

# ALL READY FOR SHEKEL DAY

## Splendid Collection Expected on Sunday, 31st

### Workers Ready in All Centres

ALL the reports that have come in recently from Reef towns and more distant centres are couched in almost the same terms. Arrangements are everywhere complete, and workers are awaiting Shekel Day with the confident expectation that they will achieve a Shekel enrolment worthy of South African Zionism.

A TYPICAL report on these lines has been received from the Kroonstad Zionist Society. Witbank has made all preparations. In Salisbury the Shekel Drive is being energetically undertaken by the Youth.

Following visits by representatives of the United Shekel Commission, nearly every Reef town has already sent in a final report on its preparations.

Mr. J. Bahr, Chairman of the United Shekel Commission, reviewed the Shekel arrangements in Germiston at a meeting of workers on the 12th. On the same night, Mr. H. J. Kirsch addressed a general meeting in Boksburg, and on his return expressed his satisfaction with the arrangements that had been made. On the 13th, Mr. S. Berg attended a combined Committee meeting in Springs, where, as in other Reef centres, the Youth and Women are working in co-operation. Mrs. Levitas concluded a report that gave every evidence of efficient organisation with the well-founded hope that Springs would achieve a re-

**Dr. Traub to Address Johannesburg Shekel Workers**

A rally of Johannesburg Shekel workers will take place on Thursday night, 28th March, punctually at 8 p.m., at the Coronation Hall. Dr. Michael Traub, the well-known Zionist emissary from Palestine, will address the gathering, and a film will be exhibited. All workers are urgently requested to attend.

cord return. Roodepoort and Brakpan, visited by Mrs. M. Franks and Mr. S. Sapire respectively, are confident that they will maintain, and probably exceed, their previous results. Randfontein informs us that they too expect a record, and are busy compiling new lists of all Jewish residents for use on Shekel Day.

As the Reef is usually an unerring barometer of the Zionist weather throughout the whole country, there is every reason to look forward to an eminent, country-wide success on Shekel Day, March 31.

### The Palestine Orchestra Society (South Africa)

A large audience, among whom were visitors from Benoni and Krugersdorp, gathered together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Karnovsky on Sunday night last, when an interesting address on the value and achievements of the Palestine Orchestra was delivered by Mrs. Pauline Ellison. The occasion was the second of the series of musical evenings arranged under the auspices of the above society.

A short programme of gramophone records by Bronisław Huberman, the famous violinist and founder of the Palestine Orchestra, who is shortly to appear on the concert platform in Johannesburg, was followed by a musical programme, to which well-known local artists contributed. Among them was Mr. Bruno Raiken, whose piano solos received warm applause. Fine singing by Rev. S. Backon and Cantor Alter brought to a close a delightful evening.

### Hashomer-Hatzair Concert This Saturday Night

The final preparations have been completed for the annual concert, which takes place at the Zionist Hall, to-morrow (Saturday), 23rd March, at 8.15 p.m.

The sale of tickets has been most satisfactory and a large crowd is expected. The programme will consist of sketches, songs, recitations, and other items. The main feature will be a three-act play, "The Only Way," dealing with topical events.

The concert is part of Hebrew Week and tickets are 1s. 6d. and 2s. 6d., including Kofar Hayishuv tax.

### Messrs. Gering and Trope to Visit Kroonstad

A delegation consisting of Messrs. B. Gering and H. Trope, members of the Executive Council of the S.A. Zionist Federation, will visit Kroonstad on Sunday, 31st inst., in order to address a meeting under the auspices of the Kroonstad Zionist Society. The visit is eagerly awaited by the Kroonstad community and Zionists of the neighbouring villages are invited as well.

### United Hebrew Institutions of Benoni

#### PURIM SERVICES

The Council of the United Hebrew Institutions of Benoni has arranged for Cantor S. Mandel to read Megillas Esther (the Scroll of Esther), on Saturday evening, 23rd March, at 6.30 p.m., and also on Sunday morning, 24th March, at 8 a.m. Parents are especially urged to bring their children with them to the evening reading.

A service has been arranged for Sunday, 24th March, which will be held in the Park Street Synagogue, at 7.30 p.m. The service will be fully choral. Cantor S. Mandel will officiate and Rabbi Israel Freedman will deliver the sermon. The Benoni Synagogue Choir will be under the direction of Mr. J. Cantor. Mrs. J. J. Fine will be at the organ.

Members, their families and friends are cordially invited to attend these services.

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