

## "Candida" at the Guild

It must appear that the dramatic section of the Jewish Guild saw a minor consummation of their ambitions last Sunday night, when George Bernard Shaw's "Candida" was presented in the Guild hall. They have striven so long with second-rate plays in a not conspicuously successful fashion, but it seems that the artistry of the dramatist served to inspire the performers in this instance. The acting was good, and the production almost so; which is strange, considering the tradition, amounting almost to a "hoodoo," which surrounds Shaw's plays and renders them, in the hands of amateurs, virtually a back-firing petard.

Norman Friedman was impressive as the self-righteous Rev. Mr. James Morell, and sustained the starker moments of the action well. Rena Abelheim, in the role of his wife, was good, though a tendency to over-articulation may have been engendered by the atmosphere of the play. Julius Sergay, as the sensitive plant Eugene Marchbanks, was most convincingly costumed, and although again a trifle prone to strained enunciation of his lines, was good. The bourgeois Mr. Burgess, Candida's father, was played by Cyril Hoffman with enormous gusto; the role was a little too highly contrasted with the saintly atmosphere that was the entire rest of this Shaw play.

If Shaw could ever be accused of adopting the subterfuge of a "comic relief," Proserpine Garnett, played by Cecile Cohen, would be the evidence of his guilt. It was a role extraordinarily well handled. Norman L. Danzig filled a back-ground role. Sheila Nathanson's production success must have been the result of considerable effort.

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## Jewish Reform Congregation

**Chanukah Service.**—A large congregation of adults and children assembled at the Temple Israel on December 13, at 5.15 p.m. Rabbi Weiler was ably assisted by Mr. E. M. Davis-Marks, who read the additional service, whilst Mrs. Max Marks, chairlady of the Sisterhood, lit the Chanukah candles. The choir, under the direction of Mr. J. Idelson, hon. musical director, helped considerably in conveying to the congregation the immortal spirit of Chanukah. Rabbi Weiler spoke on "Lessons from Chanukah."

**Children's Service.**—A special Chanukah service for children took place on Saturday morning, December 12. Rabbi Weiler gave a sermonette, dealing with the meaning of the festival. Immediately after the service, the children assembled in one of the classrooms of the Temple and sang Chanukah songs. Mrs. I. Katz distributed boxes of sweets.

## A Grand Chanukah Concert at Claremont

About 300 people attended a Chanukah concert at the Talmud Torah hall, Claremont, on Sunday, the 13th inst., under the direction of Rabbi A. R. Abrahamson, supported by local and Capetown talent.

Mr. Atkins, the chairman of the Talmud Torah, presided. The Chanukah candles were then lit and Rabbi Abrahamson and the choir sang "Maoz Tzur," accompanied by Miss Jayne Gild.

A varied programme followed. This consisted of songs, recitations, monologues, lectures by pupils on Chanukah, dances, and plays in both English and Hebrew.

The prize distribution followed. Mr. H. Gorfinkel proposed a vote of thanks to Rabbi Abrahamson, the education committee, and the artistes.

### YOUNG MIZRACHI.

A general meeting of the above organisation will be held at the H.O.D. Hall on Sunday, the 20th inst., at 8 p.m.

## Johannesburg Women's Zionist League

**Southern Suburbs Branch.**—The annual meeting was held at the residence of Mrs. (Dr.) Lewis on the 9th inst. There was an excellent attendance. Mrs. Gingold presided.

The chairlady's report revealed an active year of work during which many literary meetings and other interesting functions had been held. A pleasing feature was the financial report submitted by the treasurer, Mrs. S. P. Jacobson, which showed a considerable increase since last year.

Mrs. Reinhold congratulated the branch on its excellent achievements. Mrs. Gluckmann, who spoke on Palestine, gave an interesting account of her travels there and described Kvuozth life vividly.

The election of officers and committee resulted as follows: Chairlady, Mrs. L. Gingold; hon. treasurer, Mrs. S. P. Jacobson; hon. secretary, Mrs. Morris Abrams. Committee: Mesdames M. Bergman, G. Lewis, S. Wiles, Reichlin, Garb, Katzen, Behr, Lewis (Turffontein), Kopelowitz, Marks, Israel and Segal.

A presentation of a handsome serviette ring was made by the chairlady to Mrs. Jacobson, on the occasion of her departure from the district, for the excellent services rendered by her as treasurer to the branch.

Mrs. M. Abrams thanked the speakers and the hostess.

**Yeoville Branch.**—A successful bioscope performance was organised by this branch at the Yeoville Cinema on November 17. The sum of £54 was raised for the Jewish National Fund.

## Dr. Herzl Lodge

The Dr. Herzl Lodge No. 1, held an initiation meeting on the 7th inst., when 16 new candidates were initiated into the lodge, and 22 members were raised to the "Second Degree." A large number of members and visitors were present.

The lodge is also holding its eighth annual cabaret in aid of the benevolent fund. Smith's personal orchestra has been engaged for the event, and cabaret items will be rendered by different artists. Tickets are priced at £1 1s. and may be had on application to the secretary.

On the 14th inst., a debate will be held on "That in the near future Western Civilisation must abolish Marriage." The debate is open to members of the H.O.D. only.

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## A Good South African Boxing Programme

An interesting boxing tournament was held under the auspices of the Union Sporting Club on Saturday night, the 12th inst., at the City Hall. The main bout was for the Transvaal feather-weight championship between "Babe" Smith, the holder, and George Anderson, of Johannesburg. This was a great battle and was even throughout. During the tenth round, Smith slipped and came down on his damaged knee. This forced him to change his stance to "southpaw," which puzzled Anderson, and Smith won the last two rounds, thus winning the fight. The bout was fought at a great pace and both boys boxed skilfully.

In the preliminaries Leslie Wolchuk, of Johannesburg (with the Mogen Dovid on his shorts) beat Kosie Pretorius after a battle, marked rather by willingness of the exchanges than for its scientific qualities. In the middle-weight bout, J. L. Smith beat J. van der Walt. Teddy Braun, of Johannesburg, was too fast for Jack Goosen, who fought back with pluck and doggedness. Alec Hannan, South Africa's bantam-weight at the Olympic Games, made his professional debut against Alec Knight. Hannan's superior speed was his chief asset against Knight's continued onslaughts, and he emerged the winner on points. All the preliminaries were over six rounds, and the tournament from the boxing point of view was a distinct success.

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## ATTRACTIONS AT THE COLOSSEUM THEATRE.

From Monday the Colosseum Theatre is featuring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers in their latest success "Swing Time." Unlike most musical films, "Swing Time" has a definite plot, but this does not detract from the delightful singing and dancing of these two favourites. Over the week-end the attraction at this theatre is "The Littlest Rebel," starring Shirley Temple.

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