

The Late Lord Reading

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT BOKSBURG.

THE Sir Rufus Isaacs Lodge, H.O.D., held a Memorial Service in Boksburg on Sunday evening last for the late Lord Reading.

Cantor Berele Chagy intoned the Haskarah and offered up a prayer. Mr. A. J. Saretsky (in the absence of Mr. Max Kahn, president of the H.O.D., owing to illness) opened the meeting and delivered an address on the life of the late Lord Reading. He referred to the inauguration of this particular lodge twenty-two years ago, when he had written to the late Sir Rufus Isaacs to ask his permission to form the lodge under his name.

Mr. Blank, secretary of the Grand Lodge, then spoke on the activities of the late Lord Reading who, he said, was always proud to be a Jew. He referred to his association with the issuance of the Balfour Declaration, and appealed to Jewry to unite in one brotherhood in order to overcome the difficult period through which they were now passing.

The congregation then left the hall and went to the synagogue where the Rev. J. Chaitowitz delivered the Mincha service in a most impressive manner.

Bro. Levios thanked Cantor Chagy for coming to Boksburg to officiate at the service and expressed the hope that he would soon come again to officiate on happier occasions.

ZIONIST YOUTH BALL

Under the auspices of the Northern Districts Zionist Youth Society, the annual ball will be held at the Wanderers Hall on Saturday, the 29th February. This function will be under the distinguished patronage of the Rt. Hon. J. C. Smuts, Chief Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau, and the Mayor and Mayoress of Johannesburg.

Charlie Berman and his personal orchestra will supply the music and Muriel Rosenberg and her troupe of dancers will provide cabaret turns during the evening. The proceeds will go to the Chalutz Fund. It is hoped that the public will respond generously.

INDIFFERENCE

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inspiring or instructive in things Jewish. It falls ready victims to the culture of the nations round about them. It assimilates and intermarries.

To remedy this condition we must be aroused out of our deep sleep. We must open our eyes and face life sincerely and honestly. We must be stirred to Jewish needs. We must above all prepare our children through proper Jewish education to appreciate our spiritual heritage and our glorious past. Fired with the zeal and fervour of Jewish idealism, there always will be love and devotion for Jewish life. There will be no possibility for the soul-chilled type of the indifferent. Our young people, if trained, will cheerfully and willingly assume responsibility. Real effort however, must be invested to gain this end. Spasmodic methods and revival meetings will not help us. "Thou shalt meditate on it day and night" must be our slogan.

The Jewish note must be emphasised and popularised constantly. The Jewish book and press must occupy a very prominent part in our daily life. Our Jewish consciousness thus aroused, will give us new life-giving power for constructive work. It will enable us to maintain the old and create the new.

—The Courier.

HEBREW CLASSES AT THE JEWISH GUILD, JOHANNESBURG

The Hatechiya section announces that its Hebrew classes and lectures on Jewish History and Jewish Literature will be resumed on Monday, February 3, at 7.45 p.m., at the Jewish Guild, under the direction of Dr. A. Birnbaum and Mr. W. Rybko, who have been the instructors since the inception of the classes.

A special concession has been granted by the Jewish Guild to members of the Zionist Youth Societies with regard to subscriptions. In their case there will be a fee of 1s. per month, and as a large number of new members is expected, application to join the classes should be made immediately, at the Jewish Guild on Monday or Wednesday evenings, between 5.30 and 6.30 p.m. or to the chairman, P.O. Box 2934, giving particulars of knowledge of Hebrew, so that the grouping of the classes may be facilitated.

Classes are open to all members of the Jewish community, and it is hoped that a large number will avail themselves of the excellent facilities offered by the Guild.

The following change with regard to the classes will come into effect. Members will be divided into groups according to their knowledge of Hebrew, and will meet once a week, when they will receive one and a half hour's tuition.

A.B.C. Symphony Orchestra

FIRST CONCERT OF NEW SERIES

The first of the 1936 Symphony concerts by the A.B.C. Symphony Orchestra, will take place in the Jewish Guild Hall on Tuesday, February 4, at 9.30 p.m. The conductor will be Mr. J. Schulman. The services of a popular vocalist has been secured and Miss Margaret Roux will be heard in two Arias by Wagner, "Vorstiell" and "Mieberspod" with orchestral accompaniment. The programme will also include the Overture to "Othello," Op. 93 by Dvorak, and "Sixth Symphony in C Minor," Op. 58 by Glazounow.

MISS ANNE SACKS.

A young South African violiniste, Miss Anne Sacks, has returned to this country after three years of intense study abroad. She was for a period the pupil of the famous Professor Sevcik at Prague, and later took lessons with Karl Flesch—one of the most eminent violin pedagogues of the day.

Miss Sacks did considerable concert work in Europe and on one occasion appeared at the Anglo-Palestine Club in London on the same programme as Chayelle Grober, the famous Jewish folk-singer. The young artiste intends to give a recital some time in March, and her first public appearance since her return, will be awaited with interest by music lovers.

Johannesburg Women's Zionist League

The literary meeting which was to have been held on Tuesday, the 28th, has been postponed and will be held at the Langham Hotel on Tuesday, February the 4th, at 3 p.m. Mr. I. Goss will lecture on "The Jews of the 17th Century."

Houghton Branch.—The fortnightly meetings of the branch will be resumed from Wednesday, 5th February, at 10.30 a.m. at the residence of Mrs. L. Sachs, 89 Louis Botha Avenue. Mrs. I. Marks will read a short paper on "Henrietta Szold." A cordial invitation is extended to all interested.

National Fund Work.—Advantage was taken by the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League of a number of recent Chanukah Services to arrange a collection in aid of the Jewish National Fund which brought in excellent results. Special thanks are due to Mesdames Udwin, Light, Miller and A. P. Cohen who were responsible for the collection at the Wolmarans Street Synagogue, Mrs. Balkin and helpers who carried out the collection at the Berea Synagogue, and Mrs. Chagy together with a number of ladies who carried out the collection at the Beth Hamidrash Hagodel.

Don Cossack Choir

SEASON BEGINS ON MONDAY

The famous Don Cossack Choir, under the direction of N. Kostrukoff, will commence a series of performances at His Majesty's Theatre on Monday evening, February 3rd.

The appearance of the choir in Capetown at the beginning of this month captivated the public. The choir has appeared in all the principal European capitals and has had marvellous receptions. Great praise has been given to the unusual quality of the voices, perfect ensemble and faultless intonation. A feature of interest is the virile dancing, said to be the most rousing thing seen in this country since the Russian Ballet presented the Prince Igor dances.

"I GIVE MY HEART" AT THE COLOSSEUM

The screen version of "The Dubarry," the operetta which was so successful on the stage, is the attraction at the Colosseum theatre this week. It is entitled "I Give My Heart" and Gitta Alpar—the widely-known Hungarian soprano, who played the leading role on the stage—again appears as the Dubarry. The supporting programme is enhanced by the delightful playing of the Symphony Orchestra.

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