

East London Notes.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

JEWISH PLAY AT THE CITY HALL

The dramatic section of the Jewish Circle and Maccabean Society presented a Yiddish drama at the City Hall on Saturday night to a large and enthusiastic audience, and it can safely be said that few better examples of amateur talent have been seen in East London. Mr. M. Aingorn, the producer of the play—"Shloimke & Rickel," by Lipowsky—is to be congratulated no less on the production than on his talented portrayal of the part of "Shloimke," the Jewish cantor and henpecked husband. It is a role that may easily be overdone, but Mr. Aingorn, with the sense of a true artist, held his performance well within bounds while succeeding in keeping the audience in roars of laughter, especially with his vocal and dancing items. He was well supported by Mr. J. Altshuler as the beadle. The part of the cantor's wife, Rickel, was ably taken by Miss Weiner, who was tireless in her pursuit of the unfortunate Shloimke.

Mrs. J. Wilken scored a distinct success as the wife, Esther, who, having fallen a victim to the villain of the piece, Dr. Schwartz, well sustained by Mr. B. Zimmerman, confesses to her husband, David (Mr. A. Sarnak), who divorces her. Mrs. Wilken played the emotional role ascribed to her with restraint and force, while Mr. Sarnak was the heart-broken and outraged husband to perfection.

The surprise of the evening, however, was Miss Anne Gottlieb, who met with sustained applause as the child torn between two loyalties. She was most appealing and showed very fine histrionic ability. Miss Koppman and Mr. B. Bloch were well suited as the father and mother of Esther, while Miss L. Lutrin added to the evening's pleasure by her piano accompaniment to the vocal items. The musical score was by the Rev. Mr. Altshuler.

The furniture was kindly lent by the Oxford Furnishing Co., the proceeds of the evening being devoted to the Jewish Library.

Heartiest congratulations are extended to Mr. J. A. Davidson, B.A., on his obtaining his LL.B. degree. Mr. Davidson, who is a partner of the firm of Davidson, Weatherby & Addleson, solicitors, of East London, was an external student of the University of South Africa.

Emmanuel, second son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Strelitz read a portion of the Law and *Haf Torah* on Saturday, the 21st February, at the Synagogue. Mr. and Mrs. Strelitz were at home on Sunday afternoon, the 22nd, to a large number of guests, where a presentation on behalf of the A. P. Bender

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Mr. Melach Ravitch in South Africa.

CELEBRATED YIDDISH AUTHOR.

There arrived by the "Winchester Castle" on Monday last Mr. Melach Ravitch, the well-known Yiddish poet and author. Mr. Ravitch is Vice-President of the Yiddish P.E.N. Club, Secretary of the Warsaw Association of Literary Workers, Literary Editor of a number of Yiddish newspapers, and one of the outstanding contributors to the *Forward*, of New York.

To a representative of the *Jewish Chronicle* on the day of his arrival Mr. Ravitch stated that while in South Africa he hoped to give public readings of his works and also to lecture on Jewish literature generally. The study of Jewish literature, he thought, was a most interesting one, and it was one of the most vital influences in Jewish life to-day. Jews in this country, cut off as they were from the mainspring of Jewish spiritual life, should interest themselves in this question.

Mr. Ravitch left for Johannesburg on Tuesday and will return to Cape Town within a few weeks. He hopes to attend the International P.E.N. Club Conference, which is being held in The Hague in June.

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Lodgt was made to the Barmitzvah by Bro. J. Caplan, the President. Mr. M. Shwer was in the chair and the toasts proposed testified to the high esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Strelitz are held locally.

Heartly congratulations to Rabbi I. M. Gervis, one time Secretary of the Local Zionist Association on his election to the Executive of the Zionist Federation. Rabbi Gervis, though a young man, has already done a good deal to foster the cultural side of the movement, in his addresses at the various towns he has visited from time to time.

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE
Malmesbury Hebrew Congregation

Mr. S. Y. Jacobi C.E.

WILL ADDRESS A MASS MEETING
OF LOCAL JEWRY AT THE

MALMESBURY SYNAGOGUE

ON

Sunday, 22nd March, 1931,

at 4.30 p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

The Sea Point Synagogue.

ARRANGEMENT WITH CAPE TOWN BROKEN DOWN?

The Editor,

S.A. Jewish Chronicle.

Sir,

At the twelfth hour negotiations between the Cape Town Hebrew Congregation and the Green and Sea Point Hebrew Congregation are in danger of breaking down. When at the general meeting of the Cape Town Hebrew Congregation on the 22nd February certain resolutions were passed, it was thought that union had been achieved and all parties satisfied. At a meeting of the Committee of the Gardens, however, the resolutions passed by the members were altered by the following addition: "That three members of the Sea Point Committee be elected to serve on the Committee of the Cape Town Hebrew Congregation, but such members must have been members of the Cape Town Hebrew Congregation for at least three years." Furthermore, the Gardens Committee refused to accept guarantors of £50 each, but insisted on six guarantors or a bank guarantee.

The Gardens Committee had no right to alter the arrangements resolved upon by their members, and I am not surprised that the Sea Point Committee has decided to call a meeting for the end of the month and to put a resolution to the effect that the building of an independent Shool shall be proceeded with.

It is almost incredible that after so much having been done to attain a real step forward in Synagogal Union, the Committee of the Mother Congregation of South Africa should be responsible for losing so great an opportunity.

I shall be very much surprised if the members of the Cape Town Hebrew Congregation will allow their Committee to nullify their considered resolutions in this manner.—I am, etc.,

A. M. JACKSON.

Green and Sea Point Hebrew
Congregation.

Talmud Torah Anniversary Concert

AND
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ON

Sunday, 22nd March, 1931,
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H. C. KOSSICK, *Hon. Secretary.*



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