid.
- (c) The children that are subsequently born to a woman who re-marries without a "Get" are, according to the Jewish law, illegitimate (this means that such children cannot marry among the Jewish people) and cannot "enter into the assembly of the Lord" (Deuteronomy, Chap. 23, Verse 3).

The Beth Din wishes to emphasise that "marriage" of this kind is one of the most serious infringements of Jewish law, and is an exceedingly grave menace to the sanctity of Jewish family life.

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