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### Calendar for Week ending Thursday, May 2nd, 1912.

Day of Week.	Hebrew Date.	Civil Date.	Portion.	Haphterah.
Fri.	Iyar. 9	April. 26	Lev. xvi. 1	Amos ix. 7-15
Sat.	" 10	" 27		
Sun.	" 11	" 28		
Mon.	" 12	" 29		
Tues.	" 13	" 30		
Wed.	" 14	May 1		
Thurs.	" 15	" 2		

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### THE CHRONICLE CAKE No. 232.

From our notice of the annual report of the Johannesburg Hebrew Congregation, published elsewhere in this issue, it will be seen that there are many reasons for complimenting and congratulating this communal body. Its financial condition is an excellent one, and shows a distinct improvement on that of the previous year; commendable activity and promptitude are evidenced in the matter of not letting the grass grow under their feet in the business of moving to a more suitable locality; the attendance of the religion classes is good, and that at the synagogue services is also fairly numerous, although the reason assigned for it in the report may be a matter of opinion. In view of so excellent a report, revealing such praiseworthy results of the past year's working,

### THE OUTGOING EXECUTIVE OF THE JOHANNESBURG HEBREW CONGREGATION

richly deserve this week's "Chronicle" Cake as a tangible token of our congratulations on this record of their work done and of the community's appreciation thereof.

To emphasise the reason of the presentation, we have instructed the confectioners to inscribe the dainty with the words:

"1911-12 RECORD."

The Cake is on view at the Vienna Cafe, Rissik Street, and will in due time be forwarded on to the Winner.

REUTER'S "CHRONICLE" CAKE.—In acknowledging the receipt of the *Chronicle* cake, Reuter's Agency writes:—"Many thanks for awarding us the cake. It was much enjoyed by the members of the local staff."

MR. AND MRS. ERNST FRIEDLANDER and child left for Europe by Monday morning's 11.40 express, and were seen off at Park Station by a large number of friends, including Sir George Albu, Mr. S. C. Black, Mr. Max Elkan, and Mr. Adolph Wagner.



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## EDITORIAL.

Here shall the Press the Jewish rights maintain  
Unaw'd by influence, and unbribed by gain.  
Here patriot Truth her glorious precepts draw,  
Pledged to Religion, Liberty, and Law.

### DR. HERTZ AND THE CHIEF RABBINATE.

Our doubts of the accuracy of Reuter's cable regarding Dr. Hertz's visit to England, expressed in no uncertain terms in these columns a fortnight ago, are, as we expected, quite justified by the news received by last week's mail, contained in the special European supplement of this journal. This mailed news was to the effect that Rabbi Dr. Hertz was about to visit England, where he was to preach in several synagogues in London and the provinces. This is quite different from the cable Reuter circulated in this country, and which was published in the local papers a fortnight ago. There is no mention in our London Jewish contemporaries or in the columns of the special European supplement, of Dr. Hertz's visit being at the "invitation of Lord Rothschild," and that its object was for the Rabbi to "be consulted in connection with the vacant Chief Rabbinate," as stated in Reuter's cable. The authoritative news published in the London Jewish press and received by us in last week's mail, as given above, is quite free from the sensational fiction contained in Reuter's cable, and fully justifies every word stated by us in our comment thereon a fortnight ago. We then wrote: "That Dr. Hertz has left New York for London there is no reason to doubt, but the rest of the wire is confessedly hypothetical, and there seems to be every justification to call its accuracy into question, especially when it is considered that the Rabbi's qualifications for being consulted on such a matter are not apparent, seeing that his clerical career has been wholly confined to America and Johannesburg, and his knowledge of conditions in England must necessarily be very limited and obviously not acquired at first hand." These remarks are completely borne out by the news received from London last week.

### LONDON "JEWISH CHRONICLE" WILFULLY MISREPRESENTS US.

Whilst on the subject of Dr. Hertz and the Chief Rabbinate, we deem it opportune to refer to an extract from an editorial article published in our issue of January 5th, and quoted in the "Abroad and the Colonies" pages of a recent issue of the *London Jewish Chronicle*, which would lead one to think that in our opinion Dr. Hertz is a suitable successor to the late Chief Rabbi. This extract, however, torn from its context, was made to serve a purpose quite foreign to the article of which it formed a part. Such a course of procedure is by no means unusual among certain speakers and writers who wilfully misrepresent what others say or write by artfully quoting an isolated subsidiary sentence without giving any indication of its rela-

tion to the context from which it is taken. We, however, hitherto considered such reprehensible practices quite foreign to a journal of the repute of the London *Jewish Chronicle*, and however thankful we might be under other circumstances for our contemporary quoting us, we justly feel quite the reverse in the present case. The occasion of our article in question was a cable published in the *Star* from its London correspondent to the effect that there was a close contest for the Chief Rabbinate between Dr. Hertz and Dr. Abrahams, of Melbourne, both of whom were then in England. The London *Jewish Chronicle* failed to quote our remarks in this article stating that we counted ourselves amongst those who doubted the accuracy of the message, that there was "more of improbability than truth in the message," that "Rabbi Dr. Abrahams, taking all things into consideration seems, in our opinion, to be the most eligible" candidate, that "the mention of Dr. Hertz's name in connection with the Chief Rabbinate has come as a great surprise to everybody here." All these statements in the article were ignored, whilst the only sentence that contained a tribute to Dr. Hertz's eloquence as a preacher and speaker, which even the Rabbi's greatest enemy would be ready to concede, is utilised to misrepresent the spirit of the article and ourselves as agreeing to the fitness of Dr. Hertz for the post of Chief Rabbi of the Jewish congregations of the British Empire. Really, the eager avidity of our London contemporary to seize on every remark and statement that can be construed into a favourable opinion of the rev. gentleman mentioned, seems to evidence that it holds a brief for Dr. Hertz's candidature for the Chief Rabbinate, which it is determined to further at all costs, in and out of season, and even to the length of wilfully misrepresenting its contemporary's views.

**JOHANNESBURG HEBREW CONGREGATION.**

Owing to our being favoured with an advance proof of the annual report of the Johannesburg Hebrew Congregation, which holds its general meeting on Sunday morning next, we are in the position of commenting thereon in this issue. The report is the twentieth of the Congregation, and covers the twelve months ending March 31st, 1912. We can congratulate the congregation on the excellent state of affairs—financially and otherwise—revealed by the report which records a very prosperous year. Although one who was not very long ago a Rabbi among us, once admonished his congregants not to replace the ten commandants over the Ark with a balance-sheet, finance is, after all, a matter of great and essential consideration in the affairs of a congregation, and so it is only proper to make some reference thereto in this connection. The members and friends of the Congregation will be glad to learn that during the past year, the cash receipts were £4,473 3s. 4d., as compared with £4,288 15s. 2d. received during the previous year, an increase of £454 8s. 2d., whilst the expenditure—£3,313 5s. 8d. as against £3,334 0s. 5d. in the previous year—shows a decrease of £20 14s. 9d. They will also be pleased to dwell on the welcome facts that the bond on the Synagogue has been reduced since the last annual meeting by £1,350, the amount now being £1,000, that an overdraft with the Netherlands Bank standing at £1,146 1s. 8d. at the commencement of the year has been converted into a credit balance of £52 8s. 3d., and that the salaries of the officials has been raised by £204 per annum. In so brilliant a financial horizon, however, there is a dark cloud to be seen, but as this is a common feature in most synagogal accounts it need cause no despondency on the part of the well-wishers of the Congregation. We refer to the amount of £3,942 still standing in the books as owing by members. It is to be hoped that by next year there will be a substantial decrease of the size of this unpleasant feature to record.

**OUR MYSTERIOUS BOARD.**

Into the matter of the disposal of the Synagogue property there is no necessity for us to enter at this time of the day, as the report before us only recapitulates what has already been made public in these columns at the time of the special general meetings. But there is a paragraph under the heading of "property" which hints at the near future, stating "it is contemplated that the incoming executive will not lose time in selecting a site for the new

synagogue, and that before very long" a general meeting will be called "to deal with the acquisition of such new site and with plans for the new structure." So the Johannesburg Hebrew Congregation does not intend to lose any time in building a new habitation for itself in a more suitable locality than that of its present synagogue. The references in the report to the *Chebra Kadisha*, the Jewish Orphanage, and the *Shechita* Board all speak well of the work of those institutions, whilst the paragraph devoted to the Jewish Board of Deputies actually contains some information regarding this most mysteriously working body. One must be glad of any piece of news regarding this "Secret Society" that one may gather from periodical documents of communal organisations such as the one under review, and our only surprise is that this mysterious Board allows even such belated intelligence regarding its doings to leak out in an haphazard sort of way in the annual reports of the synagogues. With bated breath and open-mouthed awe we receive the "news" that the Board "has been taking active steps in connection with the new Emigration (*sic*) Bill as affecting our co-religionists in South Africa," and in view of this slightly lifting up of the thick veil of secrecy that surrounds this Sphinx-like Board, the only proper attitude on our part must be that of humble and thankful reverence, and a worshipping posture, with our lips murmuring the words: "For what we have just received may we be truly thankful."

**CHORISTERS versus CLERGY.**

The religion classes held in the Jewish School in connection with the synagogue continue to achieve good results and what we are specially glad to learn is that the attendance during the period under review shows a marked improvement. The paragraph in the report dealing with the choir contains a statement which although very complimentary to the choristers is not at all so to the other officials who are responsible for the synagogue services. The statement referred to mentions that "the Synagogue Choir has materially helped to make the Synagogue service attractive, and it is felt that the large attendance on Sabbaths and Holy Days is in a great measure due to its effectiveness." We should like to hear the candid opinions of Rabbi Dr. Landau and the Rev. Manne on this statement. We trust we may be allowed to entertain the probability of the rev. gentlemen's opinions on this subject clashing with those of the signatories of the report.

**NOMINATION LIST: INTERESTING FEATURES.**

The nominations received for the offices to be vacated also supply food for comment. They are as follows: For president, Mr. I. Broude; vice-presidents, Mr. J. Klisser and Mr. J. M. Patlansky; treasurer, Mr. A. S. Goldberg; trustees, Messrs. S. Raphaely, M. Cohn, and J. Ratzker; committee, Messrs. J. Frankel, B. Gordon, B. S. Ginsberg, H. Goldberg, A. Isaacs, L. Kranfer, L. Marks, and S. Kossuth-Sieradzki. We regretfully note the absence of the name of Mr. J. H. Isaacs from the nominations for president, and equally so from the nominated executive altogether. It is no secret now that Mr. Isaacs has met with a great deal of opposition and adverse criticism from certain members of his executive during the past year, and the ill-health that has, unfortunately for himself and the community, come upon him lately has no doubt made him resolve to refrain from standing for any office in the executive of the Congregation, for which he has done such yeoman service. The nominations for the vice-president are very interesting. Messrs. Klisser and Patlansky were the chief actors in a very regrettable occurrence that took place at one of the general meetings of the Congregation, and it is noteworthy that the enmity then shown by each towards the other is followed by their opposing each other for the office of vice-president.

**SENSIBILITY.**

Look how the shellfish yieldeth a pearl,  
 How out of its pain hath Beauty grown  
 Where the wounding grain of sand was sown!  
 Wilt thou do less, thou complainer, thou churl?  
 Thy lesson read in the humble shell:  
 Make of the pain a pearl as well.