

**ED VIOLINIST ARRIVING**



Joseph Szigeti.

South Africa is eagerly looking forward to the arrival of Joseph Szigeti, the world-famous violinist, who is giving a series of concerts throughout the Union next month.

Szigeti, who was born in Budapest, is one of the very few Jews to have received the Hungarian Order of Merit. He is outstanding not only as a musician, but also as one who has done much to bring to the notice of the masses the works of a number of Jewish composers. Among the latter are several representative Jewish composers like Ernest Bloch, M. Szymanowski, Darius Milhaud, Lazare Saminsky and Pal Kadosa.

Szigeti has travelled extensively, giving concerts in many of the capital cities of Europe. He has also visited South Africa, where he delighted the audience both in the towns and the cities. He was much impressed with the high standard of musical appreciation in the Yishuv, and intends to return there again some time in the future.

Szigeti's first concert in Johannesburg will take place at the Colosseum on Monday, the 1st May.

**Jewish Boxers to Meet Royal Air Force Fighters**

On Saturday night there should be a large crowd at the City Hall, Johannesburg, to see the first elimination meeting of the S.A. boxers in Johannesburg. It is expected that the fighters to meet the Royal Air Force fighters who have arrived from England.

It is interesting to learn that G. W. S. is the South African winner of the English Universities' heavyweight championship, will appear on the local stage on Saturday evening, as well as B. S. who is the fine amateur battler, who resides in Lourenco Marques.

**ZIONIST SOCIALIST PARTY**

**Meeting on Sunday Night**

A mass meeting under the auspices of the United Zionist Socialist Party will be held at the Coronation Hall on Sunday, the 24th inst., at 8.15 p.m. The following speakers will deliver addresses on "Our Reply to Jabotinsky": Mr. G. Hanoch and Mr. A. Levin (Yiddish speakers) and Dr. W. Sachs and Adv. S. Franks (English speakers). The meeting is open to the public.

**Johannesburg Jewish Reform Congregation**

The fourth annual congregational Seder was celebrated in true spirit by members of the Johannesburg Jewish Reform Congregation and their friends, on Saturday night, 16th April, at the "Villa Georgette."

Rabbi M. C. Weiler conducted the service and called upon various people to read certain portions. During the course of the evening, the President of the Congregation, Mr. I. Greenberg, presented an Honorary Life Membership Certificate to Mr. E. M. Davis-Marks, one of the oldest members of the Congregation, amidst enthusiastic acclamation.

**South African Red Cross Brigade No. 10 Field Ambulance Division**

Meetings and parades of the Detachment have been regularly held and well attended. A meeting was held on Thursday night, the 7th April, jointly with the Jewish Guild V.A.D. Detachment. An interesting lecture was delivered by Dr. J. Schwartz, the hon. surgeon to the Detachment, on "Smallpox." Two demonstrations were given by Commissioner Stanger and a Detachment from No. 1 Ambulance Division. A series of lectures and demonstrations are being arranged. Members of the community, and the Jewish Guild in particular, are urged to join this Detachment as it serves a most useful purpose. All communications should be addressed to the Commandant, Dr. S. Horwitz, P.O. Box 4342, Johannesburg.

In the examinations for all detachments two members of this detachment obtained their first-aid certificates.

**Dr. W. Sachs to Lecture**

The next meeting of the Literary Section of the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League will take place on Tuesday, April 26, at 3 p.m., at the Langham Hotel. Dr. W. Sachs will speak on "The Psychology of Revisionism." Mrs. B. Friedgut will read news items of Zionist interest.

All members and friends are cordially invited to attend.

**BEREA HEBREW CONGREGATION**

**Annual Meeting to be Held on Sunday**

A YEAR of steady and progressive work is recorded by the Berea Hebrew Congregation in its annual report which has just come to hand. The fifteenth annual general meeting is due to take place on April the 24th, at 10 a.m., in the Berea Hebrew School Hall.

The Berea Hebrew School has been completely reorganised, and has proved a great success, the number of children having increased from 55 last year to 105 at the present time.

Owing to the insufficient number of children at the Yeoville and Berea branches of the Hebrew-English Kindergarten, both these schools were merged into one, which is now being conducted in the Yeoville premises.

An interesting innovation in the Congregation's educational system has been the introduction of a special syllabus for Barmitzvah boys, who are required to pass this before being permitted to read a portion of the Law in the Berea Synagogue. This syllabus has had the excellent effect of making the Barmitzvah boys conversant with Jewish ideals and traditions.

The Executive and Council of the Congregation has recommended that a grant of 25 guineas should be made to the Hebrew University in Jerusalem for the year 1938.

During the past year a Cultural Society was formed under the auspices of the Congregation. Monthly meetings were held at which well-known speakers delivered lectures.

Various special services were held during the year, including those on Chanuka and on Purim, which were attended by the Habonim Organisation and the Jewish Ex-Servicemen's League. Members of the Congregation were also addressed by prominent Rabonim and Zionist leaders from overseas.

A satisfactory feature of the year's activities is the increase in membership of the Congregation. Thirty new members were registered.

**Seminary for Labour Zionism Opens**

The Seminary for Labour Zionism will be opened on Thursday, the 28th April, at the Coronation Hall.

The first lecture will be delivered by Mr. G. Chanoch on "The History of the Palestine Labour Movement." This lecture will start at 8 p.m. sharp. The second lecture on "Palestine in Jewish History and Literature," by Dr. Birnbaum, will start at 9 p.m.

Those who have enrolled for the Seminary courses, as well as members of the public who wish to attend, are requested to be punctual.



Mr. Goldfaden.

**GOLDFADEN OPERETTA PRODUCED IN JOHANNESBURG**

**Fine Performance of "Shulamith"**

AN elaborate performance of Goldfaden's great historical operetta, "Shulamith," took place at the Standard Theatre this week. It will be remembered that Goldfaden gathered his music from various folk-lore sources and much of the tuneful melodies in the operetta are closely associated with old *chazonoth*.

It was interesting to note in the audience on Tuesday night quite a number of elderly people—many of whom no doubt saw the opera when it was played some 40 years ago in Eastern Europe. There were two elderly ladies in the audience wearing *shaitels*. Not often is this head-dress seen in a modern theatre. There were also a number of elderly bearded gentlemen having great *nachas* from the old tunes of the ever-popular operetta.

Praise in the first instance must be accorded Anna Donna, who sang in gifted fashion in her portrayal of the main part. This artiste has also a fine stage presence. The singing of Joel Meyerson was heard to advantage in the character of Absalom, who rescues the heroine from a well into which she had inadvertently fallen. Mr. H. Hirsch, that veteran South African Yiddish actor, portrayed with dignity the part of the old father of Shulamith. The playing of the wild black slave of Absalom by Boris Abramoff was vigorous, and he dominated the stage throughout the evening. Mr. Abramoff, who is an experienced actor, also played the part of one of the suitors to the hand of Shulamith; his portrayal of the character of Nathan-Ha-Cohen was excellent. The singing of Mr. D. Kaplan in the part of another suitor for the hand of Shulamith, was of a high order. There is a fine quality in Mr. Kaplan's voice which should encourage him to appear more often upon the local stage. Mary Angorn gave a capable performance of the unhappy Avigail. The scenery and settings were elaborate and the dancing of the pupils of the Sunshine School added to the enjoyment of the performance.

Altogether Mr. Boris Abramoff, the producer, and the African Consolidated Theatres, Ltd., gave the Jewish playgoers a genuine treat in the production of "Shulamith." It is to be hoped that further work from these joint forces will shortly be seen.

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