

## A Jolly Purim Carnival

### Successful Zionist Youth Affair

THE spirit of Purim pervaded the whole of the Jewish Guild building in Johannesburg on Wednesday evening last. The occasion was a Purim Ball organised by the Transvaal Zionist Youth Executive. The spirit hovered in every part of the building—from ceiling to basement—which had been engaged for the many carnival attractions.

In the Assembly Hall—in the early part of the evening—there was some ninety minutes of clever Purim fooling in a schpiel entitled "Choosing a Wife for Ahasuerus."

It was obvious that this "play" was not written by William Shakespeare, and certainly not by Henrik Ibsen. Nevertheless, the "work" presented a feast of genuine entertainment, rich with fine humour. True this humour was not always subtle, but Purim is a time for hearty laughter, and the audience revelled in the farcical situations enacted on the stage.

All the famous characters of the well known Purim story were seen, but somehow there entered into their lives extraordinarily modern incidents. This was specially noticeable when King Ahasuerus was faced with a delegation of three Jewish leaders in Weizmann, Ben Gurion and Jabotinsky—all claiming to be "the" leader of the Jewish people.

The performance was full of quips, which at times convulsed the audience with laughter. Great credit is due to Mr. Aaron Abrahamson, who was responsible for the

"lines" of the play and who was generously assisted with ideas from Mr. Solly Sapire. All the performers entered into the spirit of the work with a pleasing and free abandon. The decorations were adequate and the whole performance went with a fine whim and bounce.

#### Farewell to Chalutzim.

After the performance the four South African Chalutzim, who are leaving in a few days hence for Palestine, appeared on the stage, and were "farewelled" by a large gathering. They were Miss H. Claff, Messrs. B. Altshuler, B. Damelin and B. G. Magid.

Mr. David Dunsy (chairman of the Transvaal Zionist Youth Executive) referred to the fact that this was the second group of chalutzim, who were going to contribute their "human" share in the upbuilding of Eretz Israel.

Miss Claff replied on behalf of the Chalutzim in an excellent little speech, in which she urged for more generous support of the Chalutz farm. Referring to the South African Zionist Youth Council, she said, "You have done your share and we shall now do ours."

The audience then dispersed in the various rooms of the Guild, where dancing and other revels took place. Altogether the Purim Carnival proved an enjoyable and successful affair. Much credit is due to the band of enthusiastic organisers.

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### Chalutzim Leave for Eretz Israel

The four South African Chalutzim who attended an official farewell by the S.A. Zionist Youth Council at the Purim carnival arranged by the Transvaal Zionist Youth Executive on Wednesday, March 27, will leave Johannesburg Station for Lourenco Marques at 6.55 p.m. on Saturday, the 30th inst.

It is anticipated that a large number of Zionist Youth members will be at the station to give our Chalutzim a hearty send-off.

#### A FINE JAZZ PLAYER

Miss Bertha Egnos, the well-known syncopation pianist, recently returned from a year's stay in London. It will be remembered that Miss Egnos has always shown a readiness to play at functions in aid of charity. Whilst in England she made a series of Jazz records and was also engaged on a number of occasions to play over the broadcasting stations. On one occasion she made a special broadcast to Africa. She was one of the leading artists at a concert in aid of the London Jewish Hospital.

On the 7th April, Miss Egnos with her group of pupils, will appear at a concert at the Metro Theatre in aid of the Braamfontein Talmud Torah.

#### MISS JEAN GLUCKMAN

An interesting and varied programme of songs will be rendered by Miss Jean Gluckman, the gifted singer, at a concert to be held at the Selborne Hall on Tuesday, April the 9th. The recital is under the auspices of the Johannesburg Musical Society. Hyman Sachs, the well-known pianist, will render a number of solos. Miss Gluckman will sing a group of modern English and Russian songs.

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### Barmitzvah of Samuel Kaplan

The barmitzvah of Master Samuel Kaplan, eldest son of Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Kaplan, was celebrated on Saturday, the 24th inst., when the confirmand read a portion of the Law at the La Rochelle Synagogue. A reception was held the following afternoon at the Kenilworth Hall, at which over five hundred people were present.

Mr. J. Broomberg was in the chair and toasts were proposed by Rabbi I. Kossowsky, Rabbi S. Rosensweig, Rabbi P. Cohen (recently from the Mirer Yeshiva), Mr. D. Mierowsky, and Mr. M. Maisel, to which the barmitzvah eloquently replied. Solomon, the younger brother of the barmitzvah re-

cited one of Dr. Landau's Hebrew poems. Among those present at the reception were Chief Rabbi, Dr. J. L. Landau (who was unable to address the gathering in compliance with doctor's orders), Rev. Shrock, Rabbi Zimmerman, Rev. Kaplan (Heilbron), Rabbi Kahan (Rustenburg) and Rabbi Zaltsman (Lindley).

The barmitzvah was the recipient of presentations from the La Rochelle Hebrew Congregation and Talmud Torah, La Rochelle Benevolent Society, Ladies' Miz-rachi's Organisation and the H.O.D. At the conclusion of the reception, Rev. A. L. Kaplan, the father of the barmitzvah, thanked the visitors and speakers.

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