



# JOHANNESBURG DAY BY DAY



## PALESTINE PRODUCTS.

Is there a market in South Africa for the products of Palestine? This question is being seriously discussed just now by Zionists on the Rand. On the 21st inst. an exhibition of rugs, oils, soaps, sweets and art work will open at the Jewish Guild. These have been brought over by Mr. Borodovsky, who believes that a considerable fillip may be given to Palestine industries if the goods find favour with South African buyers. The outcome is uncertain, but the exhibition is sure to attract visitors. The rugs are of good design and rich but tasteful colouring. Some of the embroidered squares will find favour as table centres for they will enhance the appearance of any dining-room. The soaps are almond and rose scented; both opaque and transparent. Some of the pottery is excellent and there should be a quick sale for the brassware and all the work of the Bezalel School. The Samaritan and Yemenite Jewish workers are also represented by interesting specimens of their handiwork.

## A SUCCESSFUL CABARET.

The United Polish Hebrew Society which is under the presidency of Mr. Wall held a very successful cabaret in the Assembly Hall of the Jewish Guild on last Wednesday evening. The hall had been skilfully arranged for the occasion so as to make the best of the space available, but the function proved so popular that it was somewhat crowded. A combination of excellent musical talent proved a great attraction. Mrs. Louis Phillips who arranged the programme and accompanied the singers had secured the services of those popular vocalists, Miss Freda Gross, Miss Anna Donna and Mr. Lionel Lipkie. There was also an exhibition of the Charleston by the clever little dancers Master Aubrey Freeman and Miss Joyce Cohen, which was frantically applauded. Heeny's band played for the exhibition and for those grown-ups who took the floor later.

## TWO CLEVER SISTERS.

Miss Elsie Salomon, who is so well-known in Johannesburg as a brilliant exponent and teacher of the art of elocution, has issued invitations for the annual distribution of prizes, medals and certificates to her pupils. This will take place at the Jewish Guild on Thursday evening, March 17th, when Mr. Arthur Bouchier, the celebrated actor-manager will distribute the prizes.

Last year Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Neilson-Terry performed this office, and all who were present will remember Mr. Nielson-Terry's commendation of Miss Solomon's methods.

Since last year's prize distribution a remarkable number of medals and other awards have been won by these same pupils at the Johannesburg Eisteddfod and the Trinity College examinations.

Next Thursday evening there will be a recital by Miss Salomon's pupils and the programme is an interesting one. It includes a scene from

"Twelfth Night" with Beryl Ritch as Olivia and May Merimsky as Viola, which won the first prize in the Dramatic Section at the last Pretoria musical festival.

The charming fantasy "A Maker of Dreams," by Oliphant Down, will also be performed. Mrs. Edelstein will be at the piano, and Mr. M. Friedman will accompany on the violin.

Professor Max Drennan, of the University of the Witwatersrand, will take the chair at the prize distribution.

Miss Poppins Salomon, who has been as successful as a dancing teacher as her sister Elsie in the art of elocution will return to South Africa on the 22nd inst. Poppins has been touring with Pavlova's company in Germany, and danced in the ballets "Fairy Doll," "Russian Folk-lore" and "Romance of a Mummy." She will resume control of her dancing classes on the Rand immediately after her return.

## THE LATE MR. HAMMERSCHLAG

The Jewish community of this town, and more particularly the German section, heard with real sorrow of the sudden death, from heart failure, of Mr. Daniel Hammerschlag. Although Mr. Hammerschlag had come to the Rand so many years ago that he counted as a pioneer, he was nevertheless so young and active in appearance that it was hard to realise that he had attained the age of fifty-eight. Mr. Hammerschlag was a burgher of the Transvaal and a British subject, and his own great personal popularity saved him from much of the prejudice which was exhibited to all of German origin during the great war. Mrs. Hammerschlag, who is a member of the well-known Oppenheimer family of Frankfort, has done excellent work for communal institutions, especially the Jewish Orphanage and the Koshers Kitchen of the General Hospital. Her many friends and well-wishers extend their sincerest sympathy and condolence to her in her bereavement.

## TO BE MARRIED IN CHURCH.

Some amusement has been caused in social circles by the announcement that a well-known Jewish professional man is to marry a Christian lady shortly; the ceremony to take place in a fashionable church. Of course, it will not be the first time that such a thing has happened in Johannesburg, but it is rare enough to be commented upon, because the majority of these mixed marriages take place in registry offices. The family of a certain Jewish magnate (who still preserves a strong predilection for his own race) have nearly all been married in church, for the mother although born a Jewess, has chosen to espouse Christianity, and her offspring followed her example.

In recent London papers were the photographs of a member of a famous London Jewish family and his betrothed, who not only bears a Jewish name but owns features of a markedly Semitic order. Now comes news that this couple will soon be united at

St. George's Church, Hanover Square. Of course, there was the precedent when Lord Reading's son, then Geoffrey Isaacs, married Sir Alfred Mond's daughter in church and both the Jewish papas were present at the ceremony to give their benison. But one can understand the covert amusement of the Gentile guests at such weddings.

## THE YIDDISH THEATRE.

The African Theatres Trust was so favourably impressed with the results of the Isaacovitch season of Yiddish plays at the Standard Theatre, that they resolved to repeat the experiment. Accordingly they negotiated with Mr. Adolf Tefner and Mr. Paul Breitman (leading comedian and singer of the previous company) and these two were entrusted with the formation of a new company, which opens to-night (Monday) in Johannesburg with the operetta "Caucasin Love." I am told that the season will last twelve weeks, and if it is as successful as its promoters hope, a succession of similar companies will visit Johannesburg, which will be able to boost its own Yiddish Theatre. It remains to be seen whether the Yiddish-speaking population of the Rand is large enough to continually support such a theatre. The younger generation is mostly English-speaking and prefers to attend the usual order of entertainments. Nevertheless, the present company contains several favourites, who appeal to young and old. First of these is Adolf Tefner. He has a very charming personality and a good stage appearance, young and extremely agile, his whole performance is full of life and zest. Mr. Breitman has a good baritone voice, a tall figure and much experience as an actor. Madame Kanevka, the leading lady is also very popular. She seems equally at home as the unhappy heroine of melodrama, or when playing a broad comedy role.

The producer and musical director is Mr. David Baigleman, a newcomer to this country.

It is said that the only other city in the Union capable of supporting the Yiddish theatre is Cape Town. So in all probability the present company will pay the coast capital a visit at the conclusion of the Johannesburg season.

## HEBREW ORDER OF DAVID.

The Grand Lodge of the Hebrew Order of David has held its annual election of officers, with the following results: Grand President: Wor. Bro. Dr. C. Spiro (unopposed); Deputy President, Wor. Bro. M. J. Shindler; Treasurer, Bro. H. Carter; M.C., Bro. L. Faiga; Secretary, Bro. M. H. Kam (unopposed); the other officials including Brothers M. Eack, E. Kaplan, J. Goldman, I. Taitz, B. Hatzkilson, J. Shawzin, I. Shindler, S. Jossel, B. Levins, V. B. Simon, M. L. Goodman, L. Faiga, S. N. Davis, M. Huftel, O. Shoob, M. J. Green, J. Levine, P. Cowen.

Many of the members of the Order attended the wedding of Bro. S.

Schiller, of the Dr. Herzl Lodge, which took place in the Selborne Hall. He was presented with a silver Kiddush cup.

Another popular member, Bro. J. Margolis was married to Miss H. Livingstone on Wednesday, the ceremony being followed by a largely attended reception at The Stephanie.

## NUTSHELL COMMENTS.

There will be a Purim ball at the Jewish Guild next Saturday evening, March 19th, when many novelties will be introduced. These will include Spot and Affinity dances and an exhibition of the Charleston and Black Bottom dances. Ladies of the Committee are arranging for the catering.

Mr. Bernard Alexander, President of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, has returned to Johannesburg from a prolonged visit to Europe and America.

Mr. David Fram, a well-known young Yiddish litterateur, has arrived in this country and expects to deliver a series of lectures on subjects of Jewish interest.

Dr. Clara Mendelsohn will be the lecturer at the next monthly literary meeting of the Women's Zionist League. Her subject will be "The Jewish Child."

Park Synagogue should be well filled on Thursday evening, 17th inst., for there will be a special choral service to celebrate Purim Eve, Chief Cantor Pincasovich and the choir of the Synagogue will render the music.

## Palestinian Politics.

Whatever else they are doing in Palestine the fact remains that there is a considerable amount of political activity, and the latest is the formation of a new Palestine Jewish Party which intends to co-operate with the Zionist organisation, and send its representatives to the next Congress. We learn from Jerusalem that a fortnight ago representatives of the Colonists, Industrialists, Merchants, Artisans, Polish and other immigrant associations in Palestine held a meeting at Tel-Aviv at which they decided to establish a National Jewish Party. The new party will work with the Zionist organisation, urging it to take equal care of all classes and groups in Jewry without giving preference to any of them and, we understand, will endeavour to secure a big representation of its members at the next Zionist Congress.

The Executive of the newly-formed party includes Messrs. Smilanski, Leventin, Shelush, Weidenfeld and Reichert. The Executive has been instructed to demand from the Jewish Agency that three representatives of the new party, one agriculturist, one merchant and one industrialist should be attached to the Agency's Commission of Experts when it arrives in Palestine. A detailed memorandum on the situation in the country will be submitted by the Executive of the National Jewish Party to the Commission.