

First Minister of Muizenberg Hebrew Congregation

The Appointment of Rabbi I. M. Gervis.

THE interesting announcement is made that Rabbi I. M. Gervis, of Johannesburg, has been appointed Minister of the Muizenberg and Kalk Bay Hebrew Congregation.

Rabbi Gervis is well-known in Johannesburg and in many parts of this country and also in Lithuania. In the latter country, he studied at the Radin and Slabotka Yeshivas and later proceeded to the Yeshiva in Hebron, Palestine where he obtained his Rabbinical diploma.

Six years ago Rabbi Gervis came to South Africa and for a period of three years occupied the post of principal of the Hebrew School in East London, where he also acted as preacher. During his stay in Johannesburg, Rabbi Gervis has taken an active part in Zionist endeavour and at the last Zionist Conference was elected a member of the Executive Council of the S.A. Zionist Federation. His chief work has been connected with the revival of the Hebrew language and he has been for a period of three years the Chairman of the local Hebrew Speaking Circle.

When Rabbi Meir Berlin, the leader of the Mizrahi World Organisation, came to this country, he was greatly assisted in his work by Rabbi Gervis, who held the position of honorary secretary.

Rabbi Gervis is receiving good wishes from a large number of friends upon his appointment to his first post as Minister and similar felicitations are being extended to the Muizenberg and Kalk Bay Hebrew Congregation upon the selection of its first Minister.

A farewell reception to Rabbi Gervis is being given by the Hebrew Circle of Johannesburg on Saturday, the 11th inst., at the Hebrew High School. All members and well wishers are invited to attend. Rabbi Gervis is leaving Johannesburg on Monday, the 13th inst., for Muizenberg to take up his duties.

Appointment of Cantor M. Katzen.

CANTOR M. KATZEN, of Wynberg, has been appointed Chief Cantor of the Muizenberg and Kalk Bay Hebrew Congregation. He is a graduate of the Riga Conservatorium and is possessed of a lyric tenor voice of fine tonal quality.

GENERAL MEETING OF S.A. CHALUTZ ORGANISATION.

On Wednesday, 15th February, a general meeting of the Chalutz Organisation will be held at the H.O.D. at 8 p.m., and all members of the public who are interested are invited to attend. The committee will present their report on their preliminary negotiations, and will outline their future programme. Members will also be enrolled. Mr. I. Dunsky, of the S.A.Z.Y.C., will address the meeting on the aims and ideals of a Chalutz.



RABBI I. M. GERVIS.

Flying to Palestine

Dr. Resnekov Lands at Salisbury and Nairobi.

DR. RESNEKOV, the well-known Capetown Zionist worker, on his flying trip to Palestine on the "Helena," arrived in Salisbury on Thursday, January 26th, at 4.45 p.m. He was met by the President of the Zionist Society (Adv. H. J. Hoffmann) and vice-President (Mr. Hayim Schwartz). Although very tired from the air journey, he addressed a large gathering in the evening, over which Adv. H. J. Hoffman presided.

Speaking on the education of the youth in relation to Zionism, Dr. Resnekov pointed out that little has been done in South Africa to acquaint the younger generation with our glorious past, with the story of our heroes and martyrs. The Jewish youth suffers from an inferiority complex, because they have no link with the past; they are ignorant of the fact that their nation has a great history behind it, a history full of heroes who when occasion arose sacrificed their lives for the fatherland.

There was hardly such a thing as a Jewish genius in the Diaspora, and those who happen to have been born Jews create in the spirit of the nations and the country where they were born. Palestine was the only place where the Jewish culture will revive and the future Jewish genius will be created.

In rendering a heartfelt vote of thanks to the speaker for his impressive and instructive address, Dr. M. Lewin remarked upon the problems arising in the education of a Jewish child in this country. The vote of thanks was seconded by Mr. H. Schwartz.

A discussion followed the remarks of Dr. Lewin, in which Mr. and Mrs. Nathan, Dr. Lawson and Mr. L. Braude participated.

ARRIVAL AT NAIROBI.

ON reaching Nairobi on Saturday afternoon, January 28th, Dr. Resnekov was met by members of the Jewish community and entertained to dinner, this giving him the opportunity of meeting quite a number of local residents. It was not possible for Dr. Resnekov, as originally intended, to address a meeting that evening, but all arrangements were made for him to do so on the evening of his arrival in Nairobi on his return journey, namely, March 1st. It is hoped as a result that the association of Nairobi with Jewish cultural and Zionist work will be greatly strengthened and quite a new era in this respect inaugurated. Many thanks are due to Miss Pauline Somen, of the Education Department, Nairobi, for her initiative and keenness which made it possible for this pleasant and promising contact to be established between Nairobi Jewry and one of the leading Zionist and communal workers of the Union.

"BASAD" MEETING AT KROONSTAD.

A meeting is to be held on Sunday next, the 12th inst., when Mr. J. Rubik, editor of the "Basad" (the South African Hebrew Newspaper) will speak on "Our Future as Jews" to the community in Kroonstad.

A CROOK STORY AT THE PALLADIUM.

A clever story of a master-crook who directs the activities of a gang of bank robbers by giving out clues in nightly radio talks, forms the idea behind "Remote Control" showing at the Palladium on Monday. William Haines has one of his most interesting roles as manager of the broadcasting station who becomes implicated in the robberies but manages to prove his innocence by tracking down the real crooks. Supporting Haines in this thriller are Polly Moran, Charles King, Mary Doran and John Miljan.

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