

## **First Jewish Military Governor in Palestine.**

### **A BRAVE AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER.**

Colonel Eliezer Hargolin is to-day the Military Governor of the Ramleh district in Palestine, the first Jewish Military Governor in Palestine since the days of Bar Kochba.

His life story is a most interesting one. As a child he was brought to Palestine. His father, a Russian Jew, was one of the founders of the colony of Rehoboth. As Eliezer grew up he became dissatisfied with his position in Palestine, because the Turkish administration of the land gave him no opportunity for doing "big things."

Hargolin emigrated to Australia where he engaged in farming on a large scale, and, incidentally, became a captain in the Australian Militia. When the war broke out, he volunteered, and went to Gallipoli. Hargolin's heroism and expertness soon gained him the rank of major. Later he was sent to France, where he was promoted to the rank of colonel, and gained many distinctions.

While in London, undergoing treatment for his wounds, Hargolin met a group of Jewish Legionaries. His love for Palestine returned with greater force. On Pesach he celebrated the Seder with the Legionaries in the English

the Seder with the Legionaries in the English camps, and at the end of the service he spoke to the boys words of Jewish love and longing that came from the heart. He concluded his address by expressing the hope of celebrating next year's Seder in Jerusalem. Immediately after, Colonel Hargolin took over the command of the 2nd Battalion of the Legionaries, and went with them to Palestine. His hopes were verified.-

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