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YIDDISH THEATRE

Only A Short Season

There will be performances to-night and to-morrow night at the Standard Theatre. This will be the last opportunity for lovers of this class of theatrical fare to see the productions of the present season, which closes on Saturday night.

After a first week of generous response by the public, the second week saw a slackening of support. No blame can be attached to the African Theatres, which gave every facility to the newly-formed International Jewish Opera Company, and besides supplying fine decorations and excellent scenic effects, also gave a splendid orchestra.

There was much expectancy regarding the eagerly-awaited series of operettas. Why "Kol Nidrei", that old and hoary tale of Jewish suffering should be resuscitated at this period of grim Jewish tragedy, is difficult to grasp. The empty seats at the theatre were a just criticism of an unwise decision. There was also considerable miscasting.

Johannesburg still boasts generous audiences ready to support the better type of Yiddish plays. The day of old operas and domestic melodramas is past. Until a group of players come here, who are ready to respect the intelligence of the South Africa Jew and Jewess, it is better that energy and money should no longer be devoted to the adventure of Yiddish play production.

Social and

The engagement is announced between Katie, youngest daughter of Mrs. C. Liptz, of Lusaka, N.R., and the late Mr. M. H. Liptz, and Samuel, youngest son of Mrs. R. Osrin and the late Mr. L. Osrin, of Johannesburg.

Basil, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Hotz, Milner Road, Bloemfontein, will read a portion of the Law at the Bloemfontein Synagogue on Saturday, February 11th.

The engagement is announced of Doris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Navias, to Lazarus, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Fanarof. Both of Bloemfontein.

The marriage of Shirley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Sobol, to Abe, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Sassen, will take place at the Jeppestown Synagogue, on Sunday, February 5, at 7 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Levin (nee Phyllis Muller) are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter on January 25.

The marriage of Leah, elder daughter of Mr. M. B. and the late Mrs. P. Goott, to Lazarus (Laz.) only son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Cohen, will take place at the Beth Hamedrash Hagodel, on Sunday, February 5, at 5.30 p.m.

The engagement is announced of Pauline, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Klugman, to Jack, son of Mr. S. Noik and the late Mrs. Noik. Both of Johannesburg.

The marriage of Harry, youngest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Narunsky of Senekal, O.F.S. to Lily (Bessie), only daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Glasser, of Worcester, will be solemnised at the Worcester Synagogue, on Sunday, February 5th, 1939, at 10.30 a.m. No cards. R.S.V.P. 28, High Street, Worcester.

The engagement is announced between Zelda, youngest daughter of Mrs. Lemer and the late Mr. Lemer, and Sam, son of Mr. S. Noik and the late Mrs. Noik, both of Johannesburg.

The marriage of Avis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Savage, of Kroonstad, to Sydney, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Goldstein, of Klerksdorp, will take place at the Kroonstad Synagogue on Sunday, the 5th inst. at 3 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Solly Rabinowitz, of Frankfort, O.F.S. (nee Nora Michelson) are being congratulated on the birth of a son, on January 24, at the Eastwood Nursing Home, Pretoria.

The marriage of Belle Aronstam, and Gus Ackerman, will take place on Sunday, February 5, at the Wolmarans Street Synagogue, at 7.30 p.m.

The marriage of Adele, eldest daughter of Mrs. R. Pass and the late Mr. Harry Pass, of Bloemfontein, formerly of Edinburgh, Scotland, and Louis, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rothbart, Helvetia, Dewetsdorp, will take place at the Bloemfontein Synagogue, on Sunday 5th February, at 3 p.m.

The marriage of Esther, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. L. Udwin of 15, Westbourne Road, Port Elizabeth, to Joel, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. L. Herring, late of Oudtshoorn and now of Graaff Reinet, will be solemnised at the Raleigh Street Synagogue, Port Elizabeth, on Sunday, February 12th, 1939.

Teddy, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Saffer of 24, Langerman Drive, Kensington, will read a portion of the Law and Maftir at the Doornfontein Talmud Torah, cor. Beit and Staib Streets, on Saturday, February 11th.

TWO BARMITZVAHS AT BETHLEHEM

ON the 9th December last, Master Charlie Ackerman, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Ackerman of Bethlehem, celebrated his Barmitzvah. In the evening, a reception was held in the Town Hall, where a large number of local residents and visitors gathered. The toast of the Barmitzvah was proposed by Rev. S. Rudy, and the Barmitzvah suitably responded. Mr. Kaplan, President of the Hebrew Congregation, also spoke, after which dancing took place.

The Barmitzvah of Basil, second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Rosenberg, of Bethlehem, was celebrated on the 7th January. Amongst the guests who gathered at the Town Hall to celebrate the occasion were Mr. M. Kentridge M.P., and Mr. D. Kentridge of Durban, both uncles of the Barmitzvah. The toast of the Barmitzvah was proposed by Rev. Rudy, and the Barmitzvah suitably replied. Other toasts were proposed by Mr. Kaplan and Mr. Chodos of Harri-smith. Mr. Kentridge M.P. delivered an eloquent address on the Jewish position in this country. The guests then indulged in dancing.

A DIAMOND WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Nathanson, of Durban, celebrated their diamond wedding this week. Arriving in South Africa in 1905, Mr. and Mrs. Nathanson came to Johannesburg for three years, and went to Durban in 1908, where they have lived since. Mr. Nathanson is the oldest member of the Wool Buyers' Association.

CONGRATULATIONS

are being extended to **MISS HILDA HERTZ** who successfully passed her Matriculation examination with Hebrew as a subject, and also to **MASTER SELWYN GREENE** who likewise successfully passed his Junior Certificate examination with Hebrew as a subject. Both are pupils of **MR. DAVID HARRIS** 50, Claribel Road, Durban.

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A Durban Engagement

Congratulations are being extended to Jayne, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. Chenani, of Durban, on her engagement to Samuel Ernst, Headmaster of the Durban United Talmud Torah. Both are actively associated with the Habonim movement. Mr. Ernst is the Natal Ba-koach, while Miss Chenani is one of the leading officers.

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