

JOHANNESBURG

DAY BY DAY



DR. BRAMSON'S ACTIVITIES.

In his own unostentatious way, Dr. Leon Bramson has been putting in a lot of hard work since his arrival in Johannesburg. He has met all the communal leaders and found them sympathetic towards his mission. He has conferred with Mr. Siegfried Raphaely, the acting president of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies and also with the Council of the Zionist Federation. He addressed a conference of the branches of the Jewish Colonization Fund and several meetings of representatives of all these associations, when he spoke plainly of the terrible distress now being experienced by our brethren in Eastern Europe, and the necessity for a combined effort by world Jewry, to relieve it.

Dr. Bramson insists that this help shall be of a reconstructive nature and advocates that funds be provided for productive occupations, and to open fresh fields for artisans and agriculturists. The organisations that he represents, Ort, Oze and Emigdirekt, exist for these objects and also to strengthen the physical state of the enfeebled, and to aid all those who are forced to emigrate.

Dr. Bramson declares that the leaders of European Jewry confidently expect the South African community to respond to their appeal and organise a new campaign for constructive purposes.

It has been decided to convene a meeting at an early date of representatives of Rand Jewish institutions and societies, at which Dr. Bramson will further explain the situation in Eastern Europe, and the extent to which the three world organisations that he represents are ameliorating the lot of the stricken Jewish inhabitants. A provisional committee of nine has been appointed to arrange for the meeting, and to plan the campaign. Many prominent communal leaders have promised to co-operate with this committee.

INTERESTING WEDDINGS.

There were several weddings of interest on Sunday. Yeoville Synagogue was chosen for the wedding of Miss Joyce Rosen and Mr. Maurice Segal, the knot being tied by the Rev. B. I. Beckman and Cantor Pincasovich. The bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rosen, are old residents of Johannesburg, and many relatives and friends attended the ceremony and went on to the reception at the bride's home in Dunbar Street, Yeoville. Mr. and Mrs. Rosen gave their daughter away, and Mr. and Mrs. Siegfried Raphaely acted for the bridegroom. The bride, who is a very charming and popular girl, was much admired in her wedding gown of ivory crepe-de-chine with a deep hem of silver guipure lace. Her headdress of pearls and orange-blossom surmounted by a lace veil, was most becoming. She was attended by her sister, Miss Rita Rosen, who wore a pretty rose taffeta frock embroidered with pale blue, and a hat to match. A dainty

little flower girl, Mollie Raphaely, was also dressed in rose coloured silk and carried a basket of lovely carnations. Amongst the guests were the bride's aunts, Mrs. Siegfried Raphaely, Mrs. R. Levison and Miss Sair Rosen, the bridegroom's mother and sister, Mrs. and Miss Segel, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Rosen, Mr. and Mrs. Schuler, Mrs. B. P. Marks and her daughters, Mrs. and Miss Asher, Mr. M. Harris and the Rev. Beckman.

On the same day Miss Flora Manasewitz was married to Mr. Victor Gratus in Park Synagogue and the ceremony was followed by a large reception in the evening at the Selborne Hall.

On Thursday evening, 30th inst., Miss Mary Lipschitz, the elder daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Lipschitz will be married to Mr. Ben Blecher.

ORPHANS IN PALESTINE.

The South African Zionist Federation has made the proposal that all funds collected by the South African Women's Keren Hayesod campaign shall be devoted to the upkeep of the children's colony in Palestine founded by South African Jewry. This colony has been called "Givat Hamoreh" in the past, but the Federation now refers to it as Kfar Yeladim.

At the annual general meeting of the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League which took place last Wednesday, the scheme was advocated by Mr. A. M. Abrahams, president of the South African Zionist Federation, Mr. Benzion Hersch and Mrs. M. Morrison (of Escombe, Natal), and after some discussion it was put in the form of a resolution and carried unanimously. It will be remembered that the children at Kfar Yeladim were taken to Palestine after the war, when so many Jewish children in the Ukraine were orphaned and friendless. Many of them are now self-supporting, but their places will be filled by other orphans, for the colony has proved most successful. The children are trained as agriculturists and their work on the land helps to keep down the expenses. Those who become self-supporting are placed with neighbouring Jewish farmers. The colony has 256 acres of land and there are nursery gardens, chicken runs and a dairy, in addition to the fields of grain. An experienced staff exercises close supervision. At the present time there are about fifty-three boys and thirty-four girls at Kfar Yeladim.

THE BLUE MASQUERADE BALL.

It is a long time since any large Jewish function of a social nature has taken place in Johannesburg, and the first of its kind for several months was the Blue Masquerade Ball given by the Zeire Zion Association in the Town Hall on Wednesday night. The decorations had a pleasing novelty and proved very

effective. Festoons of a deep blue tinge cross the hall, meeting in the centre, and blue shaded lights mingled with whiter ones on the Mogen David and other devices that blazed about the platform. Many of the dancers had come in fancy dress and their costumes were judged by Miss Hetty King, the Empire star, Mrs. Rothkugel, Mrs. Goudvis and Mr. Dainow. There were several effective dresses, the most original being the "National Fund Collecting Box," cleverly carried out by Miss F. Sack, who won the ladies' prize in the Jewish National Costume section.

There was an interesting Charleston competition judged by the Baron De Wagstaffe (Treble Violl) and Madame Canale.

Miss Hetty King proved as charming in social life as she is on the stage. When she entered, the band played "For he's a jolly good fellow" and when one considers the cleverness of her male impersonations the title is not inappropriate. After the prizes had been presented by Mrs. Harry Lourie, the dancers called on Miss Hetty King for a speech, and she replied with a few neatly turned sentences and wished them all "Mozeltov."

Beautiful bouquets were presented to Mrs. Lourie and Miss Hetty King by the committee.

THE MUSICAL REVELLERS.

A very bright show was put on at the Jewish Guild on Saturday and Sunday evenings and will be repeated next Sunday, the 19th inst.

The Musical Art Section presented "Harold Miller's Musical Revellers in a pot-pourri of mirth, melody and music," vide the play-bill.

The company comprises the Misses Minnie Joffe, Ray Lipkie, Gertie Wade, Rose Shapiro, Beatrice Kerner; Messrs. Harold Miller, Maurice Tatz, I. Baruch and Leo Rosen. The black and white costumes of the girls were smart and becoming and combined well with the evening dress and silk toppers of the men. The concerted numbers went with a swing from the opening chorus "May we Introduce Ourselves," to the finale. The Yiddish song and dance "Katinka" by "The Boys" proved very popular, and so did Mr. Harold Miller's song about "Rebecca" with amusing patter which he brought out very well. Mr. Miller has a distinct flair for these Yiddish characterisations. Very clever was the number "Swank," as interpreted by Ray Lipkie, Gertie Wade, I. Baruch, Maurice Tatz and Harold Miller. The "Girls" were good in "Breezing along with the Breeze," and the entire company proved very amusing in "Gutter Impressions." A word of praise is due to Rose Shapiro for her interpretation of "Barcelona." She is still very young but gives the impression that he has genuine talent for work of this order if she is wisely directed and given the right stuff to put over. A burlesque sketch "Darkness to Dawn," was included in the programme.

FOR THE ZIONIST CONGRESS.

On July 3rd, the ballot will take place for the delegates from South Africa to attend the forthcoming Zionist Congress at Basle, which will open on 30th August. There are eleven candidates and eight may be selected. The names of the candidates (in alphabetical order) are: Miss Rina Cosay, Cape Town; Mr. Herbert Frenkel, Johannesburg; Mr. Jacob Gesundheit, Jerusalem; Mrs. Alga Guinsberg, Johannesburg; Mr. Hirsch Hillman, Durban; Dr. Emanuel Lourie, Johannesburg; Isaac Ochberg, Cape Town; Philip Policansky, Cape Town; Gustave Saron, B.A., Johannesburg; Idel Schwartz, Cape Town; Benzion Shein, Johannesburg. Several of these candidates are already in Europe and one (Mr. Gesundheit) is at present in Palestine, but all are entitled to represent South African Zionists.

Special meetings of shekel-payers will take place on Sunday, July 3rd, where voters may assemble to record their votes. At these meetings there will be discussions on the principle subjects to be debated at the Congress so that South African representatives will be able to gauge the feeling in this country regarding such questions.

NUTSHELL COMMENTS.

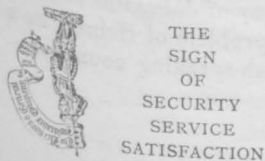
The first meeting of the Council of the Federation of Synagogues brought together seventeen members of the twenty-two congregations belonging to the Federation. There was disagreement concerning the omission of a certain decision in the minutes, and the meeting adjourned till Sunday, 19th June, when it is hoped that the two conflicting parties will be able to come to an agreement.

Dr. Manfred Nathan has promised to lecture to the members of the Dr. Herzl Lodge, Hebrew Order of David, on Monday evening, 27th June. He will give an address on "The Jew in World Politics."

The Jewish Guild has secured a promise from Mr. Percy Hutchinson, the popular English Actor, that he will give a lecture on Sunday evening, 26th inst., on "The History of the Drama."

The annual general meeting of subscribers to the Jewish Orphanage at Arcadia will take place at the Hebrew High School on Wednesday evening, 22nd June. The annual report and balance sheet will be issued before the meeting.

The Jewish Women's Benevolent Society intend to organise a bazaar in aid of their funds, to take place at the Jewish Guild early in November. Lady Oppenheimer is chairman of the committee. The organisation is in the capable hands of Mrs. Mary Solomon.



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