

June 6, 1930.

Epitomised Correspondence.

Land Settlement Scheme.

Many of your readers were undoubtedly disappointed that at the meeting of the Jewish Land Settlement Scheme it had been decided to postpone the activities *sine die*. Mr. Raphaely's far-seeing vision indicated that the time was now opportune to buy land, and every right-thinking man who is acquainted with prevailing conditions in the Union must agree with him. It should not be difficult to raise the £50,000 required for such a purpose, especially since Mr. Hillman was able to secure £7,000 in good promises during a short canvass.

The decision to postpone the matter should be rescinded, and every effort be made to establish a movement which cannot but have a very deep effect upon the history of South African Jewry.

J. E. Michaelson (Reitz).

The Hebrew High School.

The United Talmud Torah Schools of Johannesburg, in spite of every effort of the Executive Council, is fast developing into a fiasco. The first blow is about to fall. Recently we heard that there was talk of the Hebrew High School—its most important constituent body—being extended and developed up to matriculation class.

The position now, I understand, is that the only school of its kind in Johannesburg and second in South Africa to provide a combined Hebrew and English secular education for Jewish children in an entirely Jewish atmosphere, is to be closed down shortly and made into an afternoon Talmud Torah only because of the tardy support of Johannesburg Jewry. Lithuanian and other foreign Yeshivas are kept going with support from Johannesburg Jewry. It would be a shame and a great reproach if this school were to be closed down.

The little Oudtshoorn community, however, takes pride in keeping its own Hebrew High School in spite of the financial straits. As an old Johannesburg Hebrew High School boy I make this appeal for the upkeep of so worthy an educational institution.

Mr. Jabotinsky's Visit.

B. Michel (Johannesburg).

The visit of Mr. Jabotinsky to South Africa has given every Jew and Jewess, who has the interest of Zionism at heart, food for thought. We know him to be a man of great courage and tireless energy. He is a fine journalist and his oratorical powers are great. But, that he is a great statesman and that his policy is going to cure all our ills, is still to be proven.

He quoted to us many historical facts analogous to our position in Palestine, with an accuracy and research worthy of Macaulay, and impressed upon us that history repeats itself. It is quite true that history repeats itself, and so we find the same sort of criticism being levelled at the Zionist Executive that was levelled at Moses—their slowness. Yet this policy may be our saving.

What every thinking Jew and Jewess must fear is division in the Zionist ranks. We must avoid that by all that is in our power, and our leaders should not force us into it. Division has been the curse of the Jew, and we must do our utmost to prevent it.

The life of the Jewish race is at present at stake and it demands that instead of our leaders criticising each other, they consult and agree upon the best policy, and forget their personal ambitions and pride. Zionism cannot take both Mr. Jabotinsky's medicine, and that of Dr. Weizmann, and live. We must either all be Revisionists or all follow the Zionist Executive. We cannot be both.

Sarah Belfort (Bloemfontein).

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FIRST ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE.

At the Jewish Guild (Johannesburg).

On Wednesday evening the first annual dinner and dance of the Jewish Guild was held and proved a most pleasant function to all who attended.

A delightful repast with wines was served, after which the gathering adjourned to the large Assembly Hall where dancing was indulged in until a late hour. The music was supplied by Edgar Adeler's Orchestra and during the evening Signor and Madame Canale gave exhibitions of the new waltz and the Continental Tango. The work was duplicated later by their two shadows—being two of the younger pupils.

At the conclusion of the dinner in the early part of the evening, Dr. Cohen referred to the happy nature of the function in an address which contained a considerable number of anecdotes. There were many members of the gathering who felt chagrined that they were given no opportunity of recounting anecdotes of their own. It must be hoped, therefore, that the committee will organise a special "joke" evening for the purpose.

OBITUARY.

Mr. N. Stein (Bloemfontein).

The death occurred on the 19th ult., at the home of his daughter in Springfontein, of Mr. N. Stein, of Bloemfontein.

Mr. Stein arrived in Springfontein on a visit to his children, and appeared to be in good spirits. His death came as a shock to his relatives and to a large circle of friends.

Mr. Stein was one of the oldest Jewish residents in Bloemfontein, having arrived there from Russia some 30 years ago. He was a prominent member of the Hebrew Congregation, and was highly respected by a very large number of friends.

The funeral, which took place in Springfontein, was largely attended by members of the local community.

Mr. SIMON LIPSCHITZ (Johannesburg).

The death has occurred of Mr. Simon Lipschitz, a well-known business man of Johannesburg. The late Mr. Lipschitz was born in Russia and came to South Africa from England in the early 'nineties. From the date of his arrival in Johannesburg he was engaged in the mining material business, and was responsible for the carrying out of transactions of considerable magnitude all over the Union. He was of a retiring disposition and unassuming nature. Charitable objects of any kind always had his staunchest support. Dr. J. L. Landau, Chief Rabbi, and Chief Cantor Rabec officiated at the funeral, at which there was a large and representative gathering. Mr. Lipschitz is survived by his wife, three sons and three daughters.

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