

# New Principal For Mayfair Talmud Torah

## Appointment of Mr. M. Wolozinsky

Mayfair Hebrew Congregation has announced that Mr. M. Wolozinsky, M.A. (formerly Principal of Hebrew School, Bloemfontein), has accepted the position of Principal of the Samuel Moch's Congregation and Torah (11th Avenue, Mayfair) and also that of Spiritual Leader and Guide for the welfare of the cultural life of the Mayfair Hebrew Congregation.

Mr. Wolozinsky arrived in this country in 1926 from Vilna after matriculating from the Hebrew Gymnasium there. He took his B.A. and M.A. degrees with 1st class honours from the Cape Town University. During his university career he served as Examiner for J.C. and Matric Examinations in Hebrew for

this capacity rendered notable service to the community both as teacher and as an active participant in all cultural movements.

Under the guidance of Mr. Wolozinsky, matriculation classes and adult courses in Hebrew will be held and courses in Jewish History and Literature will be conducted by him for the benefit of the Mayfair Community. As Spiritual Leader, he will deliver sermons at the Mayfair Synagogue and conduct children's services. Mr. Wolozinsky takes up his duties as from the beginning of the third term.

# The Late Mr. Moses Morrison

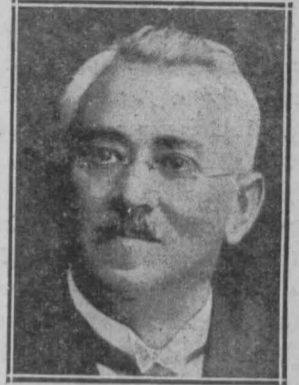
THE late Mr. Moses Morrison, who died at his home in Escombe, Natal, on July 10, at the age of 67, was one of the best known figures in South African Zionism.

Born in Lithuania, he came to this country, together with his mother, in 1901, landing in Cape Town. He became a member of the committee of the Dorshei Zion, walking in from Fish Hoek for all Zionist meetings.

Within 10 years his health began to cause him anxiety, and after searching for a district where the climate would be more suitable to his health, he settled in Escombe, where he bought a small general dealer's business, which he developed, aided later by his wife, into the large mail order house now known throughout the subcontinent.

In 1915 he married May Brasofsky, a Hebrew teacher, who came to South Africa from Palestine.

Together Mr. and Mrs. Morrison threw themselves into every phase of Jewish and Zionist activity.



THE LATE MR. MORRISON

But Mr. Morrison's main interest was in Eretz Israel, and it was no mere theoretical interest. He bought property in that country, encouraged the breeding of leghorn poultry there, and he was one of the original directors of Binyan. Through his business he imported Palestine goods into the Union. At the present moment some of the late Mr. Morrison's property in Palestine is lent to WIZO.

He was a generous contributor to all Zionist as well as to all Jewish causes, and to him goes the credit of introducing the Stop Order system in Zionist fund-raising campaigns, for he realised that for the development of Eretz Israel large sums of money are needed.

It was because of his real understanding of the Jewish position, of his sincerity and clearness of vision, that every Zionist emissary who came to Natal during the past 20 years of Mr. Morrison's life (during which time he was, more or less, confined to his bed) went out of his way to pay a special visit to Escombe.

The late Mr. Morrison was a great reader and was always ready to give others the fruit of his thoughts. He loved learning, and that was why he gave generously to the Hebrew University.

He took a keen interest in children and to him goes the credit of sponsoring the first children's village in Palestine. It was founded to house orphans from Ukraine during the first World War. Youth Aliyah had his enthusiastic support from its very inception.

Non-Jewish causes were as generously supported and Escombe bears witness to this. For some time before his death he was busy with plans for the erection of a swimming bath for the children of the district.

A great man has passed. To Mrs. Morrison, his son and daughters and to all his relatives deep and sincere sympathy is expressed.

# "Jewish History Is A Weapon Of Jewish Rights"

## DR. SHATZKY ADDRESSES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"History for the Jewish people has been a vital defensive necessity, and never a luxury," said Dr. Jacob Shatzky, Research Director for the Jewish Scientific Institute, when addressing a meeting of the S.A. Jewish Historical Society, at the Carlton Hotel, last Thursday evening.

Rabbi Dr. S. Rappaport presided. He said that Jews would live in the lands of the Diaspora for generations to come, and that it was therefore necessary for them to know their history. "If the Jews are to remain a nation they must become acquainted with their past and their present," he said.

Dr. Shatzky chose as his subject "Local Jewish History." He said that the first comprehensive Jewish histories appeared shortly before the French revolution in 1848. "The Jewish leadership found it necessary to have material available, to show the equality of the Jew. Thus in every important country of the world local Jewish history has played an important role in the fight for the emancipation. In 1860 the first Russian Jewish history textbooks were written in Hebrew. Some of these were later translated into the Russian language. It must be understood that with the development of apologetic histories came the growth of academic history. This natural development can clearly be traced in the development of American Jewry," he said.

Dr. Shatzky stressed that one of the primary tasks of Jewish history was as a weapon in the defence of Jewish rights.

"Histories on South African Jewry began with the Jewish Dutch historians, who as early as the 17th century wrote several works on the subject. We have available in our archives in New York several other documents and newspapers relating to this period. A real necessity now arises for your society to go about with the collection of material. Rabbi Rabinowitz has mentioned the publication of a Jubilee volume in 1950 of the part played by Jews in the history of the Boer war. Another im-

portant task you must undertake is the publication of a source book, and possibly a yearly magazine. In addition the society must organise an archive to keep all available material," he said.

In conclusion, Dr. Shatzky said that although there were at present no rising Jewish historians in the Union, it was necessary to have the material compiled.

Mr. Gus Saron, general secretary of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies, proposed the vote of thanks after a discussion had taken place.

## PNINA SALZMAN ENTERTAINED

PNINA SALZMAN and her mother were the guests of honour at a cocktail party held at the home of Mrs. N. E. Rosenberg, "Beth Ami," Lower Houghton.

Mr. S. Yellin, chairman of the S.A. Friends of the Palestine Orchestra and Habimah, in welcoming the guests of honour, after referring to the heroic struggle being waged by Israel, said that one aspect of their struggle had been completely ignored, namely, their tenacious determination not to surrender any cultural or artistic institution and not even to allow a pause in the great work which the cultural and artistic institutions were doing.

"It is quite apparent that a cultural renaissance of our people is already taking shape in Israel."

Mr. Yellin said that Pnina Salzman, who had played on many occasions with the Palestine Orchestra and who took a keen interest in the orchestra, always did her utmost to raise funds for the orchestra in the countries she visited. While her present visit to South Africa was being arranged, she had insisted that she should be given an opportunity to play under the auspices of the S.A. Friends of Palestine Orchestra and such a concert would take place at the Langham Hotel on July 31.

He thanked Mr. Alç Cherniavsky for permitting this concert.



MR. WOLOZINSKY

Western Province. In 1934-1938 he was Lecturer in Hebrew at the Cape Town University and at the same time was Moderator and External Examiner for the Hebrew Faculty at the Witwatersrand University, under the Prof. Dr. Landau. In 1939 he became Principal of the S.A. Talmud Torah College, and later accepted to serve as Preacher and Principal for the Oudtshoorn Hebrew Congregation.

In the last five years Mr. Wolozinsky has been Principal of the Bloemfontein Hebrew School, and in

## Hashomer Hadati Pegisha

Addressing the Annual Conference of the Hashomer Hadati Organisation of South Africa, Rabbi Kopul urged Madrichim to devote themselves to the study of Torah and Judaism.

The chairman's report was given by Chaver S. Aber, who outlined plans for the expansion of the movement.

The Organisation session was inaugurated by Chaver E. Chigier, and continued by Tarbut by Chaver E. Gastner who spoke on the need of education for the chaverim to a Jewish and Zionist way of thinking.

Chaver L. Fagov of the Hapoel Hachsharah, who introduced the session of Chalutzim, urged them to base their work on the Hachsharah.

It was decided that in future Hashomer Hadati should organise its own camp in which there would be an intensive programme of study. One of the resolutions was one concerning that Hashomer Hadati should urge its chaverim to religious and Zionist activities as exemplified by Kibbutz in Eretz Israel.

Chaverim E. Chigier, L. Fagov, P. Fagov, E. Gastner, B. Morris, and Chavera R. Rabinowitz were elected as members of the Hashomer Hadati Hanhalah.

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