

**United Hebrew Schools of Johannesburg.**

In view of the vital necessity for the extension of Hebrew education in Johannesburg, the Council of the local United Hebrew schools is initiating a campaign to ensure the increase of the number of pupils attending their schools.

In pursuance of this idea, a preliminary meeting has been called of all communal workers of local Jewish institutions, and will take place at the Langham Hotel, on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at 8 p.m.

Since the matter is one of considerable importance to all sections of the Jewish community, an invitation to attend is issued to representatives of all Jewish bodies. It is hoped that names and addresses of representatives to the meeting will be communicated to the secretary of the Council at the Hebrew High School in Wolmarans Street.

**The Standard Haggadah**

In view of the approach of *Pesach*, attention is called to the very excellent and serviceable Haggadah published under the name of the "Standard Haggadah" by the Bloch Publishing Company of New York. It is excellently printed and bound, the Hebrew type is bold and clear, the English translation (by Hyman E. Goldin, LL.B.) well-phrased and thoroughly adequate, and the whole get-up pleasing in the extreme. The volume is embellished by the musical scores of the traditional melodies of the *Seder* and by a complete narrative in English of the Passover story as told in the Bible and by the Rabbis, and as celebrated in various parts of the world. Copies can be obtained from the S.A. Zionist Federation, price 3s. 6d. post free.

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**A VISIT TO THE CHALUTZ FARM.**

On Sunday, March 18th, the Johannesburg Eastern Districts Judean Society is holding a picnic at the Chalutz Farm. This visit will afford an opportunity to all supporters of the Chalutz scheme to see how far their aims are being achieved.

Tea will be served and all participants are requested to bring along mugs. Lorries will leave the Eastern Districts Communal Hall, at 7.30 a.m. sharp.

**"WEDDING REHEARSAL" AT THE PLAZA.**

Alexander Korda is one of the greatest film producers today. It is he who is responsible for the witty comedy, entitled "Wedding Rehearsal," which is the feature attraction at the Plaza this week. In this some of the leading British actors and actresses appear. A further feature at the Plaza is "Igloo"—depicting a fight for life in the frozen North. There is altogether an attractive programme at the Plaza this week.

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**"THE CONSTANT NYMPH" AT THE COLOSSEUM.**

That exquisite story, "The Constant Nymph," which created such a sensation when first published as a novel and later as a play, has now been produced as a "talkie." It is the attraction at the Colosseum this week. A poignant story that is unfolded during the course of the film, which is looked upon as another triumph for the British industry. The Colosseum orchestra continues to arouse the greatest enthusiasm on the part of patrons.

**A Bensusan Novel**

"Maurice Dravidoff," by S. L. Bensusan. Published by John Heritage, London.

**T**HIS is a novel that should be of interest to the lover of music. Not that it is merely a musical text-book. But there can be no doubt that the author is most convincing in his delineation of an artist and his work, and of the emotions induced by that work. In dealing with ordinary human relationships, he loses something of his certainty of touch. The story, nevertheless, is readable and logically coherent.

Joan Winter (this book is, incidentally, a sequel to a novel of that name) is a famous English pianist. Through her lover, a Sephardic Jew called Raoul Mendoza, she meets Maurice Dravidoff, a "wonder" cellist. Dravidoff was born in Russia, and as a child witnessed the massacre of his family in a pogrom. This tragedy has left its indelible stamp on his artistic efforts and on his reaction to life. He and Joan collaborate on all the platforms of Europe, and everywhere meet with success. Joan is involved in an emotional feeling for her partner and suffers through the conflict of her interest in his musical genius and that in himself as a person. Eventually she sacrifices her power over him and reunites him with the commonplace woman of his love. She then returns to her piano and the realisation that here lies her true life. She is claimed by the music that "held out hands to her in welcome, summoning her to the high places she had won and never lost."

**Obituary**

**Mrs. S. STEINBERG (Boksburg North).**

The death occurred recently of Mrs. Steinberg, of Boksburg North. The funeral, which was conducted by the Rev. J. Chaitowitz, was largely attended and showed how highly the deceased lady was held in esteem.

The late Mrs. Steinberg was an earnest social worker and did a great amount of work in connection with the Women's Zionist League. She was the wife of Mr. S. Steinberg, chairman of the Boksburg North Hebrew Congregation.

At the graveside, Councillor A. J. Saretzky, Chairman of the Boksburg and Boksburg North Zionist Society, paid an eloquent tribute to the generosity and hard work of the late Mrs. Steinberg. She leaves a husband and four children to mourn her loss.

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