

Rosh Hashonah Services in Johannesburg

ALL the local Synagogues were well filled with worshippers during the two days of Rosh Hashonah—evidence that in so far as the *Yomim Noraim* are concerned the Synagogue accommodation for the local Jewish community is by no means too ample.

At the Park Synagogue, Chief Rabbi J. L. Landau preached on the first day. Chief Cantor S. Inspektor intoned the prayers, assisted by the choir under the direction of Rev. G. Grossberg.

At the Yeoville Synagogue the Rev. A. T. Shrock officiated, and the prayers were read by the Rev. N. Lopato, assisted by the choir conducted by Mr. Kantor. Rabbi Soloweitchik preached in the afternoon of the first day.

Chief Cantor S. Steinberg officiated at the Berea Synagogue, Tudhope Avenue, being assisted by his choir under the direction of his son, Mr. Steinberg, jr. At this Synagogue, Rabbi Frankel delivered a sermon on the second day.

Chief Cantor Berele Chagy officiated at the Beth Hamedrash Hagodel, Saratoga Avenue. The choir was under the direction of Mr. L. Ichilchik. Rabbi I. Kossowski, the Rabbi of the Federation of Synagogues, was present at these services.

At the Jeppes Synagogue the Rev. A. M. Kaplan conducted the services and also delivered a sermon on the first day. He was assisted by an excellent choir. Rabbi Soloweitchik preached. Rev. J. Kupowitz conducted the morning services.

Rev. A. L. Kaplan officiated at the La Rochelle Synagogue. A *Siyum Hatorah* of a *Sepher Torah* presented by Mr. and Mrs. Klein will be celebrated on October 29th at this Synagogue.

At the Braamfontein Synagogue, Rev. B. Shechter conducted the services, and delivered a sermon on the second day.

The Johannesburg Jewish Reform Congregation held crowded services at the Freemasons' Hall, Plein Street, on Rosh Hashonah and *Shabbos Shoova*. Rabbi M. C. Weiler officiated and delivered sermons at each of the services. At the evening services on Wednesday and Friday, the hall was so full that many would-be worshippers were unable to obtain admission. The choir, organ and instrumentalists were under the direction of Mr. J. Idelson, the choir-master.

Hebrew School at Berea

On Sunday, October 8th, at 3 p.m., the foundation stone will be laid of the Hebrew School of the Berea Hebrew Congregation. This ceremony was to have been carried out some little time ago by the late Mr. M. D. Hersch, who unfortunately passed away just prior to the event.

The ceremony of the laying of the foundation stone on Sunday next will be performed by Dr. A. J. Kuny and Mr. A. Behrmann will officially open the Hebrew School. Parents in the neighbourhood of Yeoville and Berea are specially invited to attend this interesting and important function.

"THE LOST CHORD."

"The Lost Chord," a picture based on Sir Arthur Sullivan's famous song, is being shown at the Bijou Theatre, Johannesburg.

The details of a tragic romance unfold themselves in moving fashion. Leading parts are played by John Stuart and Mary Glynn, supported by an excellent company of finished artists.

The Great White Fast

"Is such the fast that I have chosen?"

The day for a man to afflict his soul?

Is it to bow down his head like a bullrush,

And to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?

Wilt thou call this a fast,

And an acceptable day to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I have chosen?

To loose the fetters of wickedness,

To undo the bands of the yoke,

And to let the oppressed go free,

Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry,

And that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house?"

Isaiah, Chap. LVIII.

Presentation to Mr. Alexander Lewin

AT a meeting of the Executive Council of the S.A. Zionist Federation on September 6 at which Mr. Alexander Lewin was present by special invitation, appreciative references were made by Mr. L. Braudo from the chair and by Mr. A. I. Miller, the Vice-Chairman of the Federation and Chairman of its Propaganda and Organisation Committee, to Mr. Lewin's sterling work as the Federation's official propagandist.

A silver cigarette case suitably inscribed was presented to Mr. Lewin by the members of the Executive Council as a token of their appreciation. The opportunity was taken of receiving from Mr. Lewin a brief report on his tour of the Jewish communities in all parts of the sub-Continent, and his views on the state of Zionism both among the older and the younger generations.

JOHANNESBURG MUSICAL SOCIETY

The concert of the above Society held at the Grand National Hotel on the 22nd inst., was extremely interesting. It was pleasurable to hear the work of a great living composer and some fine playing was rendered by Mr. Douglas Mossop and Mr. Erwin Broedrich in the Delius Sonata, No. 1 for piano and violin. Both artists displayed a deep sympathetic understanding of the author's work.

Miss Lilla Emdin proved herself to be the possessor of a beautiful soprano voice. Her rendition of a group of four charming 17th and 18th century French and Italian songs was keenly enjoyed. Miss Marjorie E. Starke was the capable accompanist of the evening.

ISADOR EPSTEIN'S PUPILS CONCERTS.

Isador Epstein, the well-known piano pedagogue, is giving a series of three pupil concerts at the Selborne Hall. The first of these will take place on Tuesday evening, October 3rd, when Mr. Isador Epstein's artiste-pupils and advanced classes will perform.

Mr. Epstein's reputation as a virtuoso teacher is being further exemplified by the fine work which he is carrying out in the Transvaal. Many of the pupils under his guidance are showing brilliant ability at the piano.

Mayoral Sunday in Capetown

Impressive Services at the Gardens Synagogue.

CORPORATION Sunday was celebrated in Capetown on Sunday, the 17th inst., with traditional ceremony and pomp. The day was a landmark in the communal life of Capetown Jewry. The time-honoured custom, following the instalment of the Mayor for the municipal year was solemnised at the Great Synagogue, Gardens, on the occasion of commemorating Mr. Louis Gradner's appointment. The last time Corporation Sunday was celebrated in the Synagogue was twenty-six years ago when the late Hyman Lieberman was elected to occupy the chair of van Riebeeck.

Thousands were present at the Divine Service. An attractive sight was presented by the crimson robe of the Mayor, the purple gowns of the councillors, the military uniform of the police, and the flashing helmets of the municipal fire brigade.

The service was conducted by Cantor L. Kirschner and the Rev. S. Kibel. The Mayor was honoured by being invited to open the Holy Ark and take out a Scroll of the Law.

An Inspiring Address.

THE REV. A. P. BENDER spoke of the broad and enlightened spirit the municipality had shown in giving due recognition to the citizen which had merited his position without reference to his nationality or his religion.

Mr. Boris Rome gave a beautiful rendition of "Blessed Be This Hour" and the singing of "Hallelujah" by the choir brought a memorable service to a close.

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