

Exhibition of Articles of Jewish Interest

MUCH interest is being evinced in the exhibition of articles of Jewish interest which is to be held in the near future at the house of Mrs. L. Greenberg, Sleepy Hollow, Valley Road, Parktown.

This exhibition, for which the Saxonwold Branch of the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League is responsible has brought to light many beautiful and historic things, only known hitherto to their owners. Some articles have a pathetic interest, and one does not need a particularly vivid imagination to visualise the everyday usage of belongings, once cherished as loved household gods, but now ranking as coveted antiques.

Some beautiful pictures, either the work of Jewish artists, or of Jewish subjects, will be on view in the art section. The ritual section will be rich, not only in vestments and sacred articles used in synagogue services, but with homelier objects, handled in daily observances with the reverence imbued in each generation in its turn.

There is no space to more than touch on the ancient manuscripts, lent for the exhibition, the carefully preserved Hebrew books on many subjects, and the quaint documents whose writings suggest customs long since forgotten. Every article in every section has its history, and the whole exhibition is bound to prove of absorbing interest.

A PURIM DANCE

Under the auspices of the Hebrew Speaking Circle, Johannesburg, a Purim Dance will be held at the Hebrew High School on Saturday, the 11th inst. at 8.15 p.m. Members and their friends are cordially invited.

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A PURIM BALL.

The Palmer-Barrett Orchestra will be in attendance at the Masked Ball taking place at the Hotel Alexander, Germiston, on Wednesday, March 15th from 8 p.m. till 1 a.m.

The hall will be gaily decorated and illuminated with limelight in all shades. Prizes will be awarded for the best Jewish, most beautiful and original costumes. Haman Taschen will be served.

The most beautiful lady will be chosen and crowned Queen Esther. A flash-light photograph will be taken of all present. His Worship the Mayor, Mr. N. J. Kock will be present. An enthusiastic committee, with Mr. D. Dunsky as chairman, is ensuring facilities for all Young Israelites of Johannesburg and the Reef to be present.

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Purim

By C. DAVID MATT.

Come, quaff the brimming festal glass!

*Bring forth the old good cheer!
For Esther's Feast has come at last—*

Most gladsome in the year.

And now, when hearts beat glad and free,

*Come, gather all about,
And tell once more how, long sincere, He
Did put our foe to rout.*

*Full oft has beauty ruled a land
And held its sceptered sway;
Full often foiled the avenging hand
And bade oppression stay.*

*But ne'er did beauty so avail
As when fair Esther's charm
'Gainst vengeful Haman did prevail
To 'fend the Jews from harm.*

*So all the dire impending woe
That hovered o'er their head,
Did light upon their ruthless foe
And ruined him instead.*

*And thus, through all the ages long,
In every land and clime,
They chant an old thanksgiving song
E'er mindful of that time.*

*Yet, Israel's Guardian never sleeps—
No slumber in His eye!
But loving watch He ever keeps
Upon his flock from high.*

College of Preceptors Examination

JEWISH LAD'S BRILLIANT SUCCESS.

The headmaster of the Boys' High School, Kimberley, has received notification by the last mail from the Secretary of the College of Preceptors that in the recent Senior Certificate examination, a pupil of the school, Velva Schrire, second son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Schrire, Carrington Road, won the First General Proficiency Prize, the prize for first place in mathematics and the prize for the first place in classics. To win three such distinctions in competition with candidates from all over the Empire, is a record which has seldom, if ever, been equalled, and is one which the young student himself, the school and the city has every reason to be proud. Master Schrire was also the recipient of a silver medal from the Municipality last year.

A Trumpeldor Evening

Under the auspices of the S.A. Zeire Zion, a Trumpeldor evening will be held on Wednesday, 15th inst., at Ginsberg's Hall, Gordon Terrace. Among those who will speak at the function will be Messrs. Joseph Baratz, Abraham Harzfeld and L. Tager. Cantor Berele Chagy will render musical items and a number of other prominent people will participate in the programme.

An interesting feature of the function will be the personal impressions of Trumpeldor which will be given by Mr. Harzfeld. Admission to the function is 1s.

A New Life of Rhodes

WRITTEN BY SARAH GERTRUDE MILLIN.

On Monday last the new Life of Rhodes, by Sarah Gertrude Millin, was published by Chatto and Windus, in London. The volume has the advantage of a remarkable appreciation by General Smuts.

This is the General's opinion: "What a picture of the great man. I find Rhodes nowhere swamped in the details, but every chapter is dominated by him, and his great bizarre figure stands out more clearly as the book proceeds. Vivid, ever vivacious and enormously interesting I find it from beginning to end. I am sure it will be a great success.

"I find it written in the right spirit. He is treated objectively like a natural phenomenon, where praise or blame would be equally difficult. The book will remain the classic on Rhodes. This is no mere biographical pamphlet, but a serious historical work which paints a great picture of a great man in a great way."

Memorial to the Late Mr. Emile Nathan, M.P.

The unveiling of the memorial to the late Mr. Emile Nathan, K.C., M.P., will take place at the General Hospital, Johannesburg, on Tuesday next at 4 p.m. Contributors and others who have received invitations are also invited to attend the garden party to be held immediately afterwards, and to bring their wives and friends who are interested in the hospital work.

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