

## Wald's "Blessing" for HOD



**Wor. Bro. Bennie Asch, Grand President of the Hebrew Order of David, unveils the statue which stands in the foyer of the Temple area at the H.O.D. Centre.**

AT the unveiling ceremony at the H.O.D. Centre, held on Sunday 12th March, Wor. Bro. Lionel Abrams, the master of ceremonies, said that it was important for the Order to have the statue in order to remind the present generation that it was because of the efforts and beliefs of the early Jewish settlers to South Africa that the present Jewish community occupied its position of influence and prestige.

Bro. Vivien Myersohn, in his address, felt that the bronze should always be looked upon by our fellow brethren as a symbol. The analogy would be the Rabbi, being the Lodge with his strength of character and mind guiding the boy being the members of the Lodge.

One could interpret the face of the Rabbi blessing his son as praying fervently that he could transmit his values and his way of life to his son. The contrast of serenity in each case shows the naive serenity of the son,

compared with the deep serenity of the father which is attained through the trials and tribulations of life.

Mrs. Wald, who was also present, said that the sculpture was not only in the form of a wise old man blessing his son but also symbolic of the transmission of the ancient values of Judaism — from one generation to the next.

In his address, Alec Gorshel, a former mayor of Johannesburg, spoke of the friendship that he enjoyed with the late Herman Wald and said that the outstanding characteristic of the man was Love.

A large gathering of distinguished brethren and ladies were present at the ceremony and had time to admire some of the other works by the famous sculptor which were on display in the foyer of the Temples, through the courtesy of Mrs. Wald.

The statue was acquired through the personal subscription of a small body of Brethren.