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Johannesburg Women's Zionist League

Hillbrow Branch.—An enjoyable literary afternoon was held at the residence of Mrs. Hersov on the 12th inst.

News items were read by Mrs. I. Cohen, after which Mrs. M. Davidov gave an interesting talk on our Zionist Organisation in America. Mrs. Davidov spoke mainly about her own experiences amongst these organisations, and at the close of the address the audience showed their appreciation by resounding applause.

Another items on the programme was a play reading entitled "Holding Aloof," by D. Dainow. This was also well received.

A vote of thanks to Mrs. Davidov, the actors, and the hostess, was proposed by Mrs. Sash.

Bloemfontein Activities

The monthly cultural meeting of Bloemfontein Herzlia was held on the 17th inst., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. L. Kramer. Mr. J. Awerbuch was in the chair.

Miss G. Klein read the news service. Mr. Burns, ex-captain in the British Army, was the chief speaker of the evening. He related interesting reminiscences of the British conquest of Palestine. A discussion followed in which Rabbi Dr. Romm, Mr. H. Bradloy and others participated.

An interesting evening was brought to a close by a vote of thanks to the speakers and to Mr. and Mrs. L. Kramer for their hospitality.

Vereeniging

The Bris-Milah of the first-born son of Mr. and Mrs. V. Katzen took place at Vereeniging on Wednesday, the 21st inst. Rev. B. D. Glass officiated and addresses were delivered by Messrs. Herman Katzen, M. Katzen and Dr. Feldman. After the toast of the newly-born child, who has been named "Hillel," had been honoured, the father suitably replied. Thereupon Mr. Herman Katzen, the grandfather, made a contribution to the Jewish National Fund for the purpose of planting 10 trees in the name of the child. Mr. J. Fisher, a friend of the family, made a similar donation for five trees.

Bothaville

The S.A. Jewish Orphanage has received from Mr. H. J. Heller, hon. secretary of the Bothaville Hebrew Congregation, the sum of £17 14s. 7d. made up as follows: Proceeds of social given by Mr. J. Hotz, £2 2s.; collected at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Asherman (Viljoenskroon), on the occasion of the Barmitzvah of their eldest son, Lionel, £2 11s. 9d.; and the following clearances of Orphanage boxes: J. Richard (Viljoenskroon), £1 12s. 9d.; I. M. Bliss (Golden Fleece), £2 2s.; N. Dinner, £2 14s. 3d.; S. Hare, £3 1s. 10d.; H. Cohen, £3 10s.

MASTER LOUIS NICHOLAEFF

A Talented Young Pianist

AN interesting concert is due to take place in Johannesburg next Thursday, the 29th inst., when Master Louis Nicholaeff will give a piano recital in the Selborne Hall, Johannesburg.

Master Nicholaeff is a gifted young pianist, although he is only twelve



years old. He is the holder of numerous trophies, medals, diplomas and bursaries, and is, according to many local and overseas adjudicators, considered to be among the most talented young players the Rand has produced.

The concert has been organised by a group of artists who appreciate Master Nicholaeff's talent and wish to help him further. The proceeds of the concert will be devoted to helping the young player to yet more advanced studies in music.

The programme, besides several of Louis Nicholaeff's piano solos, will include other interesting items from local artists who have kindly promised to appear. Amongst these are such well-known figures as Madame Olga Ryss, Michael Dore, Joseph Traunek, with the Johannesburg Symphony Orchestra, Heinz Hirschland, who will accompany Madame Ryss, and Miss Pauline Kirshon.

As there are many interested to hear the boy's performance, a good attendance is expected.

Tickets may be obtained in advance from Mackay's, or on the night of the concert, at the hall door.

NEXT S.A.B.C. CONCERT

The next of the fortnightly concerts of the South African Broadcasting Corporation's Symphony Orchestra will be held at the Jewish Guild Hall on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at 9.30 p.m. An interesting programme has been arranged.

Three One-Acters at Guild

CRITICISING a triple bill presented by the Dramatic Section of the Jewish Guild last day night is rather like reviewing an extravagantly varied anthology which it becomes invidious for a critic to select any individual as being among the good or among the bad ones. But there are bad ones, and it seemed that to play on the programme included some of them. Which was a pity for it was calculated to have a stultifying effect on all later efforts.

"And Then—the Journey" by Brad Carter, was not a good play. The Guild players handled it better than they need have. But only it was ill-cast.

Shaw's "How He Lied to Her Husband" was much better. Dave Blatt's "He" was a trifle extreme; the audience liked it. "She" (Selikman) was cleverly temperamental but too kittenish, and "The Band" (Lionel Kaplan) was excellent.

Emmanuel Nathan fell down only on the production of Noel Coward's musical interlude, "Red Pepper." The acting was simply splendid. Cissie Pinchuk and Sidney James the family Pepper were brilliant. How Sidney James ever escaped coming a professional comedian (that face and manner is a guarantee for speculation); but the climax of the sketch was thrown away on both hands. It is difficult to imagine that the producer tried to imitate upon Noel Coward, but that is what he appeared to attempt.

Greyton and District

In this scattered area of Natal the Zionist movement is most forward in having a devoted stalwart person of Dr. H. S. Gordon, of Ixopo. Dr. Gordon makes a point of visiting after year of enrolling the hands of Jewish residents of his scattered area as Shekel-payers. This year he has attained the record number of 100 in order to achieve which he has communicated personally or by letter with every Jew known to him within a radius of 100 miles of his residence, including those in Greyton, New Hanover, Stanger, Doornkop, Weenen, in addition to the scattered family of Kranskop, his own.

Meyerton

Mr. E. Shapiro of Messrs. Shapiro and Behrmann, has forwarded to Zionist headquarters in Johannesburg a return of 39 Shekels disposed of — a record for growing Jewish centre—as well as an amount of £4 15s. cleared from the Jewish National Fund box, which yielded substantial sums to Keren Kayemeth over a period of years.

"CAIN AND MABEL" AT THEATRE PLAZA

The current attraction at the Theatre is a musical film starring Clark Gable and Marion Davies. "Cain and Mabel," presented by Warner Bros., is a delightful film with good plot and packed with romantic comedy, spectacle and action. The first half of the programme includes the usual news reels, interest "shorts" and an "organlude" presented by Max Bruce.

CUTHBERT'S FOR LADIES' PHOENIX SILK HOSE