

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

CALENDAR:
 May 26 (Sivan 4) Sabbath begins 5.8
 May 27 (Sivan 5) Sabbath ends 5.43

BIBLE READING:
 Week commencing Saturday, May 27.
 Book of Samuel, Chapters 26-31.

Successful Comedy by Local Playwright

Lewis Sowden's "Gold Earth" NINETIES of Johannesburg in the Lewis Sowden in his comedy the "Gold Earth" which is being presented this week at the Standard. Almost all the good and bad old characters of the early days were most sympathetically portrayed — the share-dealers, sharp and blunt, the financier with vision, the dreamy mining engineer, the tipsy artist in search of a soul, the Jewish property owner, the harassed Dutch ex-miner and his wife and the inevitable "Rosie," Flower of the Rand.

A Johannesburg audience, including people who have vivid memories of the early days, must inevitably be critical of a play which covers familiar ground. Nevertheless, it was evident on the first night that Mr. Sowden stood the test perfectly well. His material was genuine, lively, clever and viewed as a comedy, hardly overdone. Events moved with speed and gusto and the dialogue on the whole was very clever indeed. Those parts of the play which are in "minor key," such as the reaction to the new life, were evidently much appreciated by the audience, and could well have been extended at the expense of occasional repetitive humorous scenes. It would have been interesting to see Verreker in a sober

Mr. Sowden has written a fine play and Mr. F. Zygelbaum has given a fine production. Shiela Nathan Kuper, Mike Kohn, Len Kahn, Shielagh Swift, Ethel Lane, in the leading parts, all gave a good performance. Arthur Swenmer slightly over-acted and Laurie Shulman was all too thoughtful. He should be seen more often in Jewish characters. Others who participated and displayed a fine team-spirit were Norman Torry, Max Twersky, Alexander Sussman, Roza van Gelderen, Sally Mitchell, Ivon Glennie, Sydney Langnart, Natasha McGavin-Greig, Sam Jacobson, the Blockman and Maurice Myerson.

The play will be shown during the week-end and should not be missed.

Histadruth Ivrih Activities

The lecture room of the Histadruth Ivrih was crowded when Mr. Z. Infeld delivered an interesting lecture on "Bach-Kochbas" rebellion. Mr. W. Rybko was in the chair and thanked the speaker.

On Tuesday, May 30, a literary and musical evening will take place at the formation Hall at 8 p.m.

The following will take part in the programme: Rabbi Zlotnik (talk on Shevuoth), Mrs. S. Lurie (songs), Miss T. Bobrow (piano accompaniment), Cantor Altschuler (Hebrew songs), Mr. Shalit, of the "Ohe! Theatre" reading fragments from Chernichowsky), and Mr. M. Lazar (humorous reading).

MOTHERS RECEIVE TREE CERTIFICATES

BULAWAYO WOMEN'S ZIONIST ORGANISATION has had a most active year, according to the report presented by Mrs. H. Fox, the chairman, at the annual general meeting of the organisation. The meeting decided to form a special cultural sub-committee to deal with cultural functions. Mothers present at the meeting were presented with Tree Certificates by Mrs. Baron.

Mrs. H. Fox was elected chairman, and others elected were Mesdames M. Kaminsky and A. Kaplan (vice-chairmen), L. Kriel (treasurer), K. Abrams (hon. secretary), S. Zeligson, H. Greenspan, B. Bloom, M. Clossin, S. Rabinowitz, D. Freed, B. Baron, J. Blumenthal, H. Eliasov, I. Kollenberg, M. Myers, N. Pincus, M. Solomon, D. Kahn, W. Fredman, L. Rabinowitz, W. Kaplan, J. Rubinstein and H. Mathieson.

H.O.D. Function in Aid of J.W.A.

By arrangement with Mesdames Gaitz and Zlotnik, the cake stalls which, as announced in the last issue of the "Zionist Record" were to have been held in June in aid of Parcels for Russia, will now take place in July. Instead, the women's section of the H.O.D. will run the stalls during June at the "Grove Campers," Louis Botha Avenue, Orange Grove. Half the proceeds will be devoted to the Jewish War Appeal.

CONGRATULATIONS

The engagement is announced of Alice, eldest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. L. Rade (formerly of Piet Retief) to Mike, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Kloss. Both of Johannesburg.

The engagement is announced of Helen, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Lewis, of Bloemfontein, to Lieut. Ellis Spektor (S.A.A.F.), eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Spektor, of Muizenberg, Cape.

Two Volumes by Rabbi Dr. Rabinowitz

News has been received in Johannesburg that Rabbi Dr. L. Rabinowitz, the newly appointed Chief Minister of the United Hebrew Congregation, is preparing for publication an account of the Palestinian Jewish units in the Middle East. The book has received the approval of the British War Office and will no doubt throw much light on the contribution of the Palestinian Jewish soldiers to the war effort.

Rabbi Rabinowitz is also publishing a book entitled "A Contribution to the Medieval Economic History of the Jews." He hopes to see these books through to the press before leaving for South Africa.

Johannesburg Musical Society Concert

The concert of the Johannesburg Musical Society held at the Library Lecture Room on the 20th instant consisted of two trios, one by Schumann and one by Mendelssohn. The artists were Robert Lloyd, pianist, Bram Vehof, violinist, and Betty Pack, cellist. The combination of instruments was very good. The Schumann trio opened with a powerful movement, developing into a plaintive slow movement and a brilliant finale. The Mendelssohn trio was particularly colourful and very well performed.

R. M.

Bloemfontein

The prize distribution and annual general meeting of the above school were held on Sunday afternoon, May 21, at the Communal Hall. Mr. D. Davidson presided over a large gathering and delivered his presidential report. Rabbi Dr. M. Romm spoke on the school's good work.

Mr. M. Wolozinsky, the principal of the Hebrew School and Hebrew master of Grey College, reported on the 80 pupils of the former and 30 students of the latter institutions. He also thanked the committee for the appointment of the new Hebrew teacher, Mr. M. Sifman.

Mr. H. Bradlow, vice-president of the Hebrew Congregation, deputised for the chairman, Mr. I. Block, who was indisposed.

Mr. I. Caplan distributed 31 prizes in books, one of which was a special prize presented by Mrs. M. Fine in memory of her late husband.

Mr. S. Wasserman presented his financial report.

Dr. M. Block spoke on the preliminary conference of the S.A. Jewish Board of Education recently held in Johannesburg, which he and Mr. S. Wasserman had attended as Bloemfontein delegates. Keen discussion followed.

The following were elected on the new committee: Chairman, Mr. D. Davidson; vice-chairman, Dr. M. Block; hon. secretary, Mrs. J. Lurie; assistant hon. secretary, Mrs. S. Kimmel; treasurer, Mr. S. Wasserman; committee members, Messrs. I. Caplan, P. Caplan, E. Chien, O. Drobis, C. W. Edelstein, J. Ehrlich, I. Fogel, L. Kramer, D. Kroll, S. Noick, J. Slome, and Mesdames N. Woolf, L. Kramer and S. Kimmel; ex officio, Rabbi Dr. M. Romm and Mr. I. Block.

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The Cinema

"Song of Russia" continues to attract large audiences at the Metro, and is being acclaimed as good as the best yet. It is a fine drama of wartime Russia, featuring Susan Peters as a simple Russian girl (brilliant at the piano, by the way), and Robert Taylor as a famous Russian orchestra conductor. The love story is powerful, and the action swift-moving and convincing.

For an enjoyable evening, see "Road to Morocco," at the Colosseum, the hilarious comedy that will evoke very much laughter. The stars are Dorothy Lamour, Bing Crosby and Bob Hope. Don't miss it!

The best-seller, "Education for Death," by Gregor Ziemer, has been adapted for the screen in the stirring film, "Hitler's Children," which is still showing at the Empire. A true exposure of Nazi barbarity!

There's a jolly mix-up and many side-splitting scenes in "Laugh Your Blues Away," which will shortly be showing at the Plaza. The theme of the film is how to be idle though poor, and the consequent situations highly amusing. In the lead are Bert Gordon and Jinx Falkenburg.

At the 20th Century, "Pride of the Yankees," a grand film with baseball as its background, is showing. See also "A Sportsman," page 13.

Help for the Needy

THROUGH the initiative of Mrs. Sarah Herzog, the wife of the Chief Rabbi of Palestine, during her visit to this country just over three years ago, a committee was formed under the supervision of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies, to help needy institutions in Eretz Israel.

Although the committee, with Mrs. I. Adelson, as chairman, limited its assistance at first to only eight institutions, owing to repeated urgent appeals received, the number of institutions now getting regular monthly support has increased to fourteen.

Amongst these are principally, the Chonen Dal Bread Society, which distributes bread to the poor and destitute, eight children's homes, two maternity societies, one free kitchen, a maternal home and one hospital.

The Society's first remittance was £30. This amount has now reached a monthly average of £150. All books are audited by the Board of Deputies, and no expenses, except printing, are incurred.

A general meeting for members and donors will be called in the near future, and the Committee hopes that all persons interested will attend.

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