

Mr. Huberman Appeals for Palestine Orchestra

AFTER his brilliant recital at the Colosseum Theatre on Sunday night, Mr. Bronislaw Huberman was entertained at a well-attended party held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Karnovsky, in Houghton. There was a large gathering present of members and friends of the Palestine Orchestra Society.

In the course of a short talk, Mr. Huberman made reference to the splendid musical combination which had aroused the admiration of the musical world. He pointed out that the Orchestra contained a large number of brilliant refugee-musicians. The Orchestra was beloved by the public of Palestine and it would be a calamity indeed if, owing to lack of financial support from world Jewry, it would be unable to carry on.

Mr. Huberman added that as far as the Yishuv was concerned, the people were doing their utmost and were making great sacrifices. Six thousand annual subscribers had already been secured. This was a remarkable demonstration of the love for music on the part of the Jewish population of Palestine.

"I hope all those I see before me," said Mr. Huberman, "are members of the Palestine Orchestra Society and those of you who are not, should certainly join."

The address of Mr. Huberman was deeply appreciated by the gathering.

BROADCASTING SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Fine Playing by Isador Epstein

Mr. Jerry Schulman conducted the concert at the City Hall on Tuesday night of the Broadcast Symphony Orchestra. The orchestra was in excellent form. Whilst the music supplied did not plumb the depths of emotion, it provided nevertheless a very agreeable evening. Sir Edward German's "Romeo and Juliet" overture and Delius's "La Calinda" were appetising "hors d'oeuvres," and Mozart's Piano Concerto in D Minor and Dvorak's Fourth Symphony were the more solid but far from stodgy dishes.

Isador Epstein played in the Concerto with great charm and delicacy and it takes a musician to realise how much more difficult it is to earn the laurels in a piece of this character than in one where the applause is likely to be in proportion to the robustness of the execution. It was piano playing of a high quality indeed and Mr. Epstein is to be sincerely congratulated on a really great performance.

The orchestra responded well to Mr. Schulman's baton.

Kroonstad

The splendid sum of £4 has been received by the headquarters of the Jewish National Fund in respect of the box yield of Dr. and Mrs. M. Capcan, of Kroonstad. Congratulations are due to Dr. and Mrs. Capcan for this fine effort.

JOHANNESBURG WOMEN'S ZIONIST LEAGUE

Henrietta Szold Branch.—At the last meeting of the Henrietta Szold Branch, held at the Coronation Hall on April 4th, a large gathering listened to an address by Mrs. Soreson on the autobiography of "Glückel of Hamelin," which has as its theme Jewish life in Eastern Europe. A vote of thanks was ably proposed by Miss Mabel Itzigsohn. Topical news items were compiled and read by Miss Ray Rubin.

The object of the Henrietta Szold Branch is to enable business and professional women who are unable to join the afternoon branches of the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League to take part in its important work. The Henrietta Szold Branch has been in existence for just a year now and has fully justified its existence. Those desirous of joining it, are asked to communicate with the Hon. Secretary, Miss Stella Malkin, 29 Louis Botha Avenue, Houghton. The branch undertakes both practical and cultural Zionist work.

Yiddish Play at Standard

An attempt to revive interest in Jewish drama was made when Madame Sarah Sylvia presented "Money, Love and Shame" at the Standard Theatre on Wednesday evening. The play was of the old-fashioned type, full of melodramatic situations and the acting of the artists in this respect left nothing to be desired.

Sarah Sylvia, in the leading role, revealed her ability as an experienced actress, and a newcomer to the Yiddish stage in this country, Hedy Haas, did well in her role, but as she appeared only in the first act, the audience did not really see enough of her. L. Galvin gave a restrained performance in the leading male role. Others in the cast worthy of mention are D. Upin, J. Rais, Max Aingorin, B. Behrmann and Inko Behrmann.

It was evident from the many vacant seats in the theatre, that this type of old-fashioned Yiddish drama does not appeal to the Yiddish-speaking section of the Johannesburg community.

THE NEW CORNER LOUNGE Complete Renovation of Popular Tea Rendezvous

The management of the Corner Lounge, Cor. Eloff and Pritchard Streets, have pleasure in announcing that this popular tea rendezvous and cafe has been completely renovated. No expense has been spared in connection with the new furnishings. The kitchen has also been renovated and the public is invited to inspect the modern improvements which have been introduced.

The renovated Lounge will be open to the public from to-day and the famous De Olivera Orchestra will supply the music. As a further attraction for the public, the management have engaged Mr. Evans, a gifted tenor who was associated with Paul Robeson and Jack Hylton's Band in England, as soloist. In appreciation of its Jewish clientele, the orchestra will, from time to time, feature special items of Jewish interest and special programmes will be organised in this connection.

Communal Hall Opened at Kensington

Large Gathering at Interesting Ceremony

THERE was a large gathering on Sunday afternoon last on the occasion of the official opening of the Communal Hall and Talmud Torah in Orion Street, Kensington. The function was held under the auspices of the Kensington Hebrew Congregation and was attended by Rabbi I. Kossowsky (Rav of the Federation of Synagogues), and many representatives of other congregations in Johannesburg and along the Reef.

The proceedings opened with the placing of a "mezuzah" on the door of the building by Rabbi Kossowsky. The vice-president of the Congregation, Mr. S. Swartz, presented Mr. I. Schwartzman with a Golden Key to the building. Mr. Schwartzman then declared the building open.

After Mr. L. Margolis, a member of the Committee of the Synagogue, had unveiled the tablet containing the names of the members of the Executive, the gathering entered the building and seated themselves. Rabbi B. Rabinowitz (Minister of the Congregation), offered up a special prayer and excerpts from the Hebrew liturgy were chanted by Cantor S. Steinberg and choir.

Mr. S. I. Druckman (President of the Congregation), extended a wel-

come to all present. Short addresses were delivered by Rabbi Kossowsky, Rabbi I. M. Gervis, Rabbi J. J. Zlotnik, Rabbi B. Rabinowitz, Capt. L. Levinson and Mr. L. Margolis (Chairman of the Talmud Torah Committee).

A vote of thanks to all who participated in the ceremony was passed by Mr. M. Sarovitch, Secretary of the Congregation.

The following are the Honorary Officers of the Kensington Hebrew Congregation: Mr. S. I. Druckman, President; Mr. S. Swartz, Vice-President; Mr. I. Schwartzman, Hon. Treasurer; Mr. M. Sarovitch, Secretary. Committee: Messrs. J. Rubin, Z. Koseff, L. Margolis, N. Levy, S. Hurwitz, H. Rosenberg, S. Getz, M. Davis, H. Kaplan, I. Willenzik, B. Deitch and Dr. R. Horwitz.

The members of the Building Committee are: Mr. I. Schwartzman, Chairman; Messrs. S. I. Druckman, N. Levy, L. Margolis, M. Sarovitch, Z. Koseff and M. Davis.

The proceedings concluded with the vigorous singing of Am Y'sroel Chai by Cantor Steinberg and the choir.

Playmakers Produce Eugene O'Neill Play

THE production of "Ah, Wilderness," by Eugene O'Neill, by the Playmakers may be recorded as a success. It is a human comedy, giving the story of the lives of an average American family living in a small city—a good distance from New York.

A play of this kind needs careful casting and directing, and credit is due to Miss Mavis Berman, who was responsible for the production. This is the first play this clever actress has produced in Johannesburg and her future work in this connection will be looked forward to with interest by lovers of the amateur stage.

The role of a young man in love and in rebellion against life was well played by Bobby Yule. The main burden of the play, however, was carried by Isadore Karr, who gave a delightful characterisation of a shrewd but homely father. A thumbnail sketch of a woman of easy virtue—American edition—was given by Minnie Jedwick. There was no doubt about the realism of this O'Neillian portraiture.

"The Playmakers" are to be congratulated upon the excellent production of a Eugene O'Neill play in Johannesburg.

S.A. Friends of the Jewish Blind

The committee of the above organisation would be pleased if all those who wish to send donations for this worthy purpose would forward them to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Ed. Houthakker, Box 3865, Johannesburg, and cheques or postal orders should be made out to the "Jewish Institute for the Blind."

Germiston Women's Zionist League

The annual general meeting of the Germiston Women's Zionist League was held at the Alexander Hotel on Tuesday, 26th March.

Mrs. Hilewitz, the chairlady, after extending her thanks to the outgoing committee for their co-operation in making the year both a social and financial success, welcomed Mrs. H. Phillips, of Benoni, a member of the S.A. Women's Zionist Council.

Mrs. Phillips delivered an address in which she gave a vivid description of life in Palestine. It was much appreciated by all present.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing session: Chairman, Mrs. L. Hilewitz; vice-chairman, Mrs. P. G. Barris; treasurer, Mrs. J. Kramer; joint hon. secretaries, Mrs. L. Levy and Mrs. G. Sher; Keren Hayesod convener, Mrs. A. Senior; convener, sewing circles, Mrs. L. Saffer; hon. secretary, sewing circles, Miss A. Liebman. Committee: Mesdames A. Bernstein, I. Barris, J. Dunsky, I. Dunsky, N. L. Ginsberg, A. Golombick, I. Joffe, M. Kalmek, J. Kalmek, S. Kalmek, J. Klavansky, A. Kaminer, J. T. Lewinsohn, A. Melman, R. Metz, L. Niefeld, A. L. Osipowicz, A. Shemer, A. Swon, B. Steinberg, H. Szevach and J. Zinn.

The meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Phillips, proposed by Mrs. N. L. Ginsberg.

An Interesting Broadcast

On Monday, April 29, a selection of modern songs of Palestine, will be heard from the Johannesburg "A" Station at 9.15 p.m. The songs are presented by Mr. Ronya A. Misheiker, who has written an interesting introductory script.

Delmas

The S.A. Jewish Orphanage has received from Mrs. M. Levinson, of the local honorary representative of that Institution, the sum of £115s., being subscriptions collected from local members.