

## Johannesburg Herzlia

### FORTHCOMING FUNCTIONS

**F**OLLOWING on the very successful cultural functions recently organised by Johannesburg Herzlia, when Mr. Morris Kentridge, M.P., lectured to the members on "Zionism Throughout Jewish History," and the more recent Balfour Declaration anniversary celebrated with an address by the Hon. Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr, Minister of the Interior, the committee announces that the Johannesburg Herzlia will be the hosts to Benoni Herzlia at an interdebate which will be held in Johannesburg on Tuesday, November 20. The subjects will be "That there exists a wholesale deflection from matters Jewish." The venue and speakers' names will be announced next week, and members are reminded to keep the date open. The secretaries will be pleased to hear from any interested persons regarding membership, the 'phone number being 33-2759.

Another function taking place shortly will be the Chanukah Cabaret, which is being held at the Criterion Restaurant, on Saturday, December 1. Tickets can be secured from any member of the committee, and tables can be reserved on phoning the convener of the Cabaret Committee, Mr. Harold E. Braude, at 33-7049.

## "Jewish Music"

### INTERESTING LECTURE BY MR. IDELSON

A lecture, under the auspices of the Association of Jewish Groups, was delivered by Mr. J. Idelson on "Jewish Music and music, interspersing his remarks with choral ment of the Ahava Rabah mode and with the evolution of what is known as "Jewish" music interspersing his remarks with choral examples. The subject was treated from the aspect of Jewish composers who wrote essentially non-Jewish music, like Meyerbeer and Saint Saens, of composers like Mendelsohn, Halévy and Rubinstein who although not professed Jews yet produced compositions of Jewish interest and thirdly those musicians like Mombach and Sherman who wrote essentially Jewish music. The rendering of Mendelsohn's "Hear Ye Israel" by Anna Donnen was greatly appreciated, as were also the solos sung by Messrs. Max Johnson, David Kaplan and Mischa Soloway. The choir sang "The Miller's Tears," "Der Alef Bes," Leah's Chorus from the "Maccabees," the Israelites' Chorus from "Samson and Delilah," Mombach's "Halleluyah," and A. Z. Idelson's Palestinian Horah song, "Havah Nagilah," the latter two numbers being particularly applauded. Cantor Berele Chagy praised the choir's performance, and said that there was a huge virgin field of modern Hebrew music just waiting to be produced which he was sure the South African public would appreciate.

The lecturer was introduced by the chairman of the Groups, Mr. L. Wall, and a vote of thanks to Mr. J. Idelson and the choir was proposed by Mr. S. Couzin.

The Choral Group intend presenting further examples of Hebrew music at some later date.

## Jewish Orphanage Ball

### LARGE GATHERING PRESENT

**O**N Wednesday evening of last week, the annual ball of the South African Jewish Orphanage was held in the City Hall, Johannesburg. The hall was gaily decorated. Visitors were present from all over the Reef, from Pretoria and even from further afield. Over 1,400 people attended. The civic heads of three towns were present: Mr. and Mrs. D. Penry Roberts, Mayor and Mayoress of Johannesburg; Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Solomon, Mayor and Mayoress of Pretoria; and Mr. Louis Gradner, Mayor of Capetown.

Tables were set round the hall, on the platform, and in the corridors and vestibule, and numerous stalls did a brisk business throughout the evening. Fresh flowers were on sale at a prettily decorated flower stall, and brightly-coloured balloons were arranged on the tables. Peach blossom arches were at each doorway, and bowls of fresh flowers were placed on the tables.

The members of the hard-working committee are to be congratulated on the splendid results of their efforts. Mrs. E. Brasch was the chairman of the ball committee, and Mrs. S. Gordon and Mrs. Alec Henochsberg were the joint secretaries. Mrs. Maurice Franks was the treasurer, and the committee members consisted of Mrs. H. H. Morris, Mrs. P. Sand, Mrs. H. Light, Mrs. G. Nathanson, Mrs. Meyerowitz, Mrs. W. Miller, Mrs. L. Schneider, Mrs. W. Hillman, Mrs. B. Kaumheimer, Mrs. B. Duchon, Mrs. I. Jacobson, Mrs. A. Nathanson, Mrs. A. Henochsberg, Mrs. B. Mendelsohn, Mrs. N. Moss-Morris, wife of the chairman of the orphanage committee, Mrs. A. Ross, Miss B. Frankel, Mrs. L. Hochstadter, and Mrs. W. Sachs.

Mrs. H. H. Morris and Mrs. Maurice Franks were the conveners of the novelty stall, and Mrs. Meyerowitz and Mrs. Miller were in charge of the cigarette stall. At the flower stall were Mrs. V. Kaumheimer, Mrs. W. Hillman and Mrs. S. Gordon, and Mrs. H. Light and Mrs. Schneider were in charge of the ice cream. Mr. S. Gordon, Mr. Hillman and Mr. Gundle undertook the cold drinks stall.

### Diamond Ring Competition.

The winning number of the diamond ring competition held in connection with the Orphanage Annual Ball was No. 1458, the holder of which was Mrs. G. Kirshon, P.O. Box 1, Nigel. The ring has been handed to Mrs. Kirshon.

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## Farewell Reception to David Fram

(From a Correspondent.)

**I**N the rush and scurry of daily life the going of an artist means little to men. Mostly they are too busy, too occupied with the hard struggle for existence to worry about the singer of songs who passes by the gates of the city. Yet it is a fitting commentary on the nature of things that long after the men among whom the singer passes are forgotten, his memory and his work still survive.

Little celebration marked the going of David Fram, one of the foremost of the young Yiddish poets, from these shores. There was only a small homely gathering of friends one evening, and a few friends on the station on the night he left.

He spent seven years among us—seven years with their mingled striving and hope and disappointment and joy and failure and success. Those seven years saw the publication of his book "Poems and Songs"—a book which overseas critics declare has already contributed to Yiddish literature. So those years have not been unfruitful. Nor, in retrospect, will they be unfruitful to the poet when he draws from them the material of new poems.

On Saturday evening last a few friends gathered at the home of Mr. L. Feldberg in Yeoville to bid Fram bon voyage to Europe and success. It was a homely little gathering and a spirit of intimate fellowship was its key-note. There were songs—Yiddish songs whose beautiful cadences hold a message of human warmth, and human appreciation. And there were a few short speeches wishing the poet good luck and the traditional Jewish blessing of life.

On Wednesday evening he left Johannesburg. He sails for Europe to-day.

## Dance in Aid of Jewish Memorial Fund

Under the auspices of the Hillbrow branch of the Women's Zionist League, a dance will be held at the "Villa Georgette" (New Dance Hall, Louis Botha Avenue), Johannesburg, in aid of the Jewish Memorial Fund to "Redeem the Vale of Haifa."

There will be bridge and card tables in the dining room for those not dancing, while dancing will be from 8 p.m. till 12. The tickets are 10s. 6d. double, including refreshments.

An energetic committee has for some time been engaged on preparations for the dance, and a highly enjoyable evening is assured.

## "THE PRIVATE LIFE OF DON JUAN" AT THE METRO

After a long absence from the screen, Douglas Fairbanks will again be seen in Johannesburg in "The Private Life of Don Juan," a most entertaining production. He will be supported in the leading roles by Merle Oberon, Benita Hume and Binnie Barnes. The supporting programme is good and Mr. Parkhouse excels himself at the Wurlitzer.

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