

## A Talmudical College of Learning

### Sixty Students Who Study the Talmud in Johannesburg.

QUIETLY and unobtrusively there is being carried out some vital work on behalf of Hebrew education in South Africa. If one were to visit 91 Sherwell Street, Doornfontein in the afternoons between four and seven o'clock, he would find sixty students earnestly engaged in advanced Hebrew studies under the guidance of three experienced teachers. The students are all ex-pupils of the local Talmud Torahs who are thus given the rare opportunity of continuing further studies in Hebrew lore.

The idea of the establishment of a Talmudical College was thought of for many years, but it was only eight years ago that sufficient funds were collected to establish the college. From the beginning, the United Hebrew Congregation showed a sympathetic interest and contributes at the rate of £5 per month. The Beth Hamedrash Hagodel contributes a sum of £10 a month. The income from these sources, and the money secured through subscriptions enables the institution to carry on its work.

The annual general meeting of members is to take place at the Beth Hamedrash Hagodel on Sunday next at 10.30 a.m. when the report of the year's work will be presented and honorary officers elected.

#### A Small Yeshibah.

From the inception of the idea, Rabbi S. Rosenzweig has headed the movement and is to-day still Chairman of the College.

In conversation with a representative of the *Zionist Record*, Rabbi Rosenzweig felt that Jews in this

country should realise the importance of the Talmudical College for South Africa.

"We are conducting the institution," he said, "in the form of a small *Yeshibah*. It is the only one of its kind in South Africa. It may be of interest to you to learn that some of our students have become so imbued with the study of the Torah and the love for Judaism that they have decided to take up the ministry. Some of our ex-students are at the Jews' college in London and we have one pupil studying for the rabbinate in America. In order to carry on the work of the college, a sum of £1,200 a year is needed. I must point out that some of the students are in so needy a position that the college contributes towards their support. Unless this support is forthcoming, they would be unable to attend our classes.

"I would like to add," said Rabbi Rosenzweig, "that the granting of facilities for Higher Hebrew Education is essential if we are to keep alive the spread of Judaism in this country. We really need a Seminary of Jewish learning. This would enable us to be in a position not only to grant facilities for study in all branches of the Talmud, but also to train our own ministers. In this manner, we would improve the general fabric of orthodox Jewish life in South Africa."

The annual subscription to the S.A. Talmudical College is £1 10s. a year and an appeal is made to all interested in the spread of Judaism to assist by becoming subscribers to so worthy an Institution.

#### S.A. ZEIRE ZION.

UNDER the auspices of the S.A. Zeire Zion, Mr. Joseph Baratz will deliver a lecture on A. D. Gordon's Life and Work, on Monday, the 19th inst. at 8.15 p.m. at the H.O.D. Hall. A. D. Gordon is the apostle of the Zionist Labour Movement in Palestine. All interested are cordially invited to attend.

## Cantor Berele Chagy

### SPECIAL CHANUKAH CONCERT AT THE BETH HAMEDRASH.

AN interesting event will take place on Sunday, December 25th (second day of Chanukah) at 3.30 p.m., when Cantor Berele Chagy, assisted by a choir and orchestra will conduct a *Mincha* service.

The famous cantor will be heard in a series of interpretations of new synagogue melodies and it is anticipated that the Beth Hamedrash Hagodel will be crowded on this occasion.

### The Mizrachi Organisation

RABBI K. L. FRENKEL  
APPOINTED MANAGER.

IT is announced by the S.A. Mizrachi Organisation that Rabbi K. L. Frenkel of Palestine has assumed management of the work in this country. The offices of the organisation are open from 9 to 1 o'clock and from 2 to 7 o'clock at 4, Exploration Buildings, Johannesburg.

It is further announced that the shareholders of the Mizrachi Bank of Palestine can receive their dividends at the Mizrachi Office or they can post their shares for this purpose to P.O. Box 7179, Johannesburg.

### SPECIAL CHANUKAH SERVICE.

#### Berea Hebrew Congregation.

ON Sunday, the 25th inst., at 5 p.m. a special Chanukah service will be held at the Berea Synagogue in Tudhope Avenue. The service will be conducted by Cantor S. Steinberg and his choir.

An interesting aspect of the service will be that the two Palestinian Chalutzim leaders, Messrs. Joseph Baratz and Abraham Harzfeld, will be present. There will also be present a large group of the Habonim headed by the various officers of the organisation.

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