

Mayoral Sunday at Kimberley.

Civic Procession to the Synagogue.

The newly-elected Mayor of Kimberley, Councillor R. Cohen, attended public worship in state at the synagogue in Memorial Road. He was accompanied by representatives of various organisations and leading citizens.

Quite a number of years have elapsed since such a service has been held in the synagogue, and the occurrence aroused considerable interest. A procession was formed in the grounds of Belgravia Junior School in Dutoitspan Road, and marched up Memorial Road to the synagogue.

The Mayor wore his scarlet robe and gold chain, and was accompanied by the Town Clerk (Mr. A. J. Beet). There was a full attendance of the Council.

There was a strong muster of the British Empire Service League and ex-Servicemen, and a numerous body of town officials and citizens.

The Mayoress (Miss Cohen) was accompanied by the wives of councillors and other ladies.

De Beers Brass Band supplied the music, and was followed by a contingent from the Kimberley Regiment, the Fire Brigade, the South African Police, St. John Ambulance Brigade and Nursing Division.

In addition, there were big groups of Boy Scouts, Girl Guides and Cadets.

A Crowded Synagogue.

The synagogue was thronged, and in the congregation were Sir David Harris, K.C.M.G., Mr. John Orr, M.B.E., the Rev. W. Pescod, Mr. W. Sagar (president of the congregation), Mr G. T. Belding (ex-Mayor) and others.

The service was characterised by simplicity and solemnity. It was conducted by Rev. M. Konviser (Mayor's Chaplain) and Cantor A. Rudy. *Boruch Habo* was sung by the Cantor, after which a psalm of thanksgiving was read by Mr. Konviser. The solemn opening of the Ark then took place, this ceremony being performed by Mr. W. Sagar. The Scrolls of the Law were taken out of the Ark, and prayers for the Royal Family and Governor-General were read by Mr. Konviser.

"As I look about me and observe this congregation, composed as it is of our own co-religionists and non-Jews, within this house, reared to the honour of the God of Israel," said Rev. M. Konviser, in prefacing his address, "I can scarcely refrain from an exclamation of mingled amazement and gratitude at the welcome growth of political and religious toleration which is being practised in our country to-day. Your normal differences notwithstanding, you find yourselves this morning in our Jewish House of Prayer to pray for the Divine Guidance of, and to do honour to, a son of Israel who has been raised to the exalted position of chief citizen of our city. In the name of my community I wish to convey the sincere congratulations and the good wishes to His Worship the Mayor, and the Mayoress, and to express a warm welcome to the City Councillors and the representatives of the various public bodies here this morning. It is a wonderful gesture indeed, on behalf of the leaders of a community to recognise the importance of spiritual things, and to render thanks and gratitude to God Almighty at the outset of their ministrations."

Rev. Konviser then delivered an eloquent and moving sermon, after which the *Hatikvah* was sung.

The service throughout was beautifully intoned by Cantor Rudy. He was assisted by Mr. J. Frank Proudman, who presided at the organ.

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Tour of Rabbi Meir Berlin.

Leaves Johannesburg for Capetown.

On Monday morning last, Rabbi Meir Berlin left Park Station on the Union Limited for Capetown, where he arrived on Tuesday afternoon. He was seen off by a large gathering, and on his arrival in Capetown was cordially received by representatives of various sections of the community. Arrangements have already been made for the noted Zionist leader to address a number of gatherings in the Mother City.

After his departure from Capetown, Rabbi Berlin will visit most of the larger centres in the Cape Province and deliver addresses. On his tours, the leader of the Mizrachi Organisation will be accompanied by Rabbi I. M. Gervis, a member of the Executive Council of the S.A. Zionist Federation. Rabbi Gervis has recently been appointed joint hon. secretary of the newly-formed Mizrachi Organisation in South Africa.

Zionist Activity in Krugersdorp

The Women's Zionist League has been active in collecting funds for the K'far Yeladim and has now turned its activities to raising money towards the quota of Krugersdorp for the National Fund.

An "At Home" was given at the residence of Mrs. (Dr.) L. D. Adler on Wednesday, the 8th inst., for the purpose of welcoming Mrs. Greenberg, Mrs. Hayman and Mrs. Gluckmann. The latter appealed to the gathering of between 50 to 60 ladies to assist in the Redemption of the Valley of Sharon. Mrs. Hayman gave an interesting address on her experience in and impressions of Palestine.

Mrs. Greenberg impressed on the gathering the necessity of keeping up the building we had begun so well.

The League has decided to hold a bazaar in support of the National Fund early in November, and the members of the committee are very active in making arrangements. A series of social evenings have been arranged in support of the Bazaar Funds. The first of these socials was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. Gordon, 20, Coronation Road, Krugersdorp, on Saturday evening, the 17th inst. Over 100 people spent a most enjoyable evening. Mrs. Gordon is to be congratulated on the excellent arrangements for the comfort and entertainment of her guests. The function realised over £12.

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