

Johannesburg Jewry Under Review

The inaugural evening of the second term of the Jewish People's College, which will take place on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the New Public Library, promises to be an event of considerable interest. The subject ("A Cross-Section Through Johannesburg Jewry"), will be dealt with by five speakers who can claim authority in their respective spheres.

Dr. Sonnabend will, for the first time, make use of some interesting statistical facts gathered in the Johannesburg Survey; Dr. Wulf Sachs will analyse the main "psychological types" of this community; Rabbi Weiler will give his views on the ideological currents in local Jewry; Mr. Mierowsky will speak about the educational problems of the Golden City; Mr. Shur will talk about Yiddish poets, Yiddish writers and the Yiddish press in this town.

It is expected that many Johannesburg citizens will take this opportunity of hearing what people say and think about them.

Artisan Law in Lithuania

Kaunas (Lithuania), July 17th.

THE new regulations of the Polish Government which restrict the possibility of artisans and requires the registration of only fully qualified artisans has been followed by other governments in Eastern Europe. Knowing how adversely these regulations reacted on the Jewish workers of Poland, the promulgation of a similar law in Lithuania, caused very considerable anxiety and alarm amongst the Lithuanian Jewry. After certain representations which have been made to the Lithuanian Government, it is now announced that the Lithuanian Cabinet has decided to invite a representative of the Jews on this special Commission and has communicated with the Lithuanian ORT as the authoritative body which deals with matters affecting artisans, to send its representative as the Jewish member of this Commission. Advocate Makofsky, a member of the Lithuanian ORT has accordingly been appointed as its representative.

Musical Society Concert

Owing to absence through indisposition, of Madame Juliette Schonfrucht, she was unable to appear at the concert of the Johannesburg Musical Society at the Selborne Hall on Wednesday evening. Her place was taken by Mrs. Rita Wiegert who presented a programme of interesting songs which she rendered in simple and effective style. Her rendering of the Schubert lieder proved especially enjoyable. She was ably accompanied by Mr. Robert B. Lloyd.

Miss Betty Pack proved herself an able cellist whose playing shows excellent interpretive powers. She was accompanied by Marjorie E. Starke. Miss Pack was heard in piano solo items with Mr. Robert Lloyd and their joint performance was a rare musical experience.

Mr. A. S. Neill to be Guest of Honour

Second Guild Luncheon

The second luncheon of the new series organised by the Jewish Guild, will be held at the institution on August 11 from 1 to 2 p.m.

The guest of honour on this occasion will be Mr. A. S. Neill, the well-known pioneer educationalist (who is at present on a tour of this country). The distinguished visitor will deliver a short address on "Modern Education."

Union of Hebrew Teachers

(United Hebrew School).

A general meeting of the above union will take place on Saturday, the 8th inst., at the residence of Mrs. Zwick, 18 Goldin Mansions, Hilner Street, Doornfontein. All teachers of the United Hebrew Schools are requested to attend as important matters will be discussed.

Jagersfontein-Fauresmith

Under the auspices of the Jagersfontein-Fauresmith Zionist Society a memorial service was held on Sunday, July 19, at the Hebrew School, Jagersfontein, at which addresses on the life of Dr. Theodor Herzl and Chaim Nachman Bialik were delivered by Mr. B. Phillips and A. Orelowitz, of Fauresmith, and Mr. G. Heyman, of Jagersfontein. As a result of the sale of trees the sum of £7 10s. was realised.

MIZRACHI ORGANISATION.

The local Mizrachi organisation has been recently reorganised. New members were co-opted to the committee. At the last council meeting it was decided to commence with cultural work in various districts of the city. A series of lectures has been arranged. Members will now meet fortnightly at the Hebrew High School.

A special course in Talmudics is being started. The first lecture will take place on Sunday, the 9th inst., at 3 p.m., at the Doornfontein Synagogue, to which the public is cordially invited.

Heilbron

At a general meeting of the local Zionist Society held on July 12, the following office-bearers and committee were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, Mr. J. Freed; treasurer, Mr. B. Molk; secretary, Mrs. M. Balkind. Committee: Mesdames H. Greenman and L. Misnun, Miss A. Molk, and Messrs. J. Mervis, H. Greenman and B. Simon.

Dr. Landau's Play Produced

"Conflicting Worlds" at the Jewish Guild.

IN the presence of a large audience at the Jewish Guild on Wednesday night, the dramatic section of the Northern Districts Zionist Youth Society, under the direction of Miss Sheila Nathanson, presented Chief Rabbi, Dr. J. L. Landau's play, "Conflicting Worlds."

Whilst credit is due to all concerned for the ambitious effort, it was obvious that a proper performance of so intricate a play was not within the powers of a group of rather inexperienced amateurs.

Dr. Michal, the rabbi of the Jewish community, was played by Mr. Issy Shulman in a cool and composed demeanour. His dignified attitude throughout made a deep impression. Miss Bessie Busansky, who took the difficult role of Hilda Von Steinbach, fell slightly short of the part at times but generally showed a fair performance.

Miss Sheila Nathanson, who as well as producing, took the role of the wife of Dr. Michal, made a good impression, although her part did not give her sufficient scope for her acting ability.

Mr. Norman L. Danzig, who played Baron Von Steinbach; Arthur (the son of the rabbi), played by Mr. Eric Levin, and Dr. Heuchler, portrayed by Philip A. Franklin, all showed promise in their work. Mr. Neville Phillips was good in the part of Marcus (a communal worker), but unfortunately was inclined to exaggerate his gestures.

Dr. Landau was present in the audience, accompanied by Mrs. Landau. At the end of the performance, Mrs. Landau addressed a few pleasant remarks to the audience and thanked the actors for the attempt that they had made. Miss Nathanson, to whom tribute is due for her work in moulding the young amateurs, received many tokens of appreciation.

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Winburg

In our issue of July 31, we reported on the amount of £6 that had been raised for the Jewish National Fund at the wedding of Miss Sacks and Mr. Brick. An additional amount of £1 8s. has now been received by the J.N.F. headquarters which represents a contribution made by Mrs. Nelson, of Johannesburg.

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