

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Congratulations are being extended to Dr. J. L. Landau (Chief Rabbi of the Federated Synagogues of the Witwatersrand) upon the attainment of his sixty-fifth birthday.

An interesting event will take place at the Jewish Guild on Sunday next, at 8.30 p.m. Mr. Allen Doone, the well-known Irish actor, will give an informal chat, and Mr. Llewellyn Morgan will give an address on "The Bushman as Poet and Thinker." Mr. J. H. Barnett, president of the Jewish Guild, will preside.

Miss Dora Silverman, aged 17, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. P. Silverman, of Brakpan, has been successful in passing her A.T.C.L. (Pianoforte Division) with honours, coming first in the Boksburg centre.

Dr. J. L. Landau (Chief Rabbi) has joined the committee of the Pioneers' Association (1886-87).

The annual meeting of the Randfontein Jewish Ladies' Benevolent Society will be held in the Randfontein Synagogue, on Wednesday, May 20, at 8 p.m.

The annual dance of the Germiston Young Israel Society, which is taking place in the Germiston Railway Institute Hall to-morrow evening, promises to be one of the outstanding functions. Members of the Young Israel movement from all over the Transvaal are expected.

The engagement is announced of Rose Schwartz, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Schwartz, of Klerksdorp, to Dr. Charles Immerman, of Arlington, Orange Free State.

The engagement is announced of Etta, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Kirson, of Baltimore, U.S.A., to Mr. Isidore Cowan, only son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Cowan, of York Lodge, Berea, Johannesburg.

The engagement is announced of Fanny Levitt, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Levitt, of Pretoria, and Percy Wapnick, of Vredendal, Cape Province.

The engagement is announced of Miss Rhona Heymann, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Heymann, to Mr. Jules Leftin, only son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Leftin. Both young people are very popular in social circles in Johannesburg, where their parents have lived for very many years. Miss Heymann was educated at Jeppe and at Roedeaan School, and Mr. Leftin is an Old Edwardian.

Mr. S. Y. Jacobi, C.E., the European delegate of the Ort-Oze-Emigdirect Organisation, has returned to Johannesburg, accompanied by Mrs. Jacobi.

Mrs. Sarah Gertrude Millin, the eminent novelist, has just sent off her new novel to England. She expects the book to be out in the late English autumn. The title of the book is "The Sons of Mrs. Aab," and it is a longer novel than Mrs. Millin usually writes. It is also a story with a distinct plot. Mrs. Millin hopes shortly to begin the "Life of Rhodes," which she has for some time promised to write.

The engagement is announced of Ethel, only daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. Asher Bernstein, to Solly, eldest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Morris Sloat, both of Johannesburg.

Professor S. Herbert Frankel, of the Department of Economics, University of the Witwatersrand, lectured on Tuesday on "Some Economic Problems that Matter," in the Y.W.C.A. Hall, Johannesburg. The lecture was the first of a series of three arranged by the Transvaal Workers' Educational Association, dealing with the economic, administrative and political problems of the Union.

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Rev. J. Kupowitz recently resigned from his position as Minister of the Reitz Hebrew Congregation which he has held for seven years, and has now taken up permanent residence with his family in Johannesburg.

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. I. Lipschitz of Yeoville, Johannesburg on the birth of a son.

ROM—COBLENTZ.

A pretty wedding took place at the Berea Synagogue on Tuesday, May 5 (Lag B'Omer), when Miss Bessie Rose Rom, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Rogalsky, of Sudargai, Lithuania, was married to Aaron Kadish Coblentz, minister of the Standerton Hebrew Congregation, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Coblentz. Rev. S. Steinberg officiated.

The unterfuhrers were Mr. and Mrs. A. Rom (uncle and aunt of the bride) and Mr. and Mrs. K. Coblentz (parents of the bridegroom). The duties of best man were ably carried out by Mr. Harry Shirken. The canopy bearers were Messrs. Morris Coblentz (brother of the bridegroom), Max and Sam Rom (cousins of the bride) and Abraham Lurie. The maid of honour was Miss Eileen Coblentz (sister of the bridegroom), and the bridesmaids were the Misses Ray Nankin and Hilda Sudar. Hazel Levy (niece of the bridegroom) and Shulamith Brenner made most attractive flower girls. A large gathering of relatives and friends attended the ceremony.

South African Jewish Gramophone Records.

When the Columbia Gramophone Company, some time ago, sent a mission to this country to take records of native and Afrikaans melodies, the members of the mission also took records of the voices of a number of prominent South African singers. Amongst these were included Cantor S. Steinberg, the well-known Cantor of the Berea Synagogue in Johannesburg and Mr. Boris Rome, the conductor of the choir at the Gardens Synagogue in Capetown. The records have now reached this country and are for sale at the branches of Messrs. H. Polliack and Co.

Listening to these records, it must be stated that Cantor Steinberg records well in LEX.1, he heard in *Vechulah Hashomayim* and *Sim Sholom*—two very fine synagogal excerpts. In LEX.2, Cantor Steinberg is heard in *Elohenu* and on the other side in *Ein Komocha* and *Ab Horachrim*. The Cantor is heard in further songs on the record LEX.3. Assisting Cantor Steinberg in a number of songs is his fine choir at the Berea Synagogue. These records should certainly find their way into every Jewish home. South African Jewry should be proud of the fact that it has in its midst a *chazan* who will, no doubt, secure international fame by the distribution of these records.

The songs recorded by Mr. Boris Rome are numbered LE.27. His fine tenor voice is heard to advantage and the excellent accompaniment of Miss Jessie Zuckerman, the well-known Capetown pianist, is clearly recorded. Mr. Rome sings *Rachim* and *Af-Bri*.