

"Der Landsman" at Paarl.

Last Sunday evening, 18th June, a crowded audience at the Paarl Talmud Torah Hall thoroughly enjoyed the fine production of the Yiddish play "Der Landsman," a three-act comedy by Sholom Ash. The funds were in aid of the Paarl Jewish Library. The producer was Mr. H. Kowarsky, of Cape Town.

There were some outstanding performances and the character picturisation was of a very high standard indeed. Altogether, the play reflects credit on all concerned.

Mr. S. Rabinowitz, the Chairman of the Paarl Jewish Library, was indefatigable in organising the play and in contributing towards its very great success.

Of the players H. Kowarsky, who took the main part as Dzeck Levy, a prosperous widower of humble origin, acquitted himself with his usual ability in a not too easy role.

Mr. L. Shumacher, as Bendet, a match-maker of the more refined class, who for business reasons chooses to speak nothing but German and who unsuccessfully endeavours to make a match between Dzeck Levy and the sister of Cantor Keningstein, gave a most artistic interpretation of his most difficult part and deserves the highest credit.

Miss S. Katz was very convincing as Miss Luisa Keningstein, Levy's superior "Kaloh." Her brother, Cantor Keningstein, was played by Mr. Ch. Jacobson who made a convincing Cantor. Mrs. Jacobson as Sheindele, Levy's former sweetheart, and Miss W. Rabinowitz as Feigele her daughter whom he ultimately marries, very adequately fulfilled their roles, as did Miss C. Fischer who played Tante Rosalie and Mr. L. Rabinowitz who took the part of Onkel Moritz, relatives of the Keningsteins.

Miss L. Rochman as Blumele, Levy's humble "grine" aunt also gave a very typical display, which was very much appreciated by the audience.

Mr. M. Pernick as Reb Moishe, Blumele's husband, also gave a very good characterisation of his part. I. Shwiel as Shleime Malach, a former colleague of Dzeck Levy, was a most typical "Baal Agalla." J. Berman as Levy's brother-in-law and partner

acquitted himself very well of his difficult part. Miss E. Silbert took part as the servant.

The Keningstein family, on a visit to Levy, are shocked by the coarseness of his own relatives who are recent arrivals to America from Russia and the match is broken off in dramatic fashion. Everything ends happily when Dzeck Levy is adroitly made to propose to Feigele, the shy daughter of his former sweetheart.

Mr. H. Radin was a very efficient prompter.

So successful was the Paarl performance that the players intend to give repeat performances in Cape Town and Worcester in the very near future. The funds in both instances will also go to the very deserving cause of the Paarl Jewish Library.

Special thanks are due to Miss Julia Schneider and Mr. Philip Katz, who provided the music during the intervals. The numbers they played were much appreciated by the audience.

After the performance actors, helpers and friends were invited to a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Rabinowitz, which provided a perfect ending to a very enjoyable evening.

BARMITZVAH.

HOFFMAN. — Harold Jacob (Jackie), youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Hoffman, Third Avenue, Paarl, will read a Portion of the Law and Maftir at the Synagogue on Saturday, 6th July, 1935. "At Home" at the Talmud Torah Hall on Sunday, 7th, from 3 to 6 p.m. Relatives and friends cordially invited. No cards.

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Mrs. Lieberman maintained that the Jewish home was the expression of a mighty effort made to fix the form of life of our people in their historic evolution and to guard it against the constant change. In the Ghetto, Judaism was but a form of living that reflected itself in the manners and life of its people—in their homes. With the civil emancipation of the Jews in Western Europe, the disintegration of the Jews with the general life about them had the serious consequence of crowding out their own social and cultural interests. It was then that difficulties arose when parents could no longer bequeath to their children homely and attainable standards of life borne of their own moral experience.

The Jewish people were now finding new expression through their national development. The moral pleasure of the old home life for the individual Jew was now resolving itself upon the broader conception of the National Home.

Mrs. Jaffe thanked the lecturer and Mrs. Isaacson for her kind hospitality.

S.A. Hebrew Dividing Benefit Society.

At the annual general meeting held at the Lodge Hall, Plein Street, Cape Town, on Tuesday, 18th June, 1935, the following were elected: Chairman, P. Gordon; Vice-Chairman, J. Benson; Treasurer, B. I. Gradner; Secretary, Chas. Maissel; Trustees, L. Gradner, A. Lipman and J. Rubinstein; Auditors, J. Zabow, A. Press and M. Kapelus; Cash Steward, S. Sovinsky; Assistant Cash Steward, H. Winnet; Guardian, B. Sher; Committee, L. Spivak, R. Shnaps, L. Edstine, S. Wolman, M. Kahn, E. Ezra, J. Yeller, B. Rosine, H. Kapelus and S. Valbene.

Conversazione at Worcester.

A very successful monthly conversazione was held in the Zionist Hall on Sunday evening, the 16th instant, under the auspices of the Bnei Ubenoth Zion Society.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Sakinofsky acted as host and hostess.

Mr. M. Rabinowitz, the convener, welcomed the gathering and referred to the death in Palestine of Dr. Shmarya Levin.

The first item was a Hebrew recitation by Master Schochet. Mr. J. J. Wilk, fresh from his tour to the Board of Deputies Congress and the Bloemfontein Zionist Conference, delivered the reports which proved to be of extreme interest.

Mr. E. Kluk, Chairman of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive, was the guest of the evening. The speaker gave a vivid and detailed description of his recent trip to Palestine; the enthusiastic audience loudly applauded the young Zionist leader of the Cape.

After the interval Mr. A. Volks, Vice-Chairman of the Society, handed Golden Book certificates to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Friedman, Mr. and Mrs. Friedman, Sr., Messrs. C. Goldberg, J. Sennett and G. Wilk.

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