



CITY HALL, JOHANNESBURG Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday next

GALLI-CURCI

The World's Greatest Coloratura Soprano.

Assisted by HOMER SAMUELS at the Piano and RAYMOND WILLIAMS, Flautist.

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"Heartbreak House."

Fine Performance by Repertory Players.

A distinct repertory theatre audience is being gradually built up by the Johannesburg Repertory Players, under the guidance of Miss Muriel Alexander. It is pleasing to note the representative character of the audiences which come regularly to performances of this fine dramatic organisation.

On Monday night last "Heartbreak House," by George Bernard Shaw, was given. This is a very "talkie" play indeed, and unless the performers act in a natural manner there is distinct danger ahead. It must be said at once, however, that the performance was an excellent one — all the participants entering into the spirit of this remarkably fine satire of modern conditions. The production by Miss Muriel Alexander left little to be desired, and outstanding performances were given by all the characters. Indeed, one could not expect much better from professional players. To all and sundry associated with the production the highest praise is due.

A repeat performance of "Heartbreak House" will be given at the Jewish Guild on Sunday evening. D.

YEOVILLE HEBREW SCHOOL PICNIC.

On Sunday, March 6th, a picnic will be held, under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary Committee of the Yeoville Hebrew School, at Witpoort (about eleven miles distant from Johannesburg). Private cars and lorries will leave from the Yeoville Synagogue grounds at 8 a.m. sharp.

To those who wish to leave later the following directions may be useful:—Take the Pretoria Road, branch off to Rocklands Estate Road, continue straight (do not turn left into Rocklands; signpost will direct you) till River View Tea-room is reached, then turn left and stop opposite small store.

Further particulars may be had from Mrs. Meyer, Yeoville 1397.

THE PALESTINE CLUB.

The eightieth meeting of the Palestine Club will take place on Saturday evening, the 5th inst., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. Wunsch, 27 Hopkins Street, Yeoville. On this occasion Mr. Harry Levin will lecture on "Social Justice in Palestine."

MADAME GALLI-CURCI IN JOHANNESBURG.

A musical event of first-class importance will take place on Sunday evening, when Madame Galli-Curci, the famous prima donna and the world's greatest coloratura soprano, is giving her first concert at the City Hall. Her two concerts in Capetown attracted capacity houses and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed, so that she was forced to give a third concert before leaving. Remarkable tributes have been paid to the wonderful quality of Madame Galli-Curci's voice, and the three concerts of the prima donna are likely to be taken every advantage of by music lovers.

Madame Galli-Curci is accompanied by Mr. Homer Samuels, her husband, who is well known as a fine pianist and talented composer. Mr. Raymond Williams, the renowned flautist, will also appear on her programmes.

"TRAFFIC" AT HIS MAJESTY'S.

Mr. Dennis Neilson-Terry and Miss Mary Glynne are appearing at His Majesty's Theatre in a genuine dramatic thriller. "Traffic" is full of extraordinary intensity, and the sustained action of the play grips the onlooker throughout an exciting evening.

Mr. Neilson-Terry has a wonderful role and he makes the most of it, and Miss Mary Glynne is indeed a splendid stage crook. All the other members of the fine company assist in a first-rate performance.

Association of Jewish Groups.

A revival of activities in practically all the groups of the above Association augurs well for the future. A high standard is maintained in the discussions and in the cultural activities.

A rally of members will take place at the Hebrew High School on Sunday, March 20, when a symposium will be held and the subject to be discussed will be the claim of the diaspora against Eretz Israel. It will be recollected that this subject was discussed some time ago at a conference in Berlin at the Hebrew-speaking Union. Whilst recognising that Palestine was the centre of Hebrew culture, it was contended that the claims of the Jews in the diaspora could not be overlooked. Talented speakers will discuss the pros. and cons. of this interesting subject and a successful rally is anticipated.

In order to maintain the high standard of activities of the individual groups, a panel of members has been drawn up, who can be called upon to assist the groups. These members are at the disposal of all the groups and advantage should be taken of their services.

Staging of Yiddish Play.

"Die Zauberin"—by Goldfaden.

Goldfaden's delightful operetta, *Die Zauberin*, is shortly to be produced on the Reef by the Germiston Young Israel Society, in collaboration with the Transvaal Young Israel Executive. The proceeds will assist towards redeeming the pledge of the Transvaal Young Israel Executive to raise funds for establishing a bursary for a South African student at the Hebrew University in Palestine.

The operetta will be staged in Germiston at the Apollo Theatre on Sunday evening, 13th March; at the Criterion Theatre, Benoni, on Sunday, 20th March; and at the Standard Theatre, Johannesburg, on Sunday, 27th March.

It was Goldfaden who became famous in the writing of operas of Jewish historical and legendary interest, his most brilliant works being that of *Shulamith* and *Bar Kochba*. In *Die Zauberin* (more popularly known as *Bobbeh Yachma*) Goldfaden wrote a satire on superstition. The operetta abounds in delightful tunes and songs, and will undoubtedly please audiences. The producer is Mr. D. Dancig, who has considerable experience as an amateur actor.

A Mizrachi Club.

In order to spread the ideas of the Mizrachi movement, the Mizrachi Organisation of Johannesburg has established a Mizrachi Club. The aim of this club is to arrange meetings at the residences of the members in various parts of the town for social and cultural purposes.

The first meeting was held on Monday, February 29, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. P. Lochoff, 49 Hancock Street, Joubert Park, and a large gathering of members and their wives were present.

Rabbi I. M. Gervis presided and took occasion to welcome Chief Rabbi, Dr. J. L. Landau, on behalf of the Executive of the Organisation, and expressed thanks for the valuable services Dr. Landau renders to the movement.

Dr. Landau, in inaugurating the Club, congratulated the Mizrachi Organisation on their cultural activities. In the course of an eloquent address, the doctor dealt with the vital importance of the Mizrachi Organisation as being the golden path for the Jew in Eretz Israel and in the Diaspora. Nationalism without cultural and religious backgrounds would not be strong enough to withstand the flood of assimilation. It was the Mizrachi which aimed to organise Jewry with a view to perpetuating Judaism in Eretz Israel and throughout the world.

A vote of thanks to Dr. Landau was proposed by the Rev. A. T. Shrock, B.A. A cordial vote of thanks to the host and hostess—Mr. and Mrs. P. Lochoff—for their kindly hospitality, was proposed by Dr. Landau.