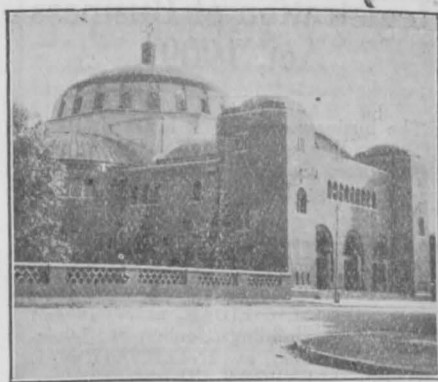




JOHANNESBURG DAY BY DAY



JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Some time has elapsed since I last wrote about the proposed formation of a Jewish Historical Society of South Africa, but the scheme is only now beginning to take form. The initiative comes from some of the committee members of the Witwatersrand Jewish Helping Hand and Burial Society (The Chevra Kadisha) who think the time has come for compiling the records of Jewish pioneers in this country, and the early activities of Jewish communities.

The Chief Rabbi, Dr. J. L. Landau, has promised to be the chairman of the new Jewish Historical Society, and meanwhile he has consented to preside at the general meeting at the Guild on Thursday evening next, 28th April, to arrange for its inception. The provisional committee: Mr. Joseph Ratzker, President of the United Hebrew Congregation; Mr. M. Rubenstein, President of the Chevra Kadisha; Mr. M. Reuvid, Vice-President; Mr. A. Couzin, Mr. Percy Cowen and Mr. Lewis Pinshaw, provisional hon. secretary.

The meeting will be open to the general public, and all who are interested are cordially invited to attend.

missioner), Mrs. Bernard Patley, and Mrs. B. Meyerowitz. There will be a meeting of convenors and helpers at the Jewish Guild this (Monday) evening, when Dr. B. Friedman and Mr. Jack Alexander will address the gathering. Mrs. Reinhold is the chairman of the recently formed sub-committee of the Women's Zionist League, which has undertaken the work of clearing and collecting the National Fund collecting boxes in the northern district of Johannesburg. Mesdames Max Guinsberg, B. Patley and B. Meyerowitz are also on this sub-committee. Their monthly meetings are held at Mrs. Reinhold's residence and prove very pleasant informal gatherings. At the last monthly meeting some Russian songs were charmingly rendered by Miss Richter, and Miss Suzanne Margolis, the well-known pianist, contributed some solos.

ARRIVAL OF HERR GROSSBARD.

The very large proportion of Yiddish-speaking Jews on the Rand, which is responsible for the continued success of the Yiddish company at the Standard, will soon have the opportunity of hearing an artist of a different calibre.

Herr Grossbard, who has just arrived in South Africa, was one of the stars of the famous "Vilna" troupe, a company that roused the greatest enthusiasm during its visit to London a few years ago. The "Vilna" players were real artists, and London critics were unanimous on this point, further declaring that it was quite easy to follow plot and dialogue in a strange language because of the wonderful pantomime and facial expressions of the actors.

One of Grossbard's greatest roles is that of Chanan, the hero of "The Dybbuk," a play which has won its place in the repertoire of dramatic masterpieces on the Continent and in America; its real greatness appealing far beyond the limits of a purely Jewish public.

Grossbard is visiting South Africa under the auspices of the Yiddish Literary Society of the Rand, but the real inducement was his ardent desire to see this country.

BAD MANNERS.

The bad manners of synagogue congregations on the Rand has frequently been the occasion of opprobrious comment, but the scenes witnessed in Park Synagogue during last week's Passover celebrations roused universal indignation. It is a common practice for the elder members to go out during certain portions of the service and they care little how the noise of their movements disturbs those who remain to listen. Tramp, tramp, may be heard with the most maddening persistence during half the service. As for the conduct of the children it may be stigmatised as disgusting. They run up and down constantly, and make a frightful

noise in the vestibule, where they indulge in games. The flappers and their admirers delight in congregating on the steps outside advertising to all the world that they have come to display themselves and not to attend divine service.

A BENONI FUNCTION.

The Benoni branch of the Jewish Colonization Fund is most active and great success attended their Cinderella dance on Wednesday evening of last week, over £50 accruing to the fund.

The object of the association is to assist Jewish agriculturists to settle on land in the Crimea.

Owing to existing conditions in Europe and America, nearly every gate is barred against the Jew from Eastern Europe, consequently he is compelled to remain where he is willy-nilly, as the economic conditions in Palestine will permit of only a strictly limited immigration.

South African Jewry is keenly Zionist, but a fair proportion recognise the claims of their Russian brethren and help as much as they can. The Executive Committee of the Benoni branch comprises Dr. C. B. Shapiro, chairman; Mr. M. Reisin, vice-chairman; Mr. G. London, treasurer, and Miss P. Epstein, hon. secretary.

MISS FLORENCE LINDER.

It is seldom that a young South African singer can draw such a crowded house as that which acclaimed Miss Florence Linder on Sunday evening. This delightful soprano comes from Durban, where she has already established a reputation. She sang at a concert in the Johannesburg Town Hall a few weeks ago although the professional critics complained that she was occasionally flat, they praised the freshness and lyric quality of her voice. With the audience her success was instantaneous and so decided, that she was re-engaged for the concert which took place last night. Every song Miss Linder rendered was received with enthusiasm. She chose the Air de Lia from Debussy's "Prodigal Son," a group of extremely interesting songs by modern British composers and the Hebrew elegy "Yohrzeit," by Silberta an American Rabbi.

This young singer has a most promising future, and if she decides upon a professional career she has the additional asset of beauty to help her success.

NUTSHELL COMMENTS.

Chief Cantor and Mrs. Pincasovich have issued invitations for the celebration of the Barmitzvah of their only son, Joseph. He will read a portion of the Law at the Wolmarans Street Synagogue on Saturday, 30th April, and on the following afternoon his parents will hold a reception at the Corona Lodge.

Owing to the serious illness of Mr. Julius Heymann, his nephew-by-marriage, Dr. Bernard Friedman, will be unable to give his promised lecture to the Women's Zionist League on Tuesday evening.

It will be remembered that Dr. Friedman, who is a brilliant orator, had promised an address on "Modern Jewry and the Mission of Israel."

Mr. and Mrs. M. Rubenstein celebrated their silver wedding last week. They were married in Cape Town by the Rev. A. P. Bender.

Owing to the Passover holidays the monthly meeting of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies was held over until next Sunday, 1st May.

The Sir Harry Graumann Lodge (Benoni) of the Hebrew Order of David will give a dance on 1st May, which will be largely attended by visitors from Johannesburg. The Max Langerman Lodge, of Germiston, intends to hold a fancy dress cabaret on 1st June.

Jewish Emigration Organisation.

TRAINING FOR EMIGRANTS.

The Paris correspondent of the Jewish Telegraph Agency states that the Executive Committee of the new United Jewish Emigration Organisation, Ica-Hias-Emigdirekt, was constituted there on the 4th inst. It consists of five representatives of the Ica and five representatives of the Hias and Emigdirekt. Dr. Oscar Cohn, of the Emigdirekt, has been elected President of the Executive for one year.

The Executive has laid down the programme of work for the new organisation, which will be concentrated chiefly on preparing the intending emigrants for the new countries by training them in their native lands in the particular occupations which will best suit them for the countries of immigration.

The next meeting of the Council of the new Organisation will be held in Berlin in May.

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NATIONAL FUND DRIVE.

The Johannesburg Women's Zionist League has decided to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the National Fund by arranging for a house-to-house collection on Sunday next, 1st May. The minimum subscription is fixed at one shilling, but there is no maximum. It is hoped that the Jewish public will subscribe liberally, as all monies collected will go to the Jewish National Fund, a fund that exists solely for the purchase of land in Palestine for Jewish settlers.

The sub-committee responsible for the drive, comprises Mrs. B. Reinhold (the League's National Fund Com-



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