

# A NEW HEBREW SCHOOL.

Jeppestown Jewry were en fete on Sunday, 2nd June, when the foundation stone of the new school of the Jeppes and Eastern Districts Hebrew Congregation was laid by Mr. L. Joffe, in the presence of a large gathering. Mr. L. Radus, Chairman of the Jeppestown and Eastern Districts Hebrew School, presided, and was supported on the platform by Mr. I. W. Osrin, President of the Congregation; Mr. F. Feinstein, Hon. Treasurer; Mr. H. Carter, M.P.C.; Rev. A. Kaplan, Mr. B. P. Marks (United Talmud Torahs), Dr. B. Wainstein (Dr. Herzl Lodge, No. 1, H.O.D.), Mr. M. J. Shindler (Grand Lodge of South Africa, H.O.D.), A. R. Bloch, M.P.C. (Fordsburg Hebrew Congregation) and many other represen-

Mr. Radus welcomed the huge gathering, conveying thanks to the members and donors who had made the ceremony possible, and felt that the school would be a credit to the Eastern Districts Jewry. Mr. I. W. Osrin spoke, and recalled the band of workers who had slaved many years ago, and felt proud to think that their efforts had brought the community to their present Hon. Treasurer, spoke and expressed Mr. F. Feinstein, the pleasure of all concerned at being present to witness the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of a hew school which would prove a centre for learning and furthering Judaism. At the present time there Were 100 children attending the school, and it was by means of the chain of Hebrew Schools that the coming generation could be taught the traditions and history of the Jewish nation. Mr. H. Carter, M.P.C., presented a silver trowel to Mr. L. Joffe and congratulated the Committee on their achievement. He considered it was the duty of parents to encourage their children to attend Hebrew Schools, for by this means they were able to further Judaism. Thereupon Mr. L. Joffe laid the foundation stone amidst the applause of the whole assembly and addressed a few words in Yiddish, expressing his pleasure at the honour which had been bestowed on him and hoped that there would be raised aims of the community. are worthy of the highest

A sermon was preached by Rev. A. M. Kaplan, who held that the stone had been laid to the glory of God and for the promotion of Jewish learning and sentiment. considered that we should treasure the ideals handed down to us by our ancestors, and by laying the foundation stone that day he hoped we were opening a school where we would be trawould be able to carry on the traditions of the Jewish people. He

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concluded with an earnest prayer, and the proceedings terminated with the singing of "Hatikvah" and "God Save the King." Thereupon an adjournment was made to the refreshment hall, when the Committee held a reception, tastefully decorated tables having been arranged by Quinns, Ltd. Master Joffe, son of Mr. L. Joffe, intrigued the audience by giving a short speech, in which he thanked the Committee for the honour bestowed on his father, and expressed the hope that he would be able to follow in his father's footsteps and at a later stage be honoured by the Jewish community. Speeches were also delivered by Messrs. L. Radus, B. P. Marks, H. Schlapobersky and Ch. P. Goodman.

### RADIUM FUND.

Johannesburg Hospital The Radium Fund will close at the end of June, and at the present moment the fund stands at £8,500. A number of further donations have been received during the past week, chief amongst which mention must be made of the grant of £100 by the Brakpan Town Council, an amount of £25 made by the Springs Town Council, and £52 10s. by the African Explosives and Industries, Ltd. The fund should likewise benefit as a result of the excellently patronised concert which was held in the City Hall on 28th May and kindly arranged by Miss Ray Joseph, as also by the efforts of the Benoni Rotary Club, for two persons of that institution have alone succeeded in collecting more than £100. At the last meeting of the Germiston Town Council it was unanimously agreed to donate a sum to the Johannesburg Radium Fund, and whilst the Council wish to donate the sum of £100, it was decided to refer the recommendation back to the Finance Committee, adding a rider that a larger sum should be donated.

On Saturday next, 8th June, the students of the University of the Witwatersrand propose to take charge of the city throughout the entire day, when an attempt will be made to "loot" the public of £1,000 for the Radium Fund. From daybreak to night students will swarm through the city, raiding offices, holding up the public, staging ingenious tableaux and selling barrels of beer on the City Hall steps, for which purpose George Robey has kindly consented to act as auctioneer.

A further remarkable arrangement by the students is that of rafflng His Worship the Mayor of Johannesburg, and there can be little doubt that as the result of the activities of the university students the memories of many will be carried back to the times when these "rags"

were annual events amongst the British universities, and as a result of which many hospitals and wellknown charities benefitted consider-

## H.O.D.

A number of members of the Dr. Herzl Lodge, Johannesburg, have banded themselves together and are known as "The Harmony Club," and have proposed to raise funds for the purpose of furnishing the Lodge's new hall, which is shortly to be opened. As a preliminary step towards raising funds for purchasing a grand piano, they propose holding a concert at the Astoria Kinema on Sunday, 23rd June, at which many well-known artistes will appear. Tickets are priced moderately at 5s., 3s. and 2s., and the booking will open shortly at Messrs. H. Polliack & Co., Ltd., Eloff Street, Johannesburg.

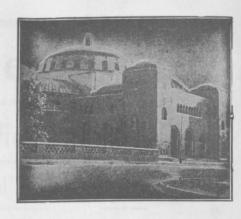
On Sunday, 19th May, officers of the Grand Lodge journey to Witbank for the purpose of installing the Officers and Committee of the Witbank Lodge No. 10, and the delegation consisted of Wor. Bros. J. Distiller and L. Faiga, and Bros. Dr. B. Wainstein and H. S. Blank. Arrived at Witbank, the Grand Lodge Officers were entertained to lunch at the Athlone Hotel, and in the afternoon installed the following Officers in a most impressive man-

President, J. Bloch; Vice-President, I. Schech; Master of Ceremonies, B. Hope; Treasurer, M. Young; Book Examiners, M. H. Katz and B. Hope; Secretary, R. Cohen (re-elected); Grand Lodge Delegates, Rev. W. Woolf and R. Cohen; Committee, J. Schiller, M. Manasewitz, J. Milwidsky, J. Shein, S. Young and M. Luntz.

## "LAND OF PROMISE FETE."

The efforts of an energetic Committee of conveners and helpers throughout the past three or four months will now be realised when, on 4th June, "The Land of Promise Fete" will be opened officially by Lady Oppenheimer at the City Hall, Johannesburg, and will continue throughout the two ensuing days, Wednesday and Thursday, 5th and 6th June. At the final meeting of the General Committee held on 27th May, at which Dr. J. M. Edelstein presided, Lady Oppenheimer was present, and expressed her pleasure at the manner in which conveners and helpers had co-operated to en-

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sure the success of their undertaking. The illuminations and decorations will be on a magnificent scale, whilst the helpers will be attractively costumed, and it is confidently expected that the public will make use of the refreshment stall for teas, luncheons and suppers, and that throughout the day there will be many visitors to support the fete, which is being held in aid of the Jewish National Fund.

## A "SIYUM HATORAH."

On Sunday next, 9th June, there is being held, under the auspices of the Talmudical Association of the Fordsburg-Mayfair Synagogue, a "Siyum Hatorah," in celebration of the Torah which has been donated by Mr. and Mrs. A. Goodgal. The ceremony is due to take place at 3 The Cantor Fogelman will conduct the service and will be accompanied by music, whilst addresses will be delivered by prominent speakers.

## THE UNITED PARTY CLUB.

Members of the United Party Club are reminded of the special cabaret which is to be held at the Club House on Wednesday, 9th June, in aid of the funds of the S.A. Dancing Teachers' Association. Jimmy Clark and his orchestra will be responsible for the music, whilst an amateur fox-trot competition will be held, for which valuable prizes will be given. Special attention will doubtless be paid to the demonstration which is being given by Miss Barbara Miles, the world's champion in ballroom dancing, and who is expected shortly from Durban, where she has been conducting examinations on behalf of her Association.

## JEWISH STUDENTS' DANCE.

The annual dance of the Jewish Students' Association of the University of the Witwatersrand was held at the Jewish Guild War Memorial Hall on Monday, 27th May, and attracted about 100 dancers, amongst the guests being Mr. H. R. Raikes, Principal of the University, and Miss Swansbourne, Warden of the Women's Hostel. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and the success of this annual dance was largely due to the energetic Committee, which consisted of the following: -D.C., Mr. C. Adler; M.C.'s, Miss F. Malk, Miss M. Festenstein, Miss H. Hurwitz, Miss S.

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## South African Jewish Board of Deputies.

A well-attended meeting of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies was held on Sunday morning at the Jewish Guild building, Johannesburg, presided over by Mr. S. Raphaely, the President.

Mr. Harry Carter, M.P.C., hon. treasurer, reported having in the Transvaal Provincial Council raised the matter of the admissions of Jewish children to certain of the Government schools, regarding which difficulties had been experienced, and that he had obtained the returns of the applications and admissions with regard to the Barnato Girls, King Edward and Jeppes Schools, from which it appeared that there had been some improvement in the position compared with previous years. With reference to two further cases brought forward at the meeting, it was left to Mr. Harry Carter to interview the Administrator and the Director of Education with regard to the question of having access to the names and addresses of applicants for admission and those admitted.

The President was unanimously elected to represent South African Jewry on the Council of the extended Jewish Agency for Palestine, being formed of representatives of world Jewry, to work in conjunction with the World Zionist Organisation for the carrying out of the terms of the British Mandate for Palestine.

Dr. Charles Spiro, Messrs. M. Geffen and A. Livingstone (the two latter in place of the Chairman and Mr. Harry Carter, who had been provisionally acting in that capacity) were elected to represent Johannesburg Jewry on the Appeal Committee of the Johannesburg Hospital in response to an invitation received from that body.

It was decided to send a protest to the Joint Matriculation Board against the use of a certain Dutch text book in the Matriculation standards of certain schools, as it contained propaganda for the conversion of Jews to Christianity.

Mr. S. B. Friede, the Chairman of the Jewish Employment Bureau of the Board, submitted the monthly report of the Bureau's activities, showing that 40 applicants had been found employment during the month, making a total of 438 billets found since the inception of this important branch of the Board.

With regard to the scheme for settling Jews on the land in this country, Mr. Friede reported that 12 young men had so far been placed on farms, and that the Bureau was receiving expert advice from the Government Land Department regarding land that had been offered upon which to work the land settlement scheme.

The Chairman reported having, with Mr. Harry Carter, assisted in obtaining funds with which selected Jewish Boy Scouts were being sent to England to take part in the forthcoming World Scout Jamboree. It was decided that at the next meeting the definite date be fixed for the South African Congress of the Board

to be held in Cape Town during the year-end holidays, and, in this connection, the Chairman emphasised the necessity of as many Deputies as possible attending this Conference in view of its exceptional importance.

## IN AND AROUND THE TOWN.

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method of working will have had a great deal to do with that consummation. Meanwhile, the Committee of that excellent Society has much on which to congratulate itself. One of the outstanding features of its activities is the Kosher Kitchen, which has been a boon to Jews and Jewesses who have had the misfortuee to be patients of the New Somerset Hospital. The kitchen is spoken of in complimentary terms by the hospital authorities and reflects great credit upon the parent body, namely, the Sick Relief Society. Chairman, Mr. F. Suritz, may well be proud of the great part which the Society of which he is President plays in the communal life of this town, and no one reading the comprehensive report which was circulated can help but admire the selfsacrificing spirit which is displayed by him and his colleagues.

### JEWISH PEDIGREE.

In this week's Sedra, Numbers, chap. 1, verse 18, we read: "And they assembled all the congregation together on the first day of the second month, and they declared their pedigrees after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, by their polls."

Targum Unkooloos, commenting on the word "Vaijisyaldoo," "and they declared their pedigree," remarks "Ve-isyachsoo," "and they prided themselves of their pedigree." Any Jew reading these first chapters of Numbers cannot but feel proud of the fact that while a great number of our neighbours now boast of civilisation and pedigree, the Jew certainly possessed these thousands of years before them.

One is reminded of the event when Lord Beaconsfield (Disraeli) delivered his first speech in the British House of Parliament and was laughed at. His retort was: "Gentlemen, do not forget that my ancestors were priests in the Temple of God while your ancestors were still running about as savages on the banks of the Thames."

Would that our young would realise the fact that the Jews as a nation can claim all the qualities which go towards creating the pride of a nation; for if martyrdom creates a nation, who had more martyrs than the Jews? If civilisation creates a nation, who can boast of an older civilisation than the Jews? There is a great need to inculcate the spirit of declaring one's pedigree after their families.

Let the Jew declare himself first and foremost a Jew, and he will gain the respect due to him from every point of view, viz., antiquity, martyrdom and civilisation.

## THE EISTEDDFOD—JEWISH FINALISTS.

The City Hall presented a busy scene on the opening evening of the Eisteddfod last Monday. On Wednesday evening the two halls proved barely large enough for the large audiences. In the preliminary elocution test for girls of 12 to 13 about twenty of the entrants were Jewish. One Jewish girl, Sylvia Vilensky, was selected for the finals. In class 87, bass solo, a very interesting competition, Mr. Harry Garfinkel, who has a very fine voice, was awarded the bronze medal. In class 66, preliminary elocution test for girls between 10 and 11, there were 53 entrants. Of the 15 Jewish children three got into the finals. Number 19, Lily Sharenowitz, gave a most charming and excellent interpretation of "A Lullaby for a Naughty Girl," and was placed an easy first. Natalie Marcus and Rita Maman also came into the finals. Miss Peffers, who offers very constructive criticism, remarked that she was pleased to find that since last year the children had lost a good deal of affected mannerisms, but unfortunately affected speech was still far too prevelant.



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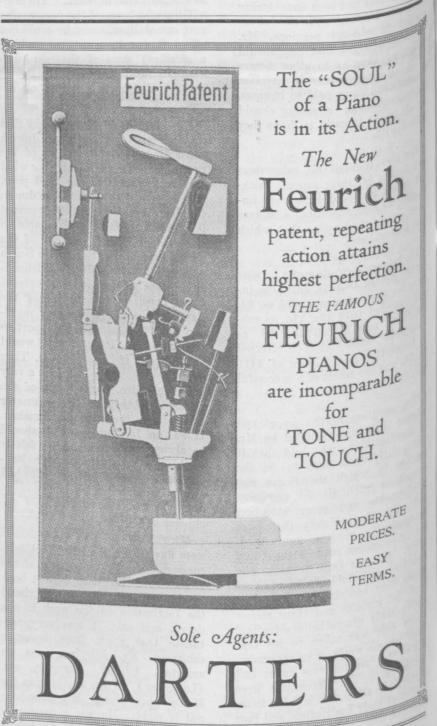
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Hirsch, Miss E. Treisman, and Messrs. E. L. Fisher, R. Kahn and P. Heiman. The Jazz Maniacs Orchestra played for dancing.

## REUBEN BRAININ CAMPAIGN.

The campaign inaugurated by Reuben Brainin to assist Jewish Land Settlement proceeds apace and canvassing has already commenced in Johannesburg. The Campaign Committee have inaugurated practice of a practice of forwarding monthly bulletins letins acquainting all and sundiff with the progress of their campaign and in their last issue great stres was laid on the fact that the Grand Lodge of South Africa, H.O.D., had officially announced their sympathy with and support for the campaign It was also understood that Caple Israel Levinson, of Hillel College Muizenberg, has joined the Organisation and isation and will shortly proceed

a tour of the country districts.
On Monday last, 27th May, He Reuben Brainin lectured to the Brew Circle in Johannesburg "Modern Style in Hebrew Litera" whilst on Sunday last a public reception was tendered to him the Jewish community of Bethal and in the evening he addressed a packed meeting in the Bioscope Hall, being supported by the Mayor, Mr. J. S. Louw, Mr. Bernard Alexander and Dr. J. M. Cohen.



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