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BARMITZVAH AT MIDDELBURG

Master Abraham Frame

The Barmitzvah of Abraham, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Frame, of Middelburg (Tvl.), was celebrated on Saturday, 18th October. The following day Mr. and Mrs. Frame entertained a large gathering of relatives and friends to lunch at the Commercial Hotel. Mr. Ch. Schnaid acted as toast master, and felicitous speeches were delivered by Mr. M. Birman, chairman of the Middelburg Congregation, Mr. N. Brozin, the secretary, Mr. Schnaid (Snr.), of Springs, Rabbi I. Romm, of Witbank, and Scout Master Moreley. Mr. A. Abrahamson represented the S.A. Zionist Federation, and delivered a striking address on the duties and responsibilities of Jewish Youth.

Master Abraham Frame, in replying, pledged himself to the duties which devolved upon him as a member of the Jewish community.

Mr. Schnaid, assisted by Mr. N. Brozin, auctioned a bottle of champagne. A substantial sum was raised for the Jewish National Fund which will be devoted to inscribing the names of Mr. and Mrs. Frame in the Golden Book.

Grand Variety Concert This Wednesday Evening

A most entertaining programme is being presented at the Coronation Hall on Wednesday evening, 29th instant, when the City Branch of the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League is staging a Grand Variety Concert in aid of the Jewish National Fund. The chief attraction is Maida Hassall's "Co-optimists," who have, for the last six months, been entertaining troops with great success, and who are guaranteed to give one of the brightest, breeziest shows Johannesburg has yet seen. Outstanding among the "Co-Optimists" are Barney Lurie, the comper, and Mrs. Stella Sapire, the pianist.

This is certainly a concert which lovers of good entertainment should not miss.

SUCCESSFUL VARIETY CONCERT Over £200 for Navy League War Fund

The grand variety concert organised by Cantor Albert Lubliner at the City Hall, Johannesburg, on Saturday night, 4th October, in aid of the Navy League War Fund, was most successful. The nett amount handed over to the Fund was £203 8s. 6d. The concerts organised by Cantor Lubliner on behalf of war funds have been so successful that to date more than £3,000 has been handed over to the various war funds.

Rabbi M. C. Weiler, Minister of the Johannesburg Jewish Reform Congregation, who left for Durban this week by air, has returned to Johannesburg.

The marriage of Rose, daughter of Mr. H. Wittert and the late Mrs. Sarah Wittert and Isaac, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Marks Cohen, of Capetown, will take place at the Yeoville Synagogue on 9th November, at 11 a.m.

The marriage of Eve, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Bobrov and Nathan Cope, both of Capetown, will take place on the 26th October.

The engagement is announced of Ida, youngest daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. R. Salkinder, of 8 Brompton Road, Bloemfontein, and Aby, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Proos, of Ladybrand.

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Kuper (nee Sheila Nathanson), on the birth of a son on 14th October at the Braemar Nursing Home.

The marriage will take place of Marjorie, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. Goodman, of Hendon Street, to Jack, eldest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. M. Sher, of Randfontein, at Wolmarans Street Synagogue, Johannesburg, on 26th October.

The engagement is announced of Reva, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goldstein, late of Heilbron, to Isaac, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Garber, late of Ermelo.

Congratulations are being extended to Phil and Lily Greenberg (nee Browde), on the birth of a daughter, on 12th October.

The engagement is announced of Anne, elder daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. Perlman, of Booyens, to Bennie, youngest son of Mr. and the late Mrs. M. M. Landau, of Tel-Aviv. Both of Johannesburg.

Wallace Michael, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Levy, 3 Edward Street, Westdene, Benoni, will read a portion of the Law and Maftir at the Park Synagogue, Benoni, on Saturday morning, 25th October.

The engagement is announced of Dr. Abe Papert, of Heilbron, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Papert, of Kopjes, and Miss Ruby Leftin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Leftin, of Johannesburg.

Israel (Solly), son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Becker, will read a portion of the Law and Maftir at the Ponevez Synagogue on Saturday, 25th October.

The marriage of Esther, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Bedder, and Harry, eldest son of Mrs. M. Hack and the late Mr. F. Hack, will take place at the Mayfair Synagogue on Sunday, 26th October.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Friedman (nee Maisie Miller), are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter.

The engagement is announced of Pearl, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Barkhan, to David, second son of Mr. and the late Mrs. A. Rosenberg. Both of Johannesburg.

Harold, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Disler, of 42, Darwill Court, Johannesburg, will read a portion of the Law and Maftir at the Braamfontein Synagogue on Saturday, October 25th.



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FORTHCOMING CONCERT OF RUSSIAN MUSIC

In Support of Medical Aid for Russia

Booking opens next Monday (October 27th), at the Colosseum Theatre and at Publix (Carlton Hotel) for the Concert of Russian Music which will be given in the Colosseum Theatre on Sunday, November 9th, in support of Medical Aid for Russia.

Already a great deal of interest has been aroused by the excellence of the programme which has been arranged and tickets are going extremely well. They may be obtained at the booking-offices mentioned above or from members of the large committee which is headed by Mrs. Israel Kuper.

Among the artists who are appearing are Mr. Isador Epstein, the eminent pianist-pedagogue, who will play Scriabin preludes and will participate in the "variations" movement of the Tchaikowski Trio; Mr. Gerald Cassen, the celebrated bass-baritone, who will sing Russian operatic and folk songs; Miss Joyce Van Geems, the outstanding dancer from the de Basil Ballet Company, who will perform Russian dances in costume; Madame Olga Rees, the well-known Russian soprano, who will be heard in songs grave and gay; Mr. Michael Dore, the noted violinist, who will also draw on his Russian repertoire and will be heard in combination with Mr. Reuben Goldberg (cello), Miss Else Schneider (viola), Mr. L. Paikin (bass), and Mrs. I. Lacey (piano) in Tzigane airs.

One of the most attractive features of the programme will be the Balaika Orchestra, under the capable leadership of Mr. Louis Alter. This orchestra has already earned an enviable reputation for itself among music-lovers and will play selections from popular Russian music.

A Concert on the 25th

The Isador Epstein Virtuoso Piano-forte School is holding its annual concerts this year in aid of the Governor-General's National War Fund, and the first of these will take place on Saturday evening, 25th instant, at the Public Library Lecture Hall. An interesting programme has been arranged, and the concert should attract a large audience.

PALESTINE SECTION OF LIBERTY CAVALCADE

Committee Appointed

An inaugural meeting for the Palestine Section of Liberty Cavalcade, called by the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League, was held on Wednesday, 8th October, at the Coronation Hall.

Mrs. M. Franks, who presided, explained that the Palestine Section would be under the patronage of the S.A. Zionist Federation, and expressed the hope that all sections of the community would participate wholeheartedly in order to make the effort a worthy one.

Nominations were invited for a chairman, and Dr. D. Katzen was unanimously elected. The meeting decided to appoint a committee comprising five vice-chairmen and two secretaries. The following were elected: Vice-chairmen, Mesdames M. Franks, D. Brasch, W. Hillman, D. Bradlow and G. Sieradzki; joint hon. secretaries, Mrs. A. P. Cohen and Mrs. J. Schwartz. Mrs. P. Rabinowitz was appointed assistant secretary.

Various sub-committees were suggested and representatives of these sub-committees, which are in the process of being formed, will serve on the central executive.

MUSICAL FUNCTION ON 2nd NOVEMBER

In Aid of J.N.F.

A concert of both musical and social interest will be given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Karnovsky, 39 St. Patrick Road, Houghton, on Sunday, November 2nd, at 8.30 p.m. The proceeds will go to the Jewish National Fund, and among the prominent artists who have kindly consented to appear are Rev. S. Backon, Miss Millie Van Geuns, Miss Lila Emdin and Mr. Eugen Magid. The concert is under the auspices of the Houghton Branch of the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League, and is being convened by Mrs. I. W. Jacobson and Mrs. H. L. Karnovsky. Tickets may be obtained from the conveners or from any member of the Houghton Branch.

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Around the Cinemas

"Life Begins for Andy Hardy" at Metro

"Life Begins for Andy Hardy" is continuing for a second week at the Metro. Full of fun, laughs and human appeal, it has charmed cinema-goers during the last week and will undoubtedly continue to do so. Lewis Stone, Mickey Rooney, Judy Garland and Fay Holden are featured in this film which maintains the usual high standard of the Hardy family pictures.

"Wagons Roll by Night" at Empire

"Wagons Roll by Night" is continuing for a second week at the Empire Theatre. Starring Humphrey Bogart, Joan Leslie, Eddie Albert, and Sylvia Sydney, it is an exciting drama of reckless men and women who live in a city on wheels, with new adventures turning up at every bend of the road. Being outside the pale of normal, everyday life, they start a code of their own, with Bogart, the tough, hardboiled owner of the show, as the ruler of the little troupe. The film is packed with action, drama and suspense.

"Pimpernel Smith" at Colosseum

Subtle wit and brilliant dialogue are the outstanding attributes of "Pimpernel Smith," now showing at the Colosseum. Essentially an adventure story, it nevertheless concentrates much on character building for its effects. Leslie Howard is the focal point of the whole proceedings. He is also producer-director, and it is difficult to say whether he is more inspired as actor, director or producer. The picture has suspense, a wide range of settings, and a charming love story to keep interest at a high pitch throughout. Others in the cast are Francis Sullivan, Mary Morris, Hugh MacDermott, Peter Gawthorne and Raymond Huntley.

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"Beware Spooks" at Plaza

The film at the Plaza theatre this week is "Beware Spooks" with Joe E. Brown in the leading role. It is a hilarious film from start to finish. Joe Brown does everything possible to annoy the commissioner of the New York police force. He starts off by getting married and the fun starts when he allows a dangerous criminal, who has been brought to headquarters for questioning, to escape. Eventually he is dropped from the force. He therefore goes to Coney Island on a belated honeymoon, and his young bride helps him in trailing the wanted criminal. Others in the cast are Mary Carlisle, Marc Lawrence and Clarence Kolb.

Amusing Farce at Standard

That new comedy team, Melvyn Douglas and Joan Blondell, are to be seen again in "The Amazing Mr. Williams," now showing at the Standard. A detective story, the picture is full of excitement and tension, but the thrills are lavishly interspersed with humorous interludes, for Melvyn Douglas, as the investigator of murders who has no time for love, and Joan Blondell as the girl who is determined to marry him, are as dippy and crazy as ever, and reduce their audiences to helpless laughter again and again. The strong supporting cast is headed by Ruth Dinnelly and Edward Brophy.

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