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RETURN OF FINE SOUTH AFRICAN SINGER Recitals by Gerald Cassen



On Tuesday evening, Gerald Cassen, the South African bass-baritone, who has just returned from overseas, sang at the Johannesburg Broadcasting Station, and will be heard on a tour of the Broadcasting Stations of this country.

Whilst in England Mr. Cassen appeared at Covent Garden, and when on the Continent he appeared in many of the foremost opera houses. Mr. Cassen is the possessor of a voice of great richness and beautiful quality; it is splendidly resonant and, in addition, he sings with feeling and intelligence.

A Conversazione at Strand-Somerset West

A well-attended conversazione, under the auspices of the Strand-Somerset West Zionist Association, was held at the Commercial Hotel, Somerset West, on Sunday evening, the 31st March. The guest speaker was Mr. S. M. Levin. Mr. I. Katz, vice-chairman of the society, presided.

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Mr. Levin chose as his subject
"Zionism in World Conflict," and gave
an eloquent and thoughtful address.
He stressed the fact that in this war
Palestine was of strategic importance
to the British Empire, and that world
Jewry stood four-square with the
Allies, their fight being our fight. He
added that only by creating a Jewish
state and homeland, where the Jewish
people could return to work on the
land to which they belonged, could the
Jewish problem be solved.

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Mr. Levin made a deep impression on the audience and ably replied to questions.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the speaker, proposed by Mr. M. Horwitz.



Social

The engagement is announced of Joyce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Woolf Senior, to Jack, son of Mr. S. Brown and the late Mrs. Brown, of Bloemfontein.

Congratulations are being extended to Sam and Jayne Ernst (nee Chanani), of Durban, on the birth of a daughter on April 14.

The engagement is announced of Hilda, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. J. Epstein, of Middelburg, Transvaal, to Hymie Silbert, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. L. Silbert, of Randfontein.

The marriage of Rachael, twin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Wolfson, of Johannesburg, to Donald, youngest son of Mr. and the late Mrs. C. Greenberg, formerly of Pietermaritzburg, will take place on Sunday, April 21, at 7 p.m., at the Chasidim Synagogue, Doornfontein.

The engagement is announced of Miss Ettie Kibel, daughter of Mr. B. Kibel and the late Mrs. Kibel, of Pretoria, to Mr. Sam Factor, of Angelo, Boksburg, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Factor, of Birsai, Lithuania.

The marriage of Leah, daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. Pearlman, of Koster, to Victor, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Gersh, of Shavli, will take place on Sunday, April 21, at 10.30 a.m., in the Berea Synagogue.

The engagement is announced between Sarah, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Z. Joffe (late of Germiston), and Max, son of Mr. and the late Mrs. H. Tocker. Both of Johannesburg.

Congratulations are being extended to Dr. and Mrs. Solly Josselsohn (nee Florrie Golub), on the birth of a bonny son, on April 10.

The engagement is announced of Sheila, younger daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gotsman, and niece of Mr. and Mrs. M. Rubenstein, to David (Bully), youngest son of Mr. and the late Mrs. A. Danilowitz. Both of Krugersdorp.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seligsohn, of Oxford Road, Kensington, are being congratulated on the birth of a bonny son, on April 12.

The engagement is announced of Ray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Samuel, to Sydney, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Goodman. Both of Pretoria.

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"The Hound of the Baskervilles"

Beginning this evening, the attraction at this magnificent theatre is "The Hound of the Baskervilles"—a famous Conan Doyle story.

In this, Basil Rathbone, the Holly-wood actor (who, it will be remembered, was born in South Africa), will appear in the character of Sherlock Holmes, and he is assisted by a fine cast which includes Richard Greene, and Wendy Barrie. The well-known character of Dr. Watson is taken by Nigel Bruce.

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"The Hound of the Baskervilles" is one of the most thrilling stories in the Sherlock Holmes series and the talkie version is filled with nerve-racking, spine-tingling and thrilling situations. This film is reputed to be one of the best 20th Century Fox Films' attractions and is being seen in this country at the same time as it is being filmed for the first time in New York and London. No lover of Sherlock Holmes stories should miss a visit to this theatre this week.

There is an excellent supporting

There is an excellent supporting programme in addition to the main picture, and again audiences will be delighted with the Wurlitzer playing by Dean Herrick.

JOHANNESBURG WOMEN'S ZIONIST LEAGUE

Yeoville Branch.-The annual general meeting of this branch was held on Thursday, 28th March, at the residence of Mrs. Wittert, 28 Hopkins Street. Mrs. Pincus, who presided, welcomed the President of the League, Dr. Deborah Katzen.

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The election of office-bearers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Chairman, Mrs. S. Pincus; vice-chairman, Mrs. A. M. Lipschitz; assistant vice-chairman, Mrs. S. Morris; treasurer, Mrs. S. Sachs; secretary, Mrs. D. Abrahams; assistant treasurer, Mrs. Wittert; Keren Hayesod convener, Mrs. A. Seeff; assistant Keren Hayesod convener, Mrs. R. Lipschitz; cultural chairman, Mrs. Schatz; cultural secretary, Mrs. Perlman. man.

Mrs. Pincus read her presidential report. She thanked members of the committee for their support, which had been largely responsible for their successful year of activity.

Dr. Katzen then addressed the meeting, outlining the activities of the W.I.Z.O., and appealing for support of the Keren Hayesod Campaign.

Mrs. Schatz, the cultural chairman, presided over the meeting during the election of office-bearers. Mrs. A. M. Lipschitz proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Katzen and to Mrs. Wittert, the heartess to Dr. Katz

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Mr. Isador Epstein

The well-known piano virtuoso, Mr. Isador Epstein, will make his appearance at the Music Festival Concert at the City Hall on Tuesday next, the 23rd inst., when he will play the Mozart Piano Concerto in D. Minor with the expectors. D Minor with the orchestra.

UNION OF JEWISH WOMEN (PRETORIA)

Reception to Mayoress and Deputy-Mayoress

The Mayoress of Pretoria, Mrs. B. Sidey, and the Deputy-Mayoress, Mrs. P. Lievaart, were entertained this week by members of the Union of Jewish Women, Pretoria branch, at a reception and musical afternoon at the Memorial Hall, Pretoria.

Mrs. Rutowitz welcomed the Mayoress and outlined the aims and objects of the organisation. The Union, she said, had contributed to many charitable organisations, including the Christmas Stamp Fund, the Mayors' National Fund, and several Hebrew institutions. At the moment it was helping to entertain troops at Roberts Heights and Premier Mine. She asked members to try to arrange hospitality for the Jewish troops in their homes during the Passover.

The Mayoress expressed her appreciation of the help that had been given by Jewish women at the National Fund fete.

A very successful card evening was held on Saturday night, the 13th inst., at the Jewish Memorial Hall, in aid of the S.A. Mayors' National Fund.

SEDER FACILITIES FOR JEWISH SOLDIERS IN JOHANNESBURG

The Committee of the Johannesburg Jewish Reform Congregation announces to the public that every Jewish soldier present in Johannesburg during the Passover festival period, is invited to attend the Sixth Annual Public Seder at the Jewish Guild on Monday evening, April 22, at 7.30 p.m.

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Around the Cinemas and Theatres

New Attraction at the Colosseum

"The Invisible Man Returns," a new fantastic film which is based on the famous story by H. G. Wells, is being shown at the Colosseum Theatre this week. Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Vincent Price and Nan Graytake important roles in this unique and amazing film production, which should thrill all audiences. The preliminary programme consists of the latest topical news, a short cartoon and Charles Manning and the Colosseum Orchestra. seum Orchestra.

"Sword of Honour" at the Plaza

The most ambitious British mili-The most ambitious British military picture ever produced is to be seen at the Plaza Theatre this week. "Sword of Honour" is a glorious and spectacular epic of the traditions of the British Army, and Sally Gray, Geoffrey Toone, Dorothy Dickson and Donald Gray (Eldred Tidbury of South Africa) are in the leading roles. An added attraction on the programme is the second preliminary contest of the "Search for Beauty," and entrants will appear this evening only. Topical news reels, shorts and only. Topical news reels, shorts and an interlude on the Wurlitzer com-plete the programme.

Bio-Vaudeville at the Empire

Nine great artists, Madge Collin, Nore Tee, the three Springbok boys, Martin Taubman and the three Yale boys contribute to the excellent stage entertainment at the Empire Theatre this week. The film shown in conjunction with this stage presentation is "Crime Over London," a fast and exciting picture featuring Margot Grahame and Paul Cavanagh in the leading roles. Topical news reels are an addition to this most interesting programme. programme.

"St. Martin's Lane" at the Standard

Charles Laughton, that superb English actor, achieves a great triumphin the picture, "St. Martin's Lane," to be shown at the Standard Theatre this week. In this magnificent production that has tears, satire and genuine drama, he is ably supported by Vivien Leigh in the female lead. The rest of the programme is devoted to news reels and shorts.

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