

NOTED ARTISTE ARRIVES IN SOUTH AFRICA



MISS MOLLY PICON,
an impression by the well-known
South African artist, Mr. J. Franklin.

LAST Monday saw the arrival in South Africa of Molly Picon, the famous star of the New York Yiddish Theatre and outstanding figure among modern character artists. She has come to South Africa with a strong vaudeville company and will arrive on the Rand early next month.

A representative of the "Zionist Record" met the famous artist on her arrival in Capetown and learnt many interesting facts about her. Molly Picon is a native of New York's East Side, and like Paul Muni, is a product of the American Yiddish stage, on which she became a star artist. She is the wife of the director of the New York Yiddish Theatre, Mr. Jacob Kalisch, and has performed in several plays written by him. Not long ago Molly Picon and her husband visited Palestine and she still retains vivid impressions of the high standard of

the theatre there. By arrangement with Bialik, who was still alive at the time, she gave performances of his work in Yiddish translation whilst in Tel-Aviv, Jerusalem and Ain Harod.

Undoubtedly the theatre-going public throughout South Africa have a fine artistic treat before them in the visit of this talented artist and her company.

"THE JEW IN THE CINEMA."

Mr. Percival L. Baneshik delivered a most interesting and informative address on "The Jew in the Cinema" at the Berea Synagogue last Sunday night under the auspices of the Northern District Zionist Youth Society. There was a large audience present, and his address was followed with great interest.

MR. AARON ABRAHAMSON

Visiting the Yishuv

PROMINENT among the contingent of Zionist Youth who leave Capetown for a tour of Eretz Israel today is Mr. Aaron Abrahamson, Organiser-Secretary of the South African Zionist Youth Council. He is going to make an extended tour of the Yishuv, during which time he will acquaint himself fully with Zionist work and methods, both in the countryside and at headquarters in Jerusalem.

Affectionately known by his nickname "Ockie," Mr. Abrahamson is a product of local Zionist youth, from whose ranks he graduated to his present position, and for whose progress he has worked untiringly.

Last Saturday evening a number of friends and representatives of Zionist youth met at the home of Mr. Harry Goldfain to wish Mr. Abrahamson bon voyage and a pleasant and informative stay in the Yishuv. He left Johannesburg on Monday evening, and will be away from South Africa for about four months.

During Mr. Abrahamson's absence, Mr. S. N. Herman will be Acting Organiser-Secretary to the Youth and Propaganda Departments of the S.A. Zionist Federation.

United Zionist Socialist Party

A well-attended lecture on the Aliens Bill delivered by Councillor Epstein took place on the 17th inst. Mr. A. Levine presided. The lecturer dealt with the different aspects of both the Quota Act of 1930 and the present Aliens Bill. A warm discussion followed.

On Sunday, the 28th inst., a grand Purim social will take place at 8.15 p.m. A fine programme with the participation of the well-known artist, Mr. F. Siegelbaum, has been drawn up. A dance will follow.

On Sunday, the 7th March, a mass meeting will take place at 8.15 p.m. Mr. A. Levine and Adv. S. Franks will be the speakers, the subject being "What we learn from the Royal Commission." Discussions and questions will be permitted.

All functions will take place at the club of the party, 73 Market Street.

Arrangements are in hand for a grand concert of Jewish Folks-music to take place on Sunday, the 4th April.

Purim Fancy Dress Evening

An ambitious Fancy Dress evening for Jewish children in the Yeoville district has been organised by the Yeoville Synagogue Ladies' Committee, to take place on Saturday evening, the 27th inst. Fancy dress is optional, and very handsome prizes are available for the different sections. The venue is the Yeoville Synagogue School Hall. The committee in charge has taken every possible step to ensure a thoroughly enjoyable evening for all the participants. In this direction interesting and novel exhibition dances are to take place.

The significance of the ancient Jewish festival of Purim will be stressed by Rev. Dr. A. T. Shrook, who is to address the children on the value of the festival.

Further particulars can be obtained from the hon. secretary, Mrs. G. Sieradski, 25 Hopkins Street, Yeoville (Phone Yeo. 573).

JEWISH COMMUNAL HALL MAYFAIR

A Meeting on Sunday

After long negotiations, concrete has been arrived at in connection with the building of a communal hall in the Western Suburbs, Johannesburg. A suitable plot of ground in the heart of Mayfair has been promised by one of the congregations in the district. The estimates of a considerable amount of building materials have been made.

In order to hear the views of the residents in Mayfair and Johannesburg on the subject, a public meeting will be held at the Ritz Bioscope, Avenue, Mayfair, on Sunday, the 28th inst., commencing at 8.15 p.m. All members of Zionist bodies in the district, and in fact all Jews, are asked to make every effort to attend.

ENTHUSIASTIC KEREN HAYESOD MEETING AT HARRISMITH

THE concluding stages of the Keren Hayesod campaign have been characterised by a magnificent effort by Harrismith Jewry. The Keren Hayesod.

Rabbi Schwartz and Mr. Abrahamson left Johannesburg on the 25th inst., in order to address a meeting in the same evening. The meeting, however, held up by the heat and the meeting was held on the 26th inst. instead. The entire community assembled in the Criterion Theatre, generously placed at the disposal of the Zionist Society by Messrs. Sam Carter. Mr. S. Sklarchik, chairman of the society, presided and warmly welcomed the visitors. A most able speech Mr. Abrahamson delivered on the significance of the Keren Hayesod. At the conclusion of his speech "The Land of Promise" was exhibited and made a deep impression on the audience. This was followed by an eloquent appeal from Rabbi Schwartz to the community to increase their share in the work of the Keren Hayesod. An excellent response was forthcoming and a substantial amount was raised for the Keren Hayesod. The entire gathering thereafter moved to the Central Hotel, where Mrs. I. A. Stiller very kindly provided refreshments. At the conclusion of the evening, a hearty vote of thanks to the visitors was passed by Mr. H. Helman.

The following morning, addressed by Mrs. H. Helman, the chairman of the Harrismith Zionist Society, Schwartz and Mr. Abrahamson viewed those who had been unable to attend the meeting, and the amount raised the previous evening was substantially augmented.

On the afternoon of the 26th inst. Mr. Abrahamson took occasion to address a gathering of youth, presided over by Habonim, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Helman. The youthful audience listened with close attention to Mr. Abrahamson's address on Zionism and the Jewish State in Israel.

A MORNING MARKET

The Sisterhood of the Johannesburg Jewish Reform Congregation is holding a morning market in the home of Mrs. H. Emdon's residence, at 10 Lane, Parktown, on Friday, the 27th inst. Women's Zionist League.

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