

**SYMPOSIUM AT  
POSWOHL SYNAGOGUE**

Poswohl Synagogue was the scene of the happy celebration of the congregation of the presentation of a Sefer Torah by Mr. and Mrs. B. Obowitz. The hon. secretary, Mr. A. Rosin, who was responsible for the arrangements, welcomed the guests in an appropriate speech and on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Obowitz, thanked them for their participation in what was a great "simcha" for the couple as well as for the congregation.

Cantor Badash intoned the prayer, Haba. The Chief Rabbi recited the prayer for the Royal Family, and the Rabbi of the Poswohl Hebrew Congregation, Rabbi S. Eizenweig, delivered an address. Chief Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau delivered an inspiring oration, while Rabbi I. Kossowski, Rav of the Federation of Synagogues, also addressed inspiring remarks to the gathering.

Rabbi M. Zimmerman who was also present, contributed a fine address. Mr. M. S. Kavin, chairman of the Poswohl Congregation, Mr. J. N. Sussman, chairman of the Society of South Africa and Gemora of the congregation, Mr. S. Myers, the Gabai of the congregation, and Mr. A. Tepperson, chairman of the Menorash Hamoar, addressed the gathering.

The commencement and the conclusion of the reading of the Scroll in the afternoon and evening services added to the solemnity of the occasion. The visiting rabbonim and several hundred people present were thanked by the chairman on behalf of his committee for their participation on this occasion.

**Cape Jewish Board of  
Guardians**

In accordance with the last will and testament of Mr. Abraham Trotzky, N. Muizenberg, who died in August, 1935, the income in perpetuity derived from the sum of £2,000 is to be divided equally between the Cape Jewish Board of Guardians and the Johannesburg Jewish Board of Guardians.

In this connection the hon. treasurer of the Cape Jewish Board of Guardians gratefully acknowledges the receipt of £47 7s. 10d., accrued interest on the bequest. The administrators in the estate are the widow, Mrs. Annie Trotzky and Mr. Harry Dorfinkel.

**Lag B'Omer Evening**

It is the intention of the Johannesburg Hacheyia to hold functions of a specifically Jewish nature at least once a month. The first of these functions was a successful "Oneg Shabbat," which was held at the Jewish Guild last month.

This month, the function will take the form of a "Lag B'Omer Evening" on the 29th inst., at 8.30 p.m., at the Jewish Guild. Dr. Birnbaum will give an address on "Lag B'Omer."

A very enjoyable programme has been planned and members of the Jewish community are cordially invited to attend.

**TO VISIT U.S.A.**



**Cantor Berele Chagy**

**CANTOR BERELE CHAGY**, Chief Cantor of the Beth Hamedrash Hagodel, left Johannesburg on Wednesday en route to America, where he will carry out an extensive concert tour.

Cantor Chagy ranks among the leading Chazonim in the world. He is probably the finest cantor ever to have made his home in South Africa. A man of wide musical learning, particularly in the field of Jewish folk music, and the possessor of a rich, golden toned tenor voice, he combines these qualities with deep artistic sensitivity, resulting in a rendering of the synagogal service at once masterly and profoundly beautiful. Chagy sings in the direct tradition of Israel. He does not borrow airs from grand opera or from German or other masters. For all his melodies he goes back to Hebrew music, to the century-old folk tunes of Israel and the traditional melodies shaped through and with the evolution of Chazonoth. From "Ma tovu" to "Oleinu," there is in his rendering of the liturgy all the pure mellowness and grandeur and pathos of suffering but eternal Israel.

Apart from the synagogal service, there is nothing Chagy loves more than a Yiddish folk song, in which field he has a deep and extensive knowledge. Recently he has written a book dealing with this subject, copies of which, I believe, will soon arrive in South Africa.

For all his renown, Cantor Chagy has remained a simple, sincere man. His is the gift of a warm heartedness and friendliness, a geniality and lack of artificiality not to be found in a lesser man.

Cantor Chagy will be away from this country about three to four months, after which he will again return to resume his duties at the Beth Hamedrash Hagodel.

During the week there were a few pleasant informal gatherings in honour of Cantor and Mrs. Chagy. On Saturday evening last a few friends met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. L. Feldberg, where Mr. I. Kuper proposed a toast to the distinguished cantor. There was happy folk singing during the evening and Cantor Chagy delighted the gathering with a couple of songs.

On Monday evening there was an informal gathering in honour of Cantor and Mrs. Chagy at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. I. Kuper. Mr. Kuper presented Cantor Chagy with a fine filigree Scroll of Esther, paying tribute to his services to the Beth Hamedrash and wishing him God's speed and safe return.

E.B.

**Successful Zionist Meeting  
on the High Seas**

A report has reached us of the successful Zionist meeting organised by the second batch of tourists who left on board the ss. Duilio for Eretz Israel. The tourists were present at the meeting in full force, and Mr. A. Smith, member of the Executive of the S.A. Zionist Federation presided. The speakers were Mr. A. Abrahamson and Mr. D. Dunsky. Mr. Dunsky's address dealt with the place of Zionism in Jewish life, while Mr. Abrahamson spoke on what the tourists were likely to see in Eretz Israel, and stated they should not expect to find "pomeranzen" where only oranges grew. Dr. Julius Hermann voiced the thanks of an enthusiastic gathering to the speakers.

**Germiston H.O.D.**

Installation of Officers.

An impressive function took place on Thursday evening of last week, at the Hotel Alexander, Germiston, when the Max Langerman Lodge of the H.O.D. held their installation of officers. All Reef Lodges and Pretoria, Vereeniging and East London branches were officially represented by delegates. The Grand President of the Order, Wor. Bro. I. Balkin, accompanied by Officers of the Grand Lodge attended and, after raising several of the members to the second degree, duly inducted the incoming President and Officers into their respective posts.

The following are the newly-elected office-bearers:

President, Wor. Bro. J. L. Sacke; Vice-President, Bro. N. Oerlow; Hon. Treasurer, Bro. T. Saffer; Secretary, Wor. Bro. A. S. Bernstein; Inner Guard, Bro. H. Sher; Master of Ceremonies, Wor. Bro. K. Weiner; Trustees, Bros. J. Lever, A. Zion, and J. Hersch; Marshalls, Bros. I. Kaminer, I. Gavronsky, H. Holesh and D. Isaacman; Book Examiners, Wor. Bros. K. Weiner and J. Liknaitzky. Committee: Wor. Bros. E. Kaplan and A. Oerlowitz, Bros. M. Janet, A. Weiss, J. Olswang, S. Dorfan, E. Grolman, J. Sacke, Sr., J. Goldstein, H. Neifeld and the immediate Past President, Bro. Z. Hareven. Delegate to the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies, Wor. Bro. J. L. Sacke. Grand Lodge Delegates, Wor. Bro. K. Weiner, Bros. S. Rosenberg, A. Weiss and J. Goldstein.

Following the installation a banquet was held in honour of the occasion, and presentations for meritorious service rendered to the Order were made to Wor. Bro. O. Shoob and to Wor. Bro. E. Kaplan. Many eloquent appreciations of the ethical teachings of the society were voiced. The Grand President, in his address, praised the Lodge on its progress during the past year.

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