

# New Minister for Bulawayo Hebrew Congregation

**T**HE Rev. Wolfe Yesorsky, who has been ministering to the Oxford Synagogue of the United Hebrew Congregation since August, 1945, has accepted a call from the Bulawayo Hebrew Congregation.

Rev. Yesorsky was born in Gateshead-on-Tyne, England, in 1910, and received his elementary Hebrew education at the local Talmud Torah. He then studied Rabbinitics at the Manchester Yeshiva, and in 1932 entered Jews' College, London, being awarded the E. J. Loewe scholarship. He also studied at the University College, London, where he obtained his B.A. (Hons.) degree in Semitics.

His first appointment was as Club Minister to the United Synagogue, London, in 1937, working mainly with the Stepney Boys' Club. A year later he became Welfare Minister of the United Synagogue, London.

He came to South Africa in 1939, and was appointed Minister of the Griqualand West Hebrew Congregation.

In 1941 he enlisted for active service and attained great popularity as a Jewish Chaplain.

On being demobilised, he returned to his former Congregation, and in 1945 was appointed to the Oxford Synagogue.

Rev. Yesorsky has a profound knowledge of Hebrew classics and tradition, and has done yeoman work among the youth. He is a rousing speaker and an ardent Zionist worker.

It is expected that Rev. Yesorsky



REV. W. YESORSKY

will assume duties as Minister of the Bulawayo Hebrew Congregation, about Passover, 1947.

## Exhibition of Paintings in Port Elizabeth

An exhibition of paintings by the well-known South African artist, Tamara Kaplan, will be opened at the Arts Hall, Port Elizabeth, on November 18 at 5 p.m. by Councillor Hugh Parker.

The collection will include scenes of the Cape Peninsula, woodland scenes and landscapes.

## WELL-KNOWN JOHANNESBURG DOCTORS TO WORK IN PALESTINE

Dr. M. Witkin, the well-known Johannesburg children's specialist, accompanied by Mrs. Witkin, is flying to Palestine next Monday. He has been invited by the Kupat Cholim to assist the Institution in connection with children's health services in the Yishuv.

Dr. Mary Gordon, one of Johannesburg's best-known women doctors, who has practised medicine in the city for 30 years, is also leaving for Palestine. She has been appointed supervisor of the children's section under the auspices of Wizo. She will be in charge of the welfare of 15,000 children and will start work on November 1.

## TWO MEMORABLE CONCERTS

History was made in Johannesburg on Sunday night when two distinguished overseas musicians appeared at different halls before large audiences.

Albert Coates, famous British Conductor, was at the City Hall leading the Joint City and S.A.B.C. orchestras. Coates belongs to the class of "restrained" conductors. Yet his economy of action helps to emphasise the overwhelming force of his personality. He conducts without a score and employs a miniature baton.

As the orchestra began the first movement, it became evident that he had merged himself with the players as if he wished his own personality to mingle with the symphony of the instruments. As a result there was quite a remarkable harmony between the conductor and the orchestra and hardly any domination of the instrumentalists. Instead, the conductor became part of the orchestra.

The audience gave Mr. Coates a rousing welcome. Addressing the gathering he wished the season every success.

The Empire theatre was filled to capacity at Solomon's second concert. Solomon has all the ease of a master, and the audience were thrilled by his performance of Beethoven's Appassionata. In playing Beethoven, Solomon does not allow his fluency to detract from the gravity of the music. There is dignity and careful control of every move.

In Chopin, however, the pianist gave free play to his delicate touch, his ease and lucidity of phrasing. It was a memorable performance in every respect. Bach, Liszt and Debussy added to the variety of the evening and displayed the great versatility of this outstanding performer.

## Reps Produce a Thriller

"Play with Fire," the latest production of the Johannesburg Repertory Players, was just the right thing for the summer season and attracted large audiences. The thriller was most competently produced by Anita Coleman and the settings, designed by Gilles Botbijn, helped to create the necessary atmosphere.

Theo Sachs gave an excellent performance. He managed to capture the mellow and romantic spirit of Hess, the hero. John Rutherford gave a smooth rendering of Fellows, while Vera Abrams, though appearing in a minor role, was quite perfect. Jessie Moss overstressed the hysteria slightly. Mark Carel played with much ease a part which represented the inevitable accessory to the crime.

The programme devoted some space to reports of the progress of the Rep Theatre Fund. It shows that the home for the Reps is well on the way of being established. Special tribute is also paid to Lionel Rees, whose tragic death has deprived South Africa of one of its leading actors.

## U.Z.P. Conference Postponed

The United Zionist Party Conference, which was convened for October 26 and 27, has been postponed and will take place at the Corporation Hall on Saturday night and Sunday, November 9 and 10, 1946.

## Presented With Golden Book Certificate



**MR. MOSS H. COHEN**, well-known attorney and communal worker of Pietersburg, has been returned unopposed to the local Town Council. Born and educated in Oudtshoorn, Mr. Cohen obtained his B.A., LL.B. degree at the University of Cape Town, and settled in Pietersburg some 24 years ago.

He is the son of Mrs. Cohen and the late Mr. Simon Cohen, of Brakpan.

He was first elected to the Town Council two and a half years ago, and shortly afterwards was appointed Chairman of the Finance Committee. He has been a member of the Hospital Board for the past eight years, and also serves on the school Committee (English medium).

Mr. Cohen has actively identified himself with Jewish communal affairs and with the Zionist movement. He is a former Chairman of the Pietersburg Zionist Society and has been Hon. Secretary of the Pietersburg Hebrew Congregation for the past 19 years.

A Golden Book Certificate was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Cohen on Sunday last on the occasion of the celebration of the Barmitzvah of their elder son, Clive. The presentation was made, on behalf of the local Hebrew Congregation, by its veteran chairman, Mr. B. Herman.

## Mountain View-Observatory Dance

The Mountain View-Observatory branch of the Women's Section of the Ort-Oze will hold a dance at the 400 Club, Chrysler House, on October 28. Tickets may be obtained from the Ort-Oze office or from the Hon. Officers of the branch.

The funds raised will be earmarked for the Oze Foster-parent scheme. The Committee, headed by Mrs. Harris (chairman), Mesdames Nathan and Lane (hon. secretaries) and Mrs. Stern (treasurer), is working very hard to make this dance an outstanding success.

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