

Induction of Rabbi Sherman



Left to right: Mr. Simon Roy (Hon. Treasurer), Rabbi Dr. M. C. Weiler, Dr. Hermann Kramer (President), Rabbi David Sherman, Mr. Richard Myers (Hon. Secretary).

THE induction of Rabbi David Sherman, newly-appointed Minister of the Cape Town Jewish Reform Congregation, took place at the Zionist Hall on November 24. The induction was performed by Rabbi Dr. M. C. Weiler, President of the S.A. Union for Progressive Judaism and Chief Minister of the United Jewish Reform Congregation of Johannesburg.

Among those who attended the service were Mr. A. Bloomberg, M.P.,

Mayor of Cape Town, Mrs. Bloomberg, Messrs. Mark Jones, M. Frank and I. Albow, Mr. A. M. Jackson, President of the Jewish Board of Deputies, Mr. A. Gitlin, Hon Secretary of the Dorshei Zion, Mr. J. Phillips, Past President of the Green and Sea Point Hebrew Congregation, Messrs. A. Liberman and Phillip Myers, Past Presidents of the Gardens Synagogue, Messrs. E. J. Chamberlain, A. B. MacDonald and W. Knight-Robertson.

Representative Gathering at Sisterhood Meeting

Representatives of leading Societies and Welfare Organisations, both Jewish and non-Jewish in Johannesburg and the Reef, attended the 14th annual general meeting of the Sisterhood of the United Jewish Reform Congregation held on November 27.

Mrs. G. Trevor, the outgoing chairman of the Sisterhood, presided.

Mr. Morris Kentridge, M.P., who was the guest-speaker, referred at length to his recent trip to Great Britain and Europe. He appealed for co-operation, understanding and goodwill between world Jewry and the British Government, who, he said, were anxious to restore that spirit of goodwill which had previously existed between Jewry and Great Britain.

Mr. H. C. Isaacs, President of the United Jewish Reform Congregation, paid tribute to the Sisterhood, which, he said, was regarded as one of the most important sections of the congregation.

A number of constitutional changes were announced and the excellent work of the Sisterhood for the past

year reviewed. Particular mention was made of the native school at Alexandra Township which had been granted recognition by the Union Education Department, their work for the J.W.A., Ort Oze, Hospital visits and general congregational activities.

The following members were elected to the new committee:

United Sisterhood: Chairman, Mrs. L. Marks; Vice-Chairmen, Mrs. S. P. Jacobson and Mrs. T. Fischgrund; Hon. Vice-Chairman, Mrs. G. Trevor; Joint Hon. Treasurers, Mrs. R. Lurie and Mrs. A. Reichman; Secretary, Mrs. E. Smith.

Executive Committee: Mrs. C. Adler, Mrs. J. Benjamin, Mrs. M. Bernstein, Mrs. M. Broomborg, Mrs. I. Goldblatt, Mrs. I. Greenberg, Mrs. H. Le Roith, Mrs. R. Marx, Mrs. A. Melcher, Mrs. N. Saul, Miss M. Vogl, Mrs. H. Blumgart, Mrs. M. Cohen, Mrs. R. Ettin, Mrs. A. Isaacs, Mrs. T. Lyons, Mrs. L. Matisonn, Mrs. A. Nathan, Mrs. E. Silverman, Mrs. M. van Win, Mrs. R. Zinn.

VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE BUREAU INAUGURATES APTITUDE TESTS

The Vocational Guidance Bureau of the S.A. Ort-Oze has completed arrangements for scientific aptitude testing of school-leaving boys and girls and others who may seek authoritative advice in the choice of a career.

The tests which will be applied at the Vocational Guidance Bureau are based on specialised research conducted by Dr. Simon Biesheuvel, of the National Bureau of Personnel Research, on behalf of the South African Air Force and employed in the selection of pilots and other flying personnel during the war. The tests have now been adapted and standardised for use in civilian life, and their application will go a long way towards the elimination of unsuitable placements.

The S.A. Ort-Oze has engaged an expert tester to inaugurate the scheme and the public can have every confidence in availing itself of this important service.

Parents who wish their sons and daughters to undergo an aptitude test and others who may want to avail themselves of the facilities offered, are urged to communicate immediately with the Vocational Guidance Officer of the S.A. Ort-Oze, 'phone 33-9171, or call at 903, Manlin House, 17, Harrison Street, Johannesburg. Dr. H. Sonnabend, Chairman of the S.A. Ort-Oze, will preside.

YOUNG ISRAEL CAMP

The largest camp to be held in the Cape for many years is the annual Young Israel Camp at Lakeside, which this year celebrates its 22nd anniversary. For the past few years it has become a popular venue for Jewish youth, particularly from Southern Rhodesia and the Northern Transvaal.

The Camp will accommodate 250 campers and will be divided into junior and senior sections. One of the chief activities of the camp is the Zionist Forum, which consists of a series of lectures conducted by a special cultural committee following a set course of study.

In the past few years, Johannesburg Zionist Youth have attended these camps in increasing numbers. The Transvaal Zionist Youth Executive has organised a contingent which will travel in special coaches to the Cape. The camp is administered by an Executive consisting of members of Cape Zionist Youth as well as the Transvaal.

RESIGNATION OF CANTOR BACKON

Cantor S. Backon is relinquishing his position at the Yeoville Synagogue as from February next.

Cantor Backon proposes to resume his study of music in Italy, which was interrupted by the outbreak of the war. He will leave for Europe, accompanied by Mrs. Backon, next March.

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