

## South African Jewish Orphanage.

Annual Report Issued.

THE annual report of the South African Jewish Orphanage for the year ended March 31st has been issued. It is signed by Messrs. Bert Mendelsohn (Acting President), Henry C. Isaacs (Hon. Treasurer), B. Moss Morris (Hon. Secretary).

The outstanding features of the history of the Orphanage in the year under review—the Silver Jubilee Year of the institution—were chiefly the large increase in the number of children, a considerable increase in the expenditure, and a decrease in the revenue. The report records a net increase of nearly 900 members—mainly as the result of the New Membership Campaign. The total revenue—£11,841 19s. 5d.—was £50 1s. 8d. less than in the previous year, and the total expenditure—£11,262 1s.—was £1,455 8s. 3d. more.

At the beginning of the financial year—April 1st, 1931—there were 277 children (135 girls and 142 boys). During the year 55 children were admitted and 22 left, the number of the children at the end of the financial year, March 31st, 1932, being 310 (160 boys and 150 girls), an additional net increase of 33 (18 boys and 15 girls) to the total of last year.

During the year five orphanage girls were married. Synagogue services are held morning and evening. The list of subscribers, published in the report, contains 2,624 names in the Johannesburg list and £2,142 in the country list, making a total of 4,766—nearly 900 more than in the previous year's list.

Reference is made to the new "Joe Lewis Wing" opened last week, to the Silver Jubilee Ball held at the City Hall on November 4th, and to the valuable assistance received in the way of gifts in kind.

Thanks are expressed for the honorary work done by the Medical Board of the Orphanage, the auditors (Messrs. Isaacs & Kessel), the honorary solicitors (Messrs. B. Alexander & Bros.), the honorary teachers, and many others. Thanks are also expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Shaer, the superintendent and matron, Mr. Percy Cowen, the secretary, and their staffs for "their excellent work and loyal support during the year."

The balance sheet shows a surplus of revenue over expenditure of £579 18s. 5d.

The annual meeting was held last night, and a full report will be published next week.

### HATECHIYA ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.

The Hatechiya Organisation (the National Youth Association for the Advancement of Jewish Culture) has now been in existence for twelve months. It is celebrating its first anniversary by a mass meeting on Sunday evening, the 12th of June next, which will take place at their headquarters, the H.O.D. Buildings, De Villiers Street. A representative gathering of the Jewish community is expected to be present to join the Hatechiya in their celebrations.

The speakers for the evening include Chief Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau, Mr. H. Hillman (President of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies), Mr. Bernard Gering (representing the S.A. Zionist Federation), and Mr. M. Haskel.

The Hatechiya extends a cordial invitation to all interested to be present. The Hatechiya was formed for the purpose of creating in South Africa a nationally conscious Jewish youth.

### HEBREW TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Last Sunday, the 29th ult., a meeting of Hebrew teachers took place in the Hebrew High School. Dr. A. Birnbaum delivered an interesting discourse on "The Various Methods of Teaching a Foreign Language." The lecturer's suggestions were most instructive and of great practical value, as he confined himself to the conditions under which Hebrew teaching is conducted in this country. A discussion ensued, in which many members participated.

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### JASCHA HEIFETZ AT THE PLAZA THEATRE ON JUNE 12th.

Jascha Heifetz, the great violinist, will give his first concert on the Rand in the Plaza Theatre, Johannesburg, on June 12th.

Heifetz has already made three world tours, and now, in the course of his fourth, he is visiting South Africa for the first time. Heifetz's appearance at the Plaza Theatre is an event of musical importance, and there is likely to be a distinguished and representative gathering to greet him.

### "SO THIS IS COLLEGE."

There is something about "So This Is College," the M.G.M. film showing at the Palladium next week, that will appeal to theatre-goers of every type. This rollicking comedy was filmed in the grounds of the University of Southern California, the first university to be used as the locale for a moving picture. The film shows picturesque views of the college buildings, and a number of interesting side-lights on the activity of the students. The majority of extras in the film are college students, whilst the leading parts are played by popular Robert Montgomery and a diminutive newcomer, Sally Starr. Others in the cast are Elliott Nugent and Cliff Edwards—the ever-amusing "Ukelele Ike."

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