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Benoni

A lecture will be given by Adv. Phillips, under the auspices of the Benoni Women's Zionist League, at the Hotel Cecil, Rothsay Street, Benoni, on Friday, the 20th inst. An admission fee of one shilling is being charged.

Berea Hebrew Congregation

APPOINTMENT OF MINISTER

A SPECIAL general meeting of members of the Berea Hebrew Congregation was held on Sunday morning for the purpose of adopting a resolution recommended by the Council that Rabbi A. Israel Meyer Gervis be appointed Minister of the Congregation. Mr. S. Kessel (President of the Congregation), presided.

Mr. I. J. Hersch, a past president, moved the resolution on behalf of the Council, and read letters from Chief Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau, Rabbi I. Kossowsky (rav of the Transvaal Federation of Synagogues) and the S.A. Board of Jewish Education, recommending Rabbi Gervis for the position. Mr. S. Saharin, another past president, seconded the resolution, which was carried.

Rabbi Gervis was for some time a member of the Executive of the South African Zionist Federation, and toured South Africa on behalf of the Jewish National Fund, and later on behalf of the Mizrahi movement in South Africa. He is a member of the Council of the S.A. Board of Jewish Education, and President of the Hebrew Speaking Circle in Johannesburg.

Johannesburg Women's Zionist League

Yeoville Branch.—The committee are arranging a bioscope performance to be held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at 8.15 p.m., at the Yeoville Cinema. The attraction will be "The Informer," and the proceeds will be in aid of the Jewish National Fund.

Parkview-Westcliff Branch.—The tennis tournament held on the 14th ult. was successful, the prize-winners being Mesdames Rothchild and Goldman. The committee desires to thank all those who assisted, particularly Mrs. M. Cohn, the hostess.

A literary afternoon will take place at the residence of Mrs. J. Epstein, 2 Crescent Drive, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at 3 p.m. The speaker is Mrs. Milly Levy, who will address the meeting on "Heinrich Heine." A cordial invitation is extended to all who are interested.

Southern Suburbs Branch.—A tennis tournament was held by the Southern Suburbs branch in aid of the National Fund recently. The day was concluded by a dance held in the evening. Special thanks are due to Mr. J. Sack, the chairman, and to the members of the tennis club for their kind assistance in organising the tournament.

The branch also held a Jubilee Sale on the 4th inst., and a handsome sum was raised for the National Fund.

Observatory Branch.—A bridge and rummy drive is being organised by this branch at the Casa Mia on the 1st prox. An entrance fee of 2s. 6d. is being charged and the public are cordially invited to take advantage of the function. The drive will commence at 2.30 p.m.

"SHOW BOAT" AT THE COLOSSEUM.

"Show Boat," with its music by Jerome Kern, and taken from the story by Edna Ferber, is one of the most popular musical stage successes ever produced. The screen version of it is the attraction at the Colosseum Theatre from to-day, and Irene Dunne plays the part of the lovely Magnolia. Perhaps the really outstanding scene in this excellent film is the one in which Paul Robeson sings "Ole Man River," accompanied by a male chorus of two hundred singers.

Russian Rabbis in Eretz Israel

Visit to South Africa of Rabbi Jachnin.

There has arrived in Johannesburg an interesting personality in Rabbi Joel Jachnin. He has lived for the last two and a half years in Palestine, having gone there direct from Soviet Russia.

Rabbi Jachnin is one of the rabonim who were taken out of Russia by the Hitachdut Harabonim under the auspices of the late Rabbi Kook. At the present time there are seventy rabbis in Palestine who have escaped from Soviet Russia as well as fifteen widows of renowned rabbinical scholars. They have gone through indescribable suffering and martyrdom in the fierce religious persecution in the Soviet. All the rabbis are without positions in Palestine and none of the sufferers can benefit by the funds now being collected for the victims of the German persecution. The pittance they received from the various chalukah is not much more than 30s. per month.

Rabbi Jachnin has come to this country for the purpose of raising funds to assist these exiled rabbis. He has just had a successful campaign in Capetown during the last two months and now a Johannesburg committee is being formed to assist him. The local committee is being headed by Chief Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau, and Rabbi I. Kossowsky.

HEBREW SPEAKING CIRCLE.

On Saturday, the 7th inst., a lecture was delivered at the Hebrew High School by Rabbi M. Chigier, on "Ben Sirah." A large audience was present. The speaker dealt with the subject from an historical and religious standpoint and showed the reasons why Ben-Sirah has not been included in the holy scriptures.

Mr. J. Rubik, who was in the chair, thanked the speaker for his learned lecture. He appealed to those present to take an interest in the Hebrew Speaking Circle, whose aim was to revive the Hebrew language, and had no political platform.

At the last committee meeting, Rabbi I. M. Gervis, chairman of the Hebrew Speaking Circle, resigned, and Mr. J. Rubik was elected in his place. Mr. M. Burgin was elected vice-chairman. Mr. Rubik thanked the previous chairman for his devoted work and wished him, on behalf of the committee and members, success in his new position as Rabbi of the Berea Synagogue.

It was decided to arrange a banquet for Rabbi Gervis on Saturday, the 28th inst.

RECITAL BY MIRIAM STEIN.

Miss Miriam Stein, the well-known violinist, and Mr. Heinz Hirschland, the talented pianist, will give a sonata recital at the New Library Theatre on Sunday next, the 15th inst. The performance will probably be Miss Stein's last before her return to England, after her short visit to this country. The programme will include the Sonata in D Minor (op. 108) by Brahms, and Cesar Franck's Sonata in A Major.

ATTRACTIONS AT THE PLAZA.

From Monday the attraction at the Plaza theatre is "Till We Meet Again," starring the ever-popular English star, Herbert Marshall. The action of the film takes place during the Great War, and the story tells of the lives of spies. Over this weekend the Plaza theatre is showing Warner Oland as "Charlie Chan" in this famous Chinese detective's most baffling mystery, entitled "Charlie Chan in Paris."

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