

A Rav for Johannesburg

Rabbi Kasowski Arriving After Passover

THE *Zionist Record* learns that Rabbi Isaac Kasowski of Poland has finally accepted the invitation of the orthodox congregations in Johannesburg to come to this country.

A cable was received this week indicating that the learned rabbi would leave Poland very soon after Passover and will be arriving here with his wife and daughter. Rabbi Kasowski is at present the *Rav* of Valkowitzk, and is esteemed as one of the great rabbis of Russo-Poland.

Some years ago when a conference of Polish rabbis was held under the jurisdiction of the Polish Government in connection with matters of importance to the Polish Jewish population, it was Rabbi Kasowski who was chosen chairman of the gathering.

The rabbi is not only a Hebrew and Talmudical scholar of prominence, but he is a gifted orator; he is also admired as a man of affairs with a personality that carries great weight in any community which he serves.

The invitation to Rabbi Kosowski has been extended by the newly formed Federation of Synagogues of Johannesburg—the chief constituent of which is the *Beth Hamedrash Hagaddel*. The federation consists of representatives of most of the orthodox congregations. It is notable, however, that the United Hebrew Congregation and the Berea Synagogue are not connected with this body.

Enquiries did not elicit any definite information as to whether Rabbi Kosowski, whilst accepting the invitation to come to this country, has also accepted the post of *Rav* for Johannesburg. It is possible that he may not make a decision on this important matter until he has been in South Africa for some months.

Ninth Annual Cape Young Israel Conference

TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY.

THE Ninth Annual Cape Young Israel Conference will take place in Cape Town on April 1st and 2nd. The Conference will begin on Saturday evening at the Zionist Hall at 8 p.m. and the proceedings will continue until Sunday evening.

A conference Synagogue Service will be held at the Great Synagogue on Saturday afternoon. The formal opening of the Conference by Rev. A. P. Bender will take place on Saturday evening. Adv. J. Herstein will be chairman of the Conference. The Presidential Report will be delivered by Mr. Herzl Zuckerman.

A considerable amount of important business, dealing with the work of the Young Israel Societies in the Cape, will be discussed and decisions taken as to future activity.

The Ronald Lurie Concert

On Saturday evening, the 1st April, young Ronald Lurie of Durban will give a concert in Johannesburg, supported by Cav. Lorenzo Danza and other leading artists. The lad shows the possession of an extraordinary baritone voice and is likely to have a great future. The concert is to assist him to secure the necessary training. It is hoped that there will be a large audience present at the Selborne Hall to greet the young singer.

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MR. J. B. SHACKSNOVIS APPOINTED
INSPECTOR AND ORGANISER.

THE appointment of Mr. J. B. Shacksnovis, B.Sc., as inspector and organiser to the South African Board of Jewish Education is announced.

Mr. Shacksnovis is well known throughout South Africa as an ardent worker on behalf of all Jewish causes. He will be able to render strong support in the important work which the Board of Jewish Education has set out to perform in this country.

It has been found impossible for the director to cover the whole of South Africa single-handed. The work of inspection and reorganisation has accordingly had to suffer in certain parts of the country. Mr. Shacksnovis (who was at one time a teacher at the Jews' Free School in London) brings to his new duties excellent teaching qualifications.

As an eloquent orator Mr. Shacksnovis will also be able to bring home to the South African Jewish public a realisation of the paramount importance of the work the Board of Jewish Education is endeavouring to perform.

Mr. Mierowsky, the Director of Jewish Education, has sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to enable him to resume his activities. He is at present very busy on the Reef. On Sunday last he carried out an inspection at the Boksburg North Hebrew School. During the forthcoming week he is to visit Pietersburg, and is also to carry out extensive examinations at Germiston and Benoni. Immediately after Passover he is to set out on a prolonged tour in the country.

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