

Landsleit Societies.

The Editor,
"S.A. Jewish Chronicle."
Sir,

Many communal workers in Cape Town and throughout South Africa are seriously alarmed at the rapid growth of Landsleit Societies in our midst.

In principle, of course, there can be no objection to a number of Landsleit coming together and discussing matters of mutual concern. However, this habit has taken on so firmly in South Africa that every week sees the formation of a few more branches and there seems to be no end to this mushroom growth.

The most serious objection to the procedure is obviously that each Society elects its own Executive and Committee, who set about with admirable energy organising concerts and dances and other public functions without bothering to find out whether their plans clash in any way with more serious and deserving functions of the community as a whole. It is all very well for a few individuals to organise special relief for their own Landsleit, but when South African Jewry is concerned with the War Appeal for Relief generally for our brethren in Europe, it becomes superfluous and in fact harmful to the Campaign if each little Society begins to organise its own drive and to dispense its own relief.

It is high time a halt was called and this activity was severely restricted. The only alternative would be to plunge our community into chaos and to approve of a situation where hundreds of inconsequential Societies carry out independent and mutually conflicting activity.

ANTI-MUSHROOM.

Opening of Union of Jewish Women Conference.

Sir,
As a visitor to the Peninsula and as one who has been generally impressed by the elaborate arrangements made for providing a good Jewish atmosphere during the holiday season, I am writing to express my deep disappointment at the tone of one of the major functions.

I am referring to the official opening of the Union of Jewish Women Conference held on Monday morning, which I attended as an onlooker.

I feel that it should have been obvious to those in the hall that this was a Jewish Conference and that it had special application to our own community. There was not a badge, a flag, a notice to give this impression. But, worst of all, the proceedings were opened by a prayer. The prayer contained no Hebrew terms and would have been perfectly suitable for any conference called by any group anywhere. I feel that if it was deemed necessary to invite the Almighty's blessing on the deliberations, the appeal could have included a sentence or two at least of the language in which we are accustomed to address the Almighty—even if a translation thereof had to follow. As it was, I left the hall with a feeling that something was definitely lacking in a ceremony which should have proved an inspiration.

(Mrs.) J. SILBERSTEIN.

MILNERTON TURF CLUB.

Races at Ascot

SATURDAY, 11th JANUARY.

1st Race 1.55 p.m.

SEVEN EVENTS, including

£750 JANUARY HANDICAP

(6 furlongs).

£1 Double Tote on 4th and 5th Races.

Trains to Course:

10.32, 12.28, 12.46, 12.59 and 1.9.

R. C. LOUW,
Secretary.

Relatives Sought.

Will anyone able to furnish any information concerning the following people kindly communicate with the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies, Box 1180, Johannesburg, or call at 2nd Floor, Commercial House, Room 25, 124, Fox Street, Johannesburg. Telephone 22-7206, Extension 10.

Alter, Israel, sought by Gisa Friedmann, Germany.

Brash Family, daughter's name Bewla, sought by Alexander Dimant, Germany.

Brodie, W. R., sought by Maria Scheuchenpflug, Germany; we have letter.

Carl, Max and Lenchen, sought by Adolf Uhrmacher, Germany.

Garvn, Chaim, sought by his niece, Doba Teikan, nee Shnaider.

Gliksberg, Rachela, formerly from Lodz, Poland, sought by Johann Lenczycki, son of Estera and Samuel Lenczycki.

Hochheimer, Mrs. L., sought by Mr. Michael W. Sauer, Germany.

Jacobson, Louis and Bertha, nee Ettlinger; have two sons, John and Jack; sought by Brajane Dobe Vleeschhouwer-Schilansky.

Jankelow, Aba and Pescha, was born in Zsger (Lithuania), worked in a shoe shop for his uncles, Gawriel and Abe Zagorsky, sought by Berjankelow Dwora, Feldafing.

Jacobsohn, Leo, born in Germany, believed to be married, sought by her cousin, Abelheid Jacobsohn, nee Freudenfeld.

Kadow, Walter, sought by Petzold Bundes, Germany.

Kuricki, Gitl, sought by his cousin, Mary Gurwitz, Germany.

Kilow, Jacob and Simon, formerly from Preili, Latvia, sought by Isaak Pin, Germany.

Lazarus, Dr. Walter, chemist by profession, sought by his cousin, Erich Lazarus, Shanghai.

Levisohn, Sophie, sought by Irene Hesse, Germany; we have letter.

Leibowitz Family, sought by their relative, Rabbi Leibowitz, Havana, Cuba.

Lahn, Mrs. Nessie, daughter's name Necky, sought by Mr. Goldberg, from Ashland, U.S.A.

Forthcoming Events.

Histadruth Ivrit.—A concert in aid of destitute Hebrew writers will be held at the Muizenberg Pavilion on Monday, January 13th, at 8 p.m. Boris Rome, Hedy Haas, Walter Morgan, "Hazamir" Z.S. Choir (conducted by Mr. W. Sher) will participate, and "Banim Ligevulam," a one-act play in Hebrew, will be staged. Admission: £1/1/-, 12/6, 10/6, 7/6, 5/- (exempt from entertainment tax). Tickets are obtainable and reserved at the Muizenberg Pavilion.

Cape Mizrahi Organisation.—A function in honour of Mizrahi visitors and sympathisers in the Cape Peninsula will take place on Sunday, 12th January, at 8.15 p.m., in the Zionist Hall, Hope Street, Cape Town. Guest speakers: Rabbi Dr. E. W. Kirzner, Rabbi Dr. M. Chiger, M.A., D.Lit., Rev. L. Levine of Pietersburg, Mr. R. Lurie, member of the Mizrahi Organisation of Johannesburg. Mr. J.O. Markovitz will preside. Musical items and refreshments. Admission free.

"Chronicle" Seaside Fund.

THIS WEEK'S LIST.

Previously acknowledged	461	17	0
"Hermanus," per Mrs. S.			
Abel	4	11	0
Mrs. J. A. Futeran; Mrs. F. Epstein; each £2/2/-	4	4	0
Mrs. F. Feigel; A. Avin; each £1/1/-	2	2	0
	£472	14	0

The 22nd Young Israel Camp.

The 22nd Young Israel Camp was officially opened late on Monday afternoon, 30th December, by the Deputy Head of Camp, Mr. R. B. Egert. He apologised for the unavoidable absence of the Head of Camp, Larzie Lichtenstein, and read messages of congratulation from the following: Colin Traub, Isaac Shrand and fiancée, Bennie Noice and Zigmund Stein.

The Camp, which contains a large contingent of Transvaal Zionist Youth, is the largest yet held, campers hailing from all parts of the Union of South Africa and the Rhodesias.

Apart from the official Visitors' Day on Sunday, 5th January, Camp is visited by many holidaymakers, who attend the evening functions held at Camp.

A full report of Camp activities will appear in a later issue of the "Chronicle."

Miss I. Rabinowitz Leaving for Palestine.

Miss I. Rabinowitz, who for the past few years has been head of the administrative staff of the Zionist Office, is leaving Cape Town during the weekend on a visit to Palestine. On the occasion of the termination of her services in the office, a pleasant luncheon ceremony took place on December 31st, arranged by the executive of the Keren Hayesod, J.N.F. and the Dorshei Zion Association. Mr. J. Gitlin, who presided, paid a warm tribute to Miss Rabinowitz's capable and efficient services in the office and referred to the excellent manner in which she constantly discharged her duties. He presented her with a camera as a token of appreciation and good wishes. Dr. I. M. Hurwitz and Mr. S. M. Levin also paid tribute to Miss Rabinowitz's good work. Miss Rabinowitz suitably responded.

At a Social arranged on December 27th by the Sea Point Massadah Association (of which Miss Rabinowitz is Hon. Secretary), Mr. S. Charlaff, Chairman, presented her with a travelling case on behalf of his colleagues and himself, and Mr. L. Phillips, Vice-Chairman, announced that the Association would mark the occasion by planting twenty trees in Eretz Israel.

Hedy Haas Back from Successful Tour.

TO GIVE RECITAL AT MUIZENBERG.

Hedy Haas, famous Continental stage celebrity, has concluded a four-months' tour through the Union under the direction of African Consolidated Theatres.

Whilst in East London she was pleasantly surprised to receive a card to the effect that the E.L. Branch of the Union of Jewish Women contributed a donation towards the Jewish War Appeal in Miss Haas' name, as a token of appreciation of "her outstanding performances at the Colosseum."

Having appeared most successfully in all the big theatres of the Union, Miss Haas has now come back to Cape Town to take up here her theatrical activities. On Saturday, 25th January, Hedy Haas will give a new programme of songs and impersonations in English and Yiddish at the Muizenberg Pavilion. Other artists on the programme will be Dagny Keightley (solo violinist) and the "Cantabile Trio" under the leadership of Walter Swanson, the popular musical director and composer. A highly entertaining evening is anticipated.

Odeon Curzon

SEA POINT WYNBERG
Phone 4-2969. Phone 7-5055

To-day at 3 and 8.15. Saturday 3, 6 and 8.30.

JOHN HODIAK, NANCY GUILD

in

'SOMEWHERE IN THE NIGHT'

with Lloyd Nolan, Richard Conte.

A Twentieth Century-Fox picture.

Municipal Orchestra.

SUNDAY, 12th JANUARY.

Hungarian March ... Berlioz.

Song: Bravour Variationen,

Mozart-Adam.

HELEN DEACON.

First Movement, Symphony No. 8, Beethoven.

Organ Soli:

LESLIE ARNOLD.

Overture, "Zampa" ... Herold.

(By request).

Etc., etc.

Admission free. Chairs 6d.

THURSDAY, 16th JANUARY.

Guest Conductor:

THEO. WENDT.

Special Wagner Programme.

Prelude and closing scene from "Tristan and Isolde."

Siegfried's Rhine Journey.

Prelude "Prentice's Dance and Entry of the Masters" from "Meistersingers."

Etc., etc.

ALHAMBRA.

Humphrey Bogart stars in "Passage to Marseille," the new Warner Bros. picture which is the Alhambra's next attraction. Playing an out-spoken, two-fisted French journalist who has a run-in with pro-Hitler authorities, Bogart is banished to Devil's Island, only to make his escape and return to fight for France, in an exciting film which is part adventure but part as timely as to-day's headlines.

Michele Morgan plays the romantic lead opposite Bogart and an excellent supporting cast features Claude Rains, Philip Dorn, Sydney Greenstreet, Helmut Dantine, Peter Lorre and George Tobias. The film was directed by Michael Curtiz, who also directed "Casablanca" and was produced by Hal B. Wallis. Max Steiner wrote the original music.

COLOSSEUM.

Bringing to full and thrilling screen life one of the most fascinating stories ever to top best-seller list, Darryl F. Zanuck's eagerly-awaited presentation of "Anna and the King of Siam," starring Irene Dunne, Rex Harrison, Linda Darnell, opens at the Colosseum Theatre on Monday.

No fiction tale spun out of imagination, Margaret Landon's unusual biography captivated millions of readers with its exciting story of the adventures of an English woman who came to the exotic Siam of 1862 to serve as a teacher to the scores of wives and children of King Mongkut.

Here was all the intrigue of the royal palace, the loves and jealousies that rose out of the passions and furies of the harem, the breathtaking spectacle of a people who revelled in pageantry, and a shocking barbarism that ran parallel in strange paradox with an age-old culture of wisdom and beauty. And woven in brilliant relief through this exotic background, the story of Anna herself, who brought her Western beauty, fiery courage and keen wit to win a triumph no woman ever knew before.