IN AND AROUND THE TOWN. (Continued from page 181).

THIS WEEK'S SEDRA.

In this week's Sedra Leviticus, chapter 4, verses 2, 13 and 22, we read: "Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a soul shall sin through ignorance against any of the commandments of the Lord, concerning things which ought not to be done, and shall do any of them.

And if the whole congregation of Israel sin through ignorance, and the thing be hid from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done somewhat against any of the commandments of the Lord. . . .

"When a ruler hath sinned, and done somewhat through ignorance against any of the commandments

Looking at the above three verses in their Hebrew form, from the grammatical standpoint one finds a number of peculiar words. In fact, the latter half of each of the above verses "Mikol Mitzvos Adonoi Asher Lo Seioseno," viz., "Any of the commandments of the Lord, concerning things which ought not to be done," are entirely unnecessary. Since the verses begin with the statement that sin was done, it is self-evident that something was done against the commandment of God.

In Talmud Babli Tractat Pesochim, we are told that we find additional letters or words in the Bible only when we have to avoid some unpleasant expression. Several Instances, in proof of this statement, are quoted in the Talmud. The reason for this is not far to seek: If a soul shall sin by doing any of the commandments of the Lord. "Ostensibly, according to a literal translation from the Hebrew, the one who commits the sin may well believe himself to be observing one of the commandments; but it is, in reality, a negative command. This is an example of a daily occurrence. A good many wrongs are committed with the best of inten-At many charitable affairs the organisers are none too particular in laws. lar in observing the dietary laws. Their intentions are no doubt good. Mikol Mitzvos Adonoi," they are observing a command by working for all g a command by working for charity, but it is "Asher Lo Seiseno," "which should not be

In the above verses there are many seeming redundancies.

Cheat the Calendar.

Mr. Alfred Holtzer is to be complimented on having written the first musical comedy originating locally. The plot is modern and up-to-date, the idea of using monkey the villain being full of possibilities. a weapon in the hands of

The chorus was smartly dressed and breezy of movement, and was the best feature of the production. The only fault to be found with the chorus is that it did not come on often enough. The team work was

Many of the lyrics were remarkably good, and the music, by Messrs. Max Miller and Walter Swanson,

was splendid. So much depends on the tunes of a musical comedy. Though these were not syncopated, they were melodious and "catchy." "I Sigh for the Hills" and "Smiles" ought to become popular. Several songs were spoilt by being taken too slowly, thus creating an unnecessarily lugubrious atmosphere. Those that went briskly, like "Simple Little Maids," "Managerial Manageress," and "Smile," left nothing to be desired.

Mr. H. Batchelor Smith made a suave and tactful Professor Potts. His singing and his characterisation

were both very good. Miss Rose Mitchell combined dignity with sprightliness as the Manageress, and her singing was charming. Tommy the Page Boy (Miss Yvonne Swallow) endeared himself to all hearts. C. H. Spragg was amusing as Bill, leader of the Sandwichmen. Stella Moller made a fascinating Senior Establishment Girl, and the singing of Lila Grace as the Niece was very pleasing, as was that of A. G. Harte, who took the part of Dr. Savernez.

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OBITUARY.

The death occurred early on Sunday morning of Mr. Horace Arenstein, a young Johannesburg attorney, and the funeral took place at the Jewish cemetery in the afternoon, the service being conducted by Rev. S. Steinberg.

Mr. Arenstein was a nephew of Mr. H. H. Morris, K.C., and son of Mr. Jacob Arenstein, manager for the Central News Agency in Rhodesia, and his early demise will be heard with deep regret by his large circle of relatives and friends.

NOTICE

is hereby given that the 29th March being a Public Holiday, advertisements intended for insertion in the Union Gazette and the "S.A. Jewish Chronicle" of the 28th March must reach this office not later than 4 p.m. on Tuesday the 26th March, 1929.



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