

GRAND VARIETY CONCERT

The Entertainment Section of the North Eastern Hebrew Congregation are preparing to produce a variety show for three nights at the Communal Hall, Pine Street, Orchards, opposite the Astra Theatre, on Wednesday, March 31, Thursday, April 1, and Saturday, April 3.

The artists will include Adam Astor, a baritone, who has sung on the continent, Olive King, a mezzo Soprano, who has sung in London, and Rene Andre, who has just completed a song tour of Paris, Brussels and Cairo.

Other performers will be Pnina Shevelov, the Palestinian dancer, Harry Sykes, Broadway comedian, and Nat Bregman will be the compere. Music will be provided by Louis Alter's Balalaika Orchestra.

MAGEN DAVID ADOM BRANCH ACTIVITIES

The second annual "Hagigah" of the Branch Rishon was held at the H.O.D. Hall recently.

The guest artists included Dr. Norman Zwick, who sang Hebrew and Jewish songs, and Mr. Sid Nathan, who entertained the gathering with humorous sketches. National dances were presented by Pnina Shevelov and Mr. S. Poliva sang Palestinian songs.

Mrs. Kaplan, chairman of Branch Rishon, welcomed Dr. Abt, who brought greetings from M.D.A. in Palestine, and "Godspeed" to Mr. J. Katz on his departure for Eretz Israel.

Dr. Leib, chairman of M.D.A. in South Africa, congratulated the women of the branch for the excellent work they have done during the year.

Branch Ezra held a very successful jumble sale during December, at the residence of Mrs. L. Bourgestein at 44 Observatory Avenue.

K. Bacher Functions. M.D.A. has pleasure in announcing that the open-air functions at K. Bacher's Farm will be commencing shortly.

Pidyan Haben at Hans River

A very enjoyable and successful function took place on Sunday, December 14, at the farm Hans River to celebrate the Pidyan Haben of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Goldenbaum. Mr. Albert Kaplan was the Cohen and carried out his duties ably. During the afternoon Rev. Myburg appealed on behalf of the National Fund, and the sum of £10 10s. was raised to which the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Goldenbaum added £9 10s. to have the name of their grandson inscribed in the Golden Book.



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On December 17, a very successful Children's Mannequin Parade and Party was held at the residence of Mrs. M. Levin, who organised the function. The sum of £150 was raised for J.N.F. Mrs. Levin, Mrs. Esther Karp, the convener, and their committee are to be thanked for their good work and congratulated on this fine effort.

Sunday evening, December 21, was the night chosen for the third function, Dinner, Dance and Play, at the local night club, the "Stardust," which was placed at the disposal of the Summerstrand Branch by the managers, Miss Elba Dwyer and Mr. Dwyer.

A cold supper was catered for by the committee and other members of the League. Special thanks are due to Mesdames Annie and Dinnie Mirkin for their untiring assistance. The toast to the Jewish State was proposed by Mrs. Anna Franks, and her brief address was received with much appreciation.

The play, "Morton Wishengrad's 'People of the World,'" was produced by Mrs. Tamara Melmed (Miss Tamara Samsanov). Although the cast as a whole was excellent, special mention must be made of one of the commentators, Mr. Mervin Brodie; and outstanding in the cast were Mr. L. Perelson, little Elsa Topic, Miss Sybil Berman and Mr. Neil Abrahams. Mrs. Dinnie Nell greatly assisted Mrs. Melmed, and the effective and beautiful back-drops were painted by Mrs. Miriam Palmer and Miss Gilbert.

Mrs. Ada Dubb's and Mrs. Lola Schewitz's homes were the venues of the last affair on December 23. At the former's residence the Committee

had arranged a delightful Buffet Luncheon, and at the latter's a social afternoon, which followed immediately after the luncheon. Considerable sums were raised at all the functions.

LUSAKA AND DISTRICT ZIONIST SOCIETY

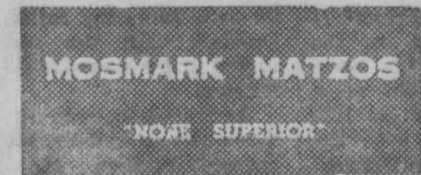
A function was held in the Synagogue on December 14, to celebrate Chanukah and UNO's decision on Palestine. Over 50 people were present.

The chairman of the society, Mr. Julius Mohrer, welcomed all guests, and delivered a short address entitled "The Jewish State."

The Rev. Dr. Sh. Poswelletski lit the eight Chanukah candles, and the guests joined in the singing of "Mozart."

Master M. Mendelsohn recited a Chanukah poem, and the Rev. Dr. Sh. Poswelletski addressed the meeting on the history and significance of Chanukah. Mr. S. Osrin, Mr. S. B. Wulfsohn and Mr. M. Diamond also addressed the audience.

The final event of the evening was a play-reading entitled "Our Frontiers," in which Mesdames H. Mohrer and A. Galaun, and Messrs. G. Desssen and P. Fraenkel took part, while Miss Helen Glasser, who had ably produced the play-reading, acted as narrator.



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OBITUARY

Mrs. Dinah Charney

The death occurred recently at home in Sea Point, of Mrs. Dinah Charney, mother of Mrs. Harriet of Cape Town, and Mrs. Matheson, of Port Elizabeth, well-known workers in women's ranks.

Mrs. Charney, who was a member of Cape Town's Jewish community, is survived by her son, her two daughters, a number of grandchildren and by two granddaughters.

Mr. Harry Stolly

Mr. Harry Stolly, a well-known member of the community, Cape Town recently at the age of 70. He had been ill for four years. He was a partner in the Stolly's Motors, Ltd., and before of Nash (Cape) Motors. He died in 1944.

Mr. Stolly leaves a widow and three children, a boy aged 10 and two aged 12 years.

Mrs. Sally Weinberg

The death occurred in Bulwer recently of Mrs. Sally Weinberg, widow of the late Rev. A. Weinberg. She was a pioneer and one of the best known personalities in Bulwer Jewry.

A pillar of orthodox Judaism, she was chairman of the Ladies' League of Kadisha and prominently associated with every aspect of Jewish life in the community, especially in the social and charitable sphere.

PIONEER OF FREE STATE JEWRY

Mr. Leo Eisenstein, formerly of Zastron, and recently of Germiston, died in Germiston on November 19, 1947.

Mr. Eisenstein was one of the pioneers of Free State Jewry. He was the first chairman of the Belem Hebrew Congregation, and also one of the founders of the Belem Hebrew Congregation.

He was a Freemason, a Past Master of the Zastron Lodge and an officer of the Grand Lodge. He was also chairman of the Zastron Chamber of Commerce for many years.

Mr. Eisenstein was a keen Zionist worker and will be missed by a large circle of friends, among whom he was loved for his charitableness and kindness.

He is survived by his wife, three sons and four daughters.

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