

Tribute Paid to the Late Rev. A. P. Bender

Unveiling of Tombstone

TRIBUTE was paid by Rabbi Israel Abrahams to the fine character of the late Rev. Alfred Philip Bender, former Minister of the Capetown Hebrew Congregation, whose tombstone he unveiled at the Jewish Cemetery, Woltemade, on Sunday morning last.

A large gathering attended the ceremony. The many organisations, both Jewish and non-Jewish, with which Mr. Bender was associated during his life-time, were all represented.

Rabbi Abrahams said that no one, Jew or Gentile, who came under the spell of Mr. Bender's magnetic personality could recall his memory without a sense of loss. To those who knew him, the charm of his character would ever remain vivid and unforgettable. Whatever the outward form of his teaching, the kernel of his doctrine was fundamentally the same—that love of man was the true, perhaps the only gateway to love. He recognised no distinctions of race or creed where human needs were concerned. His whole philosophy of religion and life was rooted in tolerance.

He stirred the social conscience of Capetown in a manner equalled by few of his generation. He gave, and he taught others to give. The full story of the benison that he brought

to the distressed among Jews and Christians, Europeans and non-Europeans, would probably never be told.

The phrase, "dual loyalties," as a stigma and a reproach, was often heard these days. Mr. Bender during his life-time had demonstrated the utter fallacy of this supposed conflict between separate devotions. He was a great Jew and a great South African. His contribution to South African life was the richer for his unqualified devotion to Judaism, and his Jewishness received added depth and value through his love for the country in which he lived and served the greater part of his life.

The following inscription appears on the tombstone: "A true Jew, a great South African, an inspiring spiritual leader, a devoted public worker, he served God by loving all mankind and made example his foremost precept."

Memorial prayers were recited by Mr. Boris Rome, and by Mr. Woolf Harris — a life-long friend of Mr. Bender's.

Complimentary Luncheon to Mayor of Johannesburg

The Executive and members of the Jewish Guild are organising a complimentary luncheon in honour of His Worship the Mayor, Councillor T. A. M. Huddle and Mrs. Huddle, to take place at the Jewish Guild on Wednesday, February 14, from 1 to 2 p.m.

Seats may be reserved at the Jewish Guild offices, and those desirous of attending are asked to book early as accommodation is strictly limited.

Sisterhood of Temple Israel

Under the auspices of the Sisterhood, the Women's World Day of Prayer will be observed at the Friday Evening Service, on 9th February, at 8.15 p.m. Rabbi M. C. Weiler will address the congregation. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. Pincus to Lecture at Benoni

A lecture on "The Labour Movement in Palestine" will be given by Mr. L. A. Pincus in the Hebrew Hall, Benoni, on Sunday, 11th February, at 8.15 p.m. The meeting is being held under the auspices of the Benoni Ladies' Zionist Society.

"MODERN SONGS FROM PALESTINE"

On the Johannesburg Radio

Mr. Ronya A. Misheiker is broadcasting on Tuesday, the 13th of February, a programme entitled "Modern Songs from Palestine."

This programme, which consists of the latest Palestinian songs recorded in Eretz Israel, interwoven into a narrative, will be heard from the "A" station at 8 p.m.

Combined Symphony Orchestras

There was a large audience at the Colosseum Theatre on Sunday night when the second concert of the Combined Symphony Orchestras was given, with Mr. Theo Wendt conducting. A varied programme was presented of works by Wagner, Tschai-kowsky, Mozart and Strauss. There was also a "Rhapsody on Welsh Airs" by Edward German.

Mr. Wendt had full control of his orchestra, which played with fine sensitivity and precision. It was a most satisfactory evening of orchestral music and lovers of good music will be looking forward to the third concert of the combined orchestras.

Bethal

At the Bris Melah of the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Golombick, of Maizefield, the sum of £3 15s. 3d. was collected in aid of the Joint Emergency Relief Fund.

PROF. HOERNLE'S LECTURES

Large Gathering at First Address

THE first of the series of lectures by Professor R. F. A. Hoernle, arranged by the Hebrew Institute of Studies, took place at the New Library on Monday evening last. There was a large gathering present, and Professor Hoernle's lecture on "Science and Religion," was followed with the greatest interest.

In the course of his remarks, Professor Hoernle gave a simple and lucid exposition of philosophical concepts, and the roles taken by science and religion in helping the human being to understand the universe and his part in it.

Mr. V. Rosenstein, President of the S.A. Board of Jewish Education, presided, and introduced the speaker. A vote of thanks to Professor Hoernle was proposed by Mr. G. Saron.

The second lecture of the series, the subject of which is "Liberty and the Individual," will be delivered by Professor Hoernle at the New Library on Monday, February 12, at 8.30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

MAX LANGERMANN LODGE

32nd Annual Meeting

The thirty-second annual meeting of the Max Langermann Lodge (H.O.D.) was held at the Hotel Alexander, Germiston, on Thursday evening, the 1st instant. This Lodge is one of the oldest of the Order, having been consecrated in April, 1907, and during this long period it has held fortnightly meetings practically without a break.

Under the chairmanship of the president, Bro. A. Weiss, a large gathering of local members was present to receive the annual report. Favourable comment was made on the progress attained by the Lodge during the last year.

The financial accounts and balance sheet having been confirmed, the election of office-bearers for the ensuing term took place, with the following results; President, Bro. A. Weiss (re-elected); vice-president, Bro. R. Birman (re-elected); hon. treasurer, Bro. J. Liknaitzky; inside guardian, Bro. P. Friedberg (re-elected); Master of Ceremonies, Bro. A. J. Rosen; registrar, Bro. L. Wade; instructing officer, Bro. A. J. Rosen; delegate to S.A. Board of Deputies, Wor. Bro. J. L. Sacke (re-elected); delegates to the Grand Lodge, Wor. Bro. S. Rosenberg, Wor. Bro. T. Saffer, Wor. Bro. A. Zion and Bro. M. Wade. Chaplain to the Lodge, Bro. J. Hurwitz; Secretary, Bro. A. S. Bernstein.

Various committees for the year were also appointed.

The installation of the newly-office-bearers is to take place shortly; it is anticipated that a large gathering of members and delegates from other lodges will be present, when the Grand President of the Order (together with the Grand Delegates), will attend to induct the officers into their respective posts.

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