

CHIEF RABBI'S PLAY

Public Reading on Sunday Next

THE Repertory Play Reading Society will present a public reading of "Conflicting Worlds," a drama of the present-day Jewish world, written by Chief Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau. The function will take place at the Standard Theatre on Sunday, the 23rd inst., at 8.45 p.m.

The Play Reading Society has a high reputation for the manner in which it has given public readings of dramatic masterpieces. The reading of Dr. Landau's play is being looked forward to with great interest. Mrs. Morris Kentridge is chairwoman of the committee arranging the sale of tickets. The funds realised will go towards the Hospital Appeal. The public reading will be under the direction of Miss Elsie Salomon, the well-known elocution teacher and actress.

Second Jewish Folk Song Concert.

The A. Z. Idelson Choral Group of the Association of Jewish Groups will hold their second concert of folk-music at the Selborne Hall on Sunday, 30th inst., at 8.30 p.m. The Chief Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau and Mrs. Landau, Prof. P. R. Kirby, the Mayor and Mayoress have kindly given their patronage. The ladies committee responsible for the organisation consists of Mrs. Salomon (Chair), Mesdames I. Kuper, T. Schneier, E. Gordon, M. London, Theo Marks, Fine, B. Morrison, H. R. Goldberg, B. Chagy, Misses Fine and Segil.

GEORGE ARLISS AT THE METRO.

Following his fine success in the role of Rothschild in the "House of Rothschild," George Arliss again enacts an historic character in "Cardinal Richelieu," the picture showing at the Metro Theatre this week. He is proclaimed to be at his best in this, his latest role, and all lovers of Arliss' fine art, would do well not to miss seeing this excellent film.

LEAGUE FOR A WORKING PALESTINE

Local Organisation Formed

At a meeting of friends and sympathisers of a Working Palestine, which was held on Wednesday evening last at the Carlton Hotel, it was decided to form a local organisation known as "Friends of the Histadruth." Adv. Maurice Franks presided.

Adv. E. Bradlow, who had recently returned from an extended trip to Palestine, gave a comprehensive survey of the objects and aims of the Histadruth. The latter was not a body of trade unions in the ordinary sense of the term; it was an organisation which always had the view in mind of the establishment of a Jewish Palestine based on the activities of the working class there. The Histadruth did not believe in tolerating the evils of the Galuth in Eretz Israel.

The speaker went on to refer to the actual achievements of the Histadruth in the diverse field of social welfare. They had to remember that in Palestine there was no legislation, as in South Africa, to protect the worker. All the doings of the Histadruth were guided by their particular conception of the aristocracy of labour. They also encouraged cultural enterprises, and in their schools the children were taught to love the soil as well as to be imbued with the highest ideals of Jewish labour.

Mr. M. Sprinzson (who is the hon. secretary of the local body), in claiming support for the League for a Working Palestine, emphasised that the chaltz had not been presented in his true light and perspective to the Jewish people as a whole. They were inspired by Mr. David Ben Gurion to form bodies like the "Friends of the Histadruth" wherever Jewish communities existed. Their organisation believed in aiding the Jewish worker in Palestine as much as possible, for the latter was doing constructive work in Palestine and did not engage in baseless political adventures.

Dr. W. Sachs (chairman of the provisional committee) also extended his support to the formation of the local body. The speaker stressed the fact that the Jews in Palestine and elsewhere were strikingly affected by the contemporary world situation, particularly by the present-day conceptions of nationalism and socialism. In order to safeguard their existence in Palestine against political and economic evils, it was their duty to strengthen the working class movement in Palestine as much as possible.

Although the speaker stressed the support of the National Funds, they had to see that preference was mutually given between the rural and urban workers in Palestine.

Mr. N. Kretzmer, in adding his support to the object of the meeting, stated that Zionism to-day was not a sentimental affair, but one that had performed practical work of worthwhile and lasting importance. The speaker deprecated the evils confronting Eretz Israel such as speculation, which can only be remedied by aiding the labour movement in every manner possible, for the burden of upbuilding of Eretz Israel would for many years to come be borne by the workers there.

ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH GROUPS.

The fifth anniversary celebration of the establishment of the groups will be held at the "Palatin" Hotel, 62, Hillbrow Street, Berea, on Saturday, June 22. It is expected that this function will be most enjoyable. All members and others interested will be welcome.

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Dr. Shein to Address Johannesburg Herzlia.

"MY TRAVELS IN THE EAST."

Under the auspices of the Johannesburg Herzlia, Dr. Benzion Shein will deliver a lecture entitled "My Travels in Australia, New Zealand and the Far East," on Tuesday next, the 18th inst., at 8.15 p.m. at the Grand National Hotel. The public is cordially invited to attend.

NORTHERN DISTRICTS ZIONIST YOUTH.

This society continues to make steady progress. On the 19th ult., Advocate L. Lawrence delivered an interesting lecture on the fundamentals of Zionism. On the 21st ult., a successful "Lag B'Omer Variety Evening" was presented by the social and dramatic sections at the Bellevue Hotel. A pleasant evening was spent by all present. Among the items performed during the evening was a one-act play.

On the 26th ult., a debate was held at the Berea synagogue hall. Misses J. Jaff and M. Bernstein and Messrs. H. M. Goldberg and M. Levin participated.

"NIGHT OF THE PARTY" AT THE PLAZA.

A novel and unique mystery thriller is the theme of the picture "Night of the Party" which is showing at the Plaza Theatre. With Leslie Banks in the leading role, supported by Ian Hunter, Jane Baxter and Ernest Thesiger, the picture offers excellent entertainment. The supporting programme is good.

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