

# Barmitzvahs at Orphanage

Five hundred people attended the barmitzvahs of five boys at the Jewish Orphanage on Sunday afternoon, May 11. An illuminated address was presented to Mr. I. Heymann, the first hon. president of the orphanage, and Mrs. Heymann, formerly the president of the Jewish Ladies' Communal League, on the occasion of their golden wedding. Mrs. M. Light, a member of the committee for 24 years, also received a presentation on the occasion of her 75th birthday.

Benzion Touyz spoke in Afrikaans, Abraham Kabe in English, Aryah Klingman in Hebrew and Mordechai Paiken in Yiddish. The fifth barmitzvah was Ben Levy.

Mr. B. Moss Morris, president of the Orphanage, said that 98 per cent. of the scholars had passed their examinations and one boy had represented Normal College and Wit. University at the Inter-Normal College and University championships, winning the Normal College colours and

the University half-blue. One 15-year-old boy became a prefect at the Parktown Boys' High School.

Mr. W. Hillman, hon. president of the Orphanage, told the barmitzvah boys that they would be given every opportunity to carve out careers for themselves.

Chief Rabbi Prof. L. Rabinowitz mentioned that one orphanage boy was his best Hebrew student at the University, and suggested that in future functions should be held to celebrate the confirmation of the girls on their 12th birthday.

Mr. Maurice Porter proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers.

## KROONSTAD UNION OF JEWISH WOMEN

The Jewish community of Kroonstad organised a Buffet Supper and Games Evening in the Communal Hall on May 7 and sent £100 to both the Youth Aliyah and War Appeal.

## ZIONIST SOCIALIST PUBLIC MEETING

The Zionist Socialist Party of South Africa, Doornfontin branch, will be holding a public meeting at the Talmud Torah Hall (Beit Street) on Sunday, June 1, at 8 p.m.

Mr. Leo Tager will speak on "The role of South African Jewry in the Palestine Problem," and new Palestinian films will be shown.

# J.N.F. Campaign Organisers



Mr. B. L. Kellen, Secretary, 1947 Johannesburg J.N.F. campaign.



Mr. Walter Cohn, National Secretary, 1947 J.N.F. campaign.

## LITERARY BIALIK EVENING

A Bialik evening will take place on Wednesday, June 18, at the Coronation Hall. Mrs. Jeannie Targowsky, Cantor I. Alter, Messrs. F. Zygelbaum, Bruno Raikin, R. Shalit and J. Fine will take part, and Mr. L. Tager will preside.

Tickets are at five shillings, and are obtainable from Crystal's Confectionery and S.A. Zionist Socialist Party, 45 Shakespeare House, Johannesburg.

## OBITUARY

### Dr. Ben Bernstein

THE death took place in Cape Town of Dr. Ben Bernstein, President of the Cape Town Hebrew Congregation, at the age of 62.

Dr. Bernstein was born in Robertson and educated at S.A.C.S. He qualified in medicine at the London Hospital, and returned in 1910 to Cape Town, where he practised until his death.

For many years Dr. Bernstein has been closely associated with the mother synagogue of South Africa, and in 1945 he was elected President of the Congregation, a position which he filled with great distinction. Dr. Bernstein leaves a widow, a son, Dr. George Bernstein, who was awarded the M.B.E. during the last war, and a daughter, Miss Rosalie Bernstein.

The funeral was largely attended by representatives of Cape Town Jewish communal organisations and members of the Congregation. A Hesper was delivered by Chief Rabbi Israel Abrahams.

### MR. WOOLF HOFF

The death took place in Johannesburg on Tuesday, May 13, of Mr. Woolf Hoff, a pioneer of Benoni.

Mr. Hoff, who came from Shadova, Lithuania, in 1903, was a foundation member of the Jewish community of Benoni and a member of its Council for many years, served on the Chevrah Kaddisha, was a member of the H.O.D. Benoni Lodge from 1910 onwards, and a member of the Benoni Chevrah Ein Yakov.

The funeral which took place on Wednesday, May 14, was largely attended, and an H.O.D. service was conducted in Beth Halom.

Mr. Hoff leaves a widow, five sons, two daughters-in-law and grandchildren.

The Youth Aliyah has received and acknowledges with thanks a cheque of £10 10s., being the proceeds of a social function held in F. G. Treisman's flat, Hospital Hill, Johannesburg.

## PALESTINE CONDUCTOR IN PRAGUE

PRAGUE, Monday.—The Palestinian conductor, George Singer, who is now conducting the Prague Philharmonic Orchestra at the International Music Festival, has made a great hit with his presentation of modern Palestinian music.

In view of the great interest aroused, further concerts are being arranged in Prague and throughout the country.

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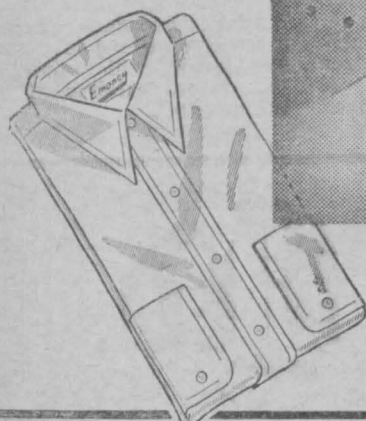
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