

# Take the Shekel!



—and declare your allegiance  
to the Jewish National Ideal

Sunday, March 16th

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# SHEKEL DAY

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—is the Register of the Jewish Nation

## THE SHEKEL

—is the symbol of unity of the Jewish people

## THE SHEKEL

—is the certificate of membership of the Zionist Organisation

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—is the token of Jewry's determination to win national freedom in Eretz Israel

**STRENGTHEN THE ZIONIST ORGANISATION  
—THE INSTRUMENT OF JEWISH NATIONAL  
REDEMPTION!**

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**TAKE AND SPREAD THE SHEKEL**

## Farewell to Cantor & Mrs. Chagy

### Well Attended Function in Johannesburg

The esteem in which Cantor and Mrs. B. Chagy are held by Jewry in Johannesburg was well demonstrated on Sunday evening when a farewell reception was held in their honour under the auspices of the Zionist Socialist Party at the Elgin Hotel. Mr. L. A. Pincus presided over a large gathering.

THE chairman referred to the fact that Cantor and Mrs. Chagy had been loyal members of the Poale Zion in America and that when they had come to this country they had placed their services at the disposal of the Party here.

It was a matter for deep regret that owing to ill-health Cantor Chagy had to return to America after a sojourn of eight and a half years in Johannesburg. He had held with distinction the position of cantor of the Beth Hamedrash Hagodel and he had done much to enhance true Jewish life here, especially in the fields of culture and music. Mrs. Chagy had proved herself a loyal member of the Party during her residence in South Africa and had done much to promote their cause.

Mr. M. Lazar extended greetings to Cantor and Mrs. Chagy and hoped that the former would speedily be restored to good health. The stay of so well-known a personality as Cantor Chagy in this country had been an important event in the life of our people here. His presence had undoubtedly proved an inspiration to many thousands who otherwise would not have been attracted to synagogue worship.

Mrs. Chagy expressed thanks for the cordiality of the reception extended to herself and her husband. She had always pinned her Zionist faith to the Labour cause believing

that its ideals were based on the Prophets of old.

"We are striving for a better future for the Jewish people. I believe in Labour and in the justice of its cause. It would give me great joy to hear from afar that the Zionist Socialist Party was growing in strength."

#### CANTOR CHAGY.

CANTOR CHAGY, who was most cordially received when he rose to reply, said that he was leaving South Africa with a heavy heart. He desired to correct the false impression abroad that the Chagy family did not like South African Jewry. That was entirely incorrect. Their life here had been most interesting but he felt that the call had now reached him to return to American Jewry.

Cantor Chagy expressed his thanks to all those who had extended friendship to him and Mrs. Chagy during their stay here and finally expressed the hope that one day he would return on a visit to South Africa.

This statement elicited warm applause from the audience and it was unanimously agreed to inscribe the name of Cantor and Mrs. Chagy in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund. The announcement that the money had been subscribed there and then was received with acclamation.

Mrs. Chagy was presented with three tree certificates.

During the evening the following well-known artistes rendered items which were greatly appreciated. Cantor S. Backon (songs); Mrs. E. Shapshak (piano solos); Mr. F. Zygelsbaum (recitations). Mr. J. Idelson capably accompanied at the piano.

A vote of thanks to the artistes was proposed by Mrs. Ethel Hayman.

### TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF HISTADRUTH

#### Public Meeting to be Held in Johannesburg

A public meeting of the Zionist Socialist Party of South Africa will be held to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the establishment of the Histadruth in Palestine. The function will take place on Wednesday, the 26th inst., at 8.30 p.m., at the Coronation Hall. Dr. Michael Traub will be the principal speaker.

Further particulars will be announced in next week's issue.

### CAPE ACTIVITIES

#### Claremont Youth Cultural Society

Address by Rabbi I. Abrahams.

Under the auspices of the Claremont Youth Cultural Society, a children's rally was held on Sunday evening, the 2nd March, at the Claremont Communal Hall. A number of parents was present at this function, which was presided over by Mr. W. Harris, and addressed by Rabbi I. Abrahams, of Capetown, who was welcomed by Mr. A. Katz, Chairman of the Claremont Hebrew Congregation.

### SUCCESS OF VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE WORK

The great success attending vocational guidance work in Johannesburg is reflected in the records of the Vocational Guidance Bureau for the first two months of 1941.

Since the beginning of the year, over fifty youths have been placed by the Bureau in various skilled occupations, such as body-builder, boiler-maker, electrician, engraver, fitter and turner, motor mechanic, panel beater, plumber, printer, sheet metal worker, welder, and many others. The most popular vocations proved to be those connected with the motor industry, fitter and turner, electrician and plumber. More than a quarter of the placings were in the trade of motor mechanic, which also remains the favourite choice among new applicants.

The proportion of youths placed by the Bureau during the above period was close to seventy per cent. of the total registered applicants.

During January and February, the Bureau had approximately 600 interviews with youths and their parents about the choice of a vocation.

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