

Excursionists to Palestine

Over a Hundred Sailing on "Dunluce Castle."

SOME forty ladies and gentlemen are booked in the first-class and well over sixty (including several young children) in the third-class to travel on the s.s. *Dunluce Castle* sailing early in February next via East Coast for Palestine. There has been a remarkable response to the offer of reduced steamboat fares for this return trip. Enquiries received by the S.A. Zionist Federation from all parts of the country have run into hundreds.

The accommodation originally placed at the Federation's disposal by the Union-Castle Company was snapped up within a week or so of the original announcements, and it was only by reason of the Company finding itself able to provide a number of further cabins in both classes that the demand could be met.

There are still a few — a very few — berths available in each class, and *immediate* application must be made by all those who have not yet sent in their names.

The late Mr. Chaim Herzenstein

Consecration of Tombstone.

THE ceremony of the consecration of the tombstone of the late Mr. Herzenstein took place at the Pretoria Cemetery last Sunday afternoon. The large assembly included members of the Executive of the Beth Hamedrash Hagodel and Chevra Kadisha, two leading Johannesburg institutions which were large beneficiaries under the deceased's will, whilst Rev. M. Rosenberg, President of the Pretoria Zionist Society, attended on behalf of the S.A. Zionist Federation. Mr. Herzenstein, it will be recalled, left a substantial legacy to the Keren Hayesod.

The service was conducted by Cantor Zwick, whilst the *Haskarah* was recited by Cantor Chagy, and Rabbi W. Hirsch delivered a *Hesped*.

Ladies' Mizrahi Organisation

Under the auspices of the above Western Suburbs branch, an afternoon tea will be held on December 7th at 3.30 p.m. at the residence of Mrs. S. Ostroff, 106, Ninth Avenue, Mayfair.

On this occasion Mrs. L. Braudo will read extracts from her diary in connection with her recent visit to Palestine. All members are cordially invited to attend and are assured of an enjoyable and interesting afternoon.

LECTURE ON "EMILE ZOLA."

On Monday evening next, December 4th, at the Carlton Hotel, Dr. A. Shedrow will deliver a lecture on "A Study of Emile Zola" to the members and friends of l'Amitie Francaise.

Welcoming Jewish Refugees

INFORMAL SOCIAL AT THE JEWISH GUILD.

ON Monday evening last an informal function was held at the Jewish Guild in Johannesburg to extend a welcome to a number of recently arrived immigrants from Germany.

Mrs. Trevor (chairlady of the Union of Jewish Women, the organisers of the function) said that whilst they all deplored the circumstances that had caused the arrival of these new immigrants, they wished to assure them of a most hearty welcome on the part of the Jewish community here. Everything possible would be done to extend friendship.

Mrs. Trevor announced that classes in English were being organised for the newcomers.

Mr. J. Barnett (president of the Jewish Guild) declared that all the new arrivals had been made honorary members of the Jewish Guild. All the facilities of the institution were open to them.

Chief Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau, in an eloquent and moving address, extended a welcome to the newly arrived folk from Germany. They must not be discouraged by their present circumstances; they must realise that while individual Jews may suffer from time to time, the Jewish people were indestructible and went on for ever.

A word of greeting to the immigrants was also given by Mr. H. Kaumheimer.

Mr. Jonas, one of the recently arrived refugees, thanked the Jewish community for their kindness.

During the evening Mrs. Hochstader rendered some pianoforte solos and Miss Ada Woolfsohn showed the possession of a gifted soprano voice in the rendition of a number of songs.

A further social will be held at the Guild in a fortnight's time.

A Talmudical Siyum

Poswohl Hebrew Congregation

ON Sunday evening in the synagogue of the Poswohl Hebrew Congregation in Johannesburg there was celebrated the *Siyum* of the completion of the study of the tractate *Psochim* Cantor I. Kammer conducted the evening service.

Chief Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau gave a Talmudical discourse. He emphasised the necessity of the parents teaching their children something of Judaism, and commented on the fact that children were out of sympathy with their parents in matters of religion. The parents worked day and night to provide for their children, but it was of no use of them. Their children went further and further away from them.

Rabbi I. Kossowski, in the course of an address, pointed out that Passover celebrated the spiritual freedom of their people to-day, for physically the Jewish people still had no freedom, being persecuted even to-day by Hitler and other such tyrants. And their spiritual freedom nobody, not even Hitler, could take from them. When they spoke of themselves as being a Holy nation chosen by God they did not do so in any Chauvinistic spirit, because their holiness lay in their Torah. The Jews were the same as other people with one exception, and that was their Torah.

Rabbi S. Rosenzweig also gave a Talmudical discourse.

Mr. Kavin, chairman of the congregation, presided at the reception which followed, at which addresses were given by Mr. J. N. Raisun, the chairman of the Chevra Mishna of the synagogue, and Rabbi Ruch.

Mr. M. NESTADT.



Mayoral Sunday at Benoni

A Beautiful Synagogue Service

THE fine new Benoni synagogue was crowded with worshippers on Sunday afternoon last on the occasion of Mayoral Sunday. The Mayor, Mr. M. Nestadt, entered the synagogue with Chief Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau and the mayors of the various Reef municipalities. The latter had donned their mayoral robes and presented an impressive sight. An outstanding figure was the lady Mayor of Germiston.

The service was conducted by the Rev. S. Backon, whose gifted tenor voice was heard to advantage in a number of special intonations. The Cantor was assisted by the choir of the great synagogue in Wolmarans Street under the baton of the Rev. Grosberg.

Chief Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau delivered an eloquent sermon. In the course of this he said it was with a source of sincere congratulation to the Jewish community that Benoni had chosen as its first citizen a son of their race. It was the second time that Mr. Nestadt had been honoured by Benoni.

The compliment to the Jewish community was the stronger in view of the fact that the Mayor also held the responsible post of president of the United Hebrew Institutions of Benoni.

Dr. Landau congratulated the municipality upon the wonderful progress it was making. He trusted that in time Benoni would become one of the most important centres in the Union.

After the service tea was served to the chief guests in the mayoral parlour.

"Racial Conflicts in America"

LECTURE BY PROFESSOR BROWN.

The third public lecture under the auspices of the Johannesburg Jewish Reform Congregation will be held at the Langham Hotel on Sunday, December 3rd, at 8.15 p.m.

Dr. W. O. Brown, professor of sociology at the University of Cincinnati, U.S.A., will lecture on "Racial and Cultural Conflicts in America." Professor R. A. F. Hoernlé, of the Department of Philosophy at the Witwatersrand University, will preside. There will be a nominal charge of 1s. per person.

Johannesburg Women's Zionist League

Belgravia Branch — A pleasant afternoon was spent at the residence of Mrs. A. Fogel, chairlady of this branch of the Women's Zionist League, on the 28th ult., when a presentation was made to Miss Zelda Amoils, secretary of the branch. The presentation, which took the form of an inscribed table lamp, was made on the occasion of her forthcoming marriage to Mr. Jack N. Berman, on Tuesday, December 5th.