

# PRETORIA HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

## ABOUT TO UNITE

THE negotiations for federating the Adath Israel Congregation with the Pretoria Hebrew Congregation, which were divided for the last 18 years, has proceeded very successfully.

After a number of meetings and discussion an agreement has been reached on the main points. Further discussions will continue. So far it has been unanimously decided that Dr. Neufeld is the Rabbi of the two congregations, and his office is also being partly kept up by the Adath Israel Congregation.

The first joint service of the two congregations will take place on the first Friday evening in February.

The process of federating these two congregations has a great deal of bearing on the future development of the communal and cultural Jewish life in the Union's Administrative Capital.

A local Jewish monthly is going to appear shortly and it is hoped that the Pretoria Board of Shechita and also its Kashruth department will now be taken over by the whole community.

### Magen David Adom Activities

THE realisation of the importance of Magen David Adom at this critical moment is reflected in the spontaneous support being received from various parts of the country, which Magen David Adom in South Africa gratefully acknowledges.

A ten-year-old boy, Selwyn Segal, of Johannesburg, writes as follows:

"I am sending this handbag for you to be able to raise money to buy equipment for the Magen David Adom. I have heard of all the trouble in Palestine and I want to help our people as much as possible."

Space does not permit us to acknowledge the Johannesburg donations, which are being acknowledged direct.

Mr. A. Shifrin, of Wynberg, Cape (per the "Zionist Record"), with hopes others will follow suit, £5 5s.

Mr. J. B. Miller, of Graskop, result of collection held at his house, £12 3s. 9d.

"Tea Shower" competition held at East London under convenership of Mrs. G. Fluxman, Johannesburg, realised £25 5s.

Woodstock - Salt River Jewish Ladies' Society contribution, £25.

West Rand Jewish Sports Club half share of realisation of assets in winding up of club, £44 4s. 7d.

Union of Jewish Women, Vereeniging branch, £10 10s.

Band of "Loyal Friends," Johannesburg, £10 10s.

### WOMEN'S MIZRACHI

#### Southern Suburbs

A "Care Afternoon" was held at the home of Mrs. J. Sack, vice-chairman of the Southern Suburbs Women's Mizrachi, recently, in aid of the Cyprus Refugee Families' Building Fund. A handsome sum was raised and thanks are due to Mrs. Sack for her hospitality.

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### Jewish Musical Institute

The new term of the Jewish Musical Institute will open on Sunday, January 25.

New members for the orchestra, choir, dramatic section and others may register on Sunday next in the Government School Hall, Van Beek Street, Doornfontein, or phone either the Musical Director, Mr. Solly Aronowsky (44-4896), or the Managing Director, Mr. Z. Engel (24-5408), any day from 6-8 p.m.

### Themeli's Next Concert

George Themeli, celebrated Greek pianist, will give a popular recital at popular prices on Wednesday next, January 28, in the City Hall, Johannesburg. Mr. Themeli, having received hundreds of requests, has agreed to play Beethoven's Sonata Appassionata, Chopin's Polonaise in A Flat, Falla's Fire Dance and many others. Booking is open at Polliack's and admission is 9s., 6s. 3d. and 2s. 6d. (including tax). Themeli's South African tour is under the direction of Solly Aronowsky in collaboration with John Henderson.

## Mrs. Davidoff At Lake Success



Mrs. Jeanette Davidoff, who is now on her way to Canada, is seen here talking to Mr. Karel Lisicky, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary for Czechoslovakia, who has been elected chairman of the U.N. Palestine Commission.

## MOVEMENT FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM GATHERING GROUND IN BRITAIN

### Interview With Dr. R. Brasch

**R**ABBI DR. R. BRASCH, who recently arrived from England to take up his position as the newly-appointed Minister of the Springs and District Reform Congregation, told a representative of the "Zionist Record" at a press conference that the movement for progressive Judaism was gaining ground in England and all over the world, particularly among the youth.

Dr. Brasch officiated as Minister of various Reform synagogues in London and went to Ireland to establish the Dublin Reform Congregation. The attitude of the Reform movement all over the world was to help in the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine, he said.

"There is a big Reform youth movement in England," said Dr. Brasch,

"but this movement has affiliated itself to an organisation which embraces all Jewish youth movements. A feature of Jewish life in England is the clubs for boys and girls, which include representatives from every sphere of Jewish life. These clubs meet regularly and have discussions, brains-trusts, debates and outside speakers from all walks of life."

Dr. Brasch thought that South African Jewish youth would do well to establish clubs along those lines and try to gain an open-minded, all-round outlook on Jewish affairs.

Dr. Brasch has a strong attachment to South Africa, as his father was one of the early pioneers to arrive in Cape Town. Many other of his relatives have taken an active interest in Jewish affairs in this country.

### CONCERT AT BEREA KINDERGARTEN

A concert was held by the Berea Hebrew English Kindergarten at the Berea Talmud Torah Hall recently. The hall was filled to capacity.

The chairlady, Mrs. S. Froman, welcomed all present, and thanked the teachers, Mrs. Niss, Mrs. Ginsberg and Mrs. Goodman, for the good work they had done. Mrs. Froman then welcomed Mr. I. J. Hersch, vice-

president of the S.A. Board of Jewish Education, who addressed the gathering and stressed the importance of Hebrew education.

The children then gave a performance in both Hebrew and English reflecting great credit on the teaching they had received. Mrs. H. Niss, the principal, thanked her staff for their co-operation and assistance, and also paid tribute to Mrs. S. Froman and her committee for their work on behalf of the kindergarten.

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