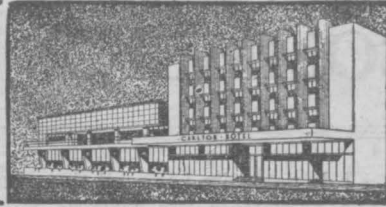


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OBITUARY

Mr. C. Jacobs of Ladismith (Cape)

The Ladismith (Cape) community has suffered a severe loss in the death of Mr. C. Jacobs, who passed away on Sunday, the 14th ultimo. For the past three years, the late Mr. Jacobs had been President and Executive of the Hebrew Congregation at this centre, and his inspiration went a long way to keep the torch of Judaism alive there. A staunch Zionist he did his bit for the cause in his characteristic, practical, but unassuming way. Less than a week before, he had met Mr. A. Abrahamson, and considered with

him the campaigning in aid of the J.N.F., of the local Jewish residents after they had returned from their holidays.

As a businessman he was widely known for over a quarter of a century and esteemed by all sections in the district. Collectors, especially on behalf of charitable institutions and needy causes ever found him willing to collaborate the while they evoked a generous response from him personally, as many expressions of sympathy received from such institutions gratefully testify.

He is survived by his wife, young daughters and brother, to whom sympathy is extended in their sad bereavement.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
ACQUIRES RARE
MANUSCRIPT
A Talmudical Treasure

The Educational Library of the S.A. Board of Jewish Education has been decidedly enriched by its having acquired one of the rare replicas of the famous Munich manuscript of the Talmud (Ketav Yad Munich).

The original manuscript is probably now irretrievably lost, in fact, it is believed to have been burnt by the Nazis after its removal from the Munich State Library, whose treasured possession it was for over 100 years. The fact that these replicas have been made is due to the foresight of Dr. Hermann L. Strack, who took photostatic plates of each page of the original manuscript just before the Great War.

Owing to the great cost of parchment at the time, the script is very small and there are some most peculiar abbreviations. One page shows this manuscript to have been printed in 1343. There is thus now in South Africa a replica of a 600-year-old Talmud—an acquisition which is quite unique in this country.

A Symphony Concert

The combined orchestras of the S.A. Broadcasting Corporation, African Consolidated Theatres and the Johannesburg Symphony Society will be heard in the second symphony concert in the series to be held every month, on Sunday, February 4, at the Colosseum Theatre.

The first concert, held in November, was a brilliant success, and this second concert, to be conducted by Theo Wendt, should prove another outstanding event.

HEBREW TEACHERS' INSTITUTE
OF STUDY

Lectures by Professor
R. F. A. Hoernle

The public is cordially invited to attend the series of three lectures by Professor R. F. A. Hoernle, head of the Department of Philosophy at the Witwatersrand University. The first of these—"Science and Religion"—is taking place next Monday, 5th February, at 8.30 p.m.

Mr. V. Rosenstein (President of the S.A. Board of Jewish Education), is presiding on this occasion and Mr. G. Saron (General Secretary, S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies), will propose a vote of thanks to the lecturer.

The title of the lecture to be delivered on Monday, the 12th inst., is—"Liberty and the Individual" and that on the 19th—"Truth in Belief and Action."

The lectures are being held under the joint auspices of the S.A. Board of Jewish Education and the S.A. Hebrew Teachers' Association, and the venue is the Lecture Room in the Public Library Building.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Sermon at Yeoville Synagogue

In connection with the Women's World Day of Prayer, which will be observed on February 9, a special sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. A. T. Shrock, at the Yeoville Synagogue (cor. Kenmere Road and Francis Street) on Friday next. The service, to which all women are cordially invited, will commence at 6 p.m.

Young Mizrachi Organisation

SEVENTH ANNUAL GATHERING

The remarkable progress made by the local Young Mizrachi during the past years was clearly indicated during the last week-end when members of the movement foregathered at the various functions arranged to initiate the seventh year of its existence.

The first of these was an Oneg Shabbat at the residence of Chaverim Berelowitz. Rabbis Romm and Peck in their addresses to the gathering, stressed the value of the work which the organisation was doing both for Jewry in Eretz Israel and in this country.

During the afternoon of Saturday, the 29th ult., a novel function in the form of a Shalosh se-udoth was held at which Rabbi Rabinowitz delivered an address on the significance of the Shabbat. On Saturday evening, the Coronation Hall was the venue of a successful social.

A large gathering of chaverim and chaverot, representative of the various branches of the organisation, attended the 7th annual general meeting on Sunday afternoon.

Chaver Weinstein presided. The chairman of the S.A. Executive, Chaver J. Green, who presented the annual report, said their tasks were the problem of saving Polish Jewry, the intensification of Zionist work and finally the strengthening of Judaism in the Galuth.

Briefly outlining the position of the various branches locally, he laid stress on the importance of the Hash-

omer Hadati—the Mizrachi Children's Organisation—and the Hanoar Hamizrachi—the intermediate group.

In referring to the Torah Vavodah Fund, the chairman noted with pleasure the increased interest in this fund. He also reported on the Summer School, Young Mizrachi Exponent and News Sheet, Abraham Katz Memorial, and Tozeret Haretz.

A large number of chaverim participated in the ensuing discussion.

After the first session, the gathering adjourned for Minchah and Maariv, and a communal supper. Rabbi Dr. Romm proposed a toast to Eretz Israel. Councillor Bloch spoke on behalf of the Senior Mizrachi, whilst Mr. A. Smith proposed a toast to the Hapoel Hamizrachi.

The second session opened with the continuation of the lively discussion on the chairman's report. There was a general demand on the part of the members for an intensification of the work during the coming years.

The financial report was presented by Chaver H. S. Liebgott and was unanimously adopted.

The following new Executive was then elected: Chairman, Chaver J. Green; vice-chairman, Chaver H. Lipschitz; treasurer, Chaver S. C. Berelowitz; secretary, Chavera T. Kagan. Chairman: Chaverim Caplan, Frank, Glazer, Levinson, Liebgott, and Weinstein.