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DR. SAMUELSDORFF ENTERTAINED

Union of Jewish Women (Johannesburg)

Mrs. Dorothy Brasch, the Chairman of the Johannesburg Branch of the Union of Jewish Women, and the Executive entertained Dr. Samuelsdorff to luncheon on Thursday, 26th ult. Mrs. S. Alexander, of Alexandria, who is at present visiting Johannesburg, was another guest.

Addressing the gathering on the subject of the war work of the Jewish women in Palestine, Dr. Samuelsdorff said that the Wizo had recognised that women must be trained in order to become free, and through the spirit and drive of Wizo, there had arisen a pioneer type of woman in Palestine with qualities which stood her in good stead now that a supreme effort had to be made for winning the war. To-day the Jewish women of Palestine took their part in every branch of war work, even helping the Home Guard, and their ability, zeal and devotion ought to serve as a source of pride to Jewry.

"FALASHA JEWS OF ABYSSINIA"

Address by Dr. Lewis Bato

An address outlining the mode of life led by the Falasha Jews of Abyssinia was given on Friday last at the Carlton Hotel by Dr. Lewis Bato, who was the guest at the weekly luncheon organised by the Johannesburg Zionist Association. Dr. A. Broido presided.

Dr. Bato said that the Falasha Jews were convinced that they were the direct descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The Five Books of Moses were the main pivot of their belief and they knew nothing of the Talmud. Abyssinian was their language and they only used a few words of Hebrew.

Dr. Bato added that no stranger was allowed to go to the religious services of the Falasha Jews. The Sabbath was observed strictly and Sabbath bread was distributed among the worshippers.

"Until recently," added Dr. Bato, "these people practised sacrifices, but under the influence of Dr. Faitelowitz, who has taken a great interest in educating them, such practice has been done away with."

The family life of the Falasha Jews was dignified, patriarchal and noble. There was no "problem" of inter-marriage, because they only married among themselves.

The speaker added that the number of Falasha Jews had decreased from 100,000 some years ago to 60,000 to-day. The word "Falasha" meant "stranger" or "exile." Falasha Jews were filled with the hope of returning to Eretz Israel.

The speaker at to-day's luncheon is Mr. G. Seubring, F.R.G.S., who will talk on "Jewish Influence on Matters Spiritual and Intellectual."

Social and

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Greenblatt are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter on Thursday, 5th November.

The engagement is announced of Joyce, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Strelitz, 11 St. James Road, East London, and "Jake," son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Michaelson, Pontypridd, Wales.

The marriage of Phyllis, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Feigenbaum, of 42a Duncan Road, Bulawayo, to Henry, eldest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. C. H. Waks, of Lithuania, will take place at the Bulawayo Synagogue on Tuesday, 10th November, at 3.15 p.m.

The marriage will take place at the Wolmarans Street Synagogue at 4 p.m. on Sunday, 8th November, between Dr. Gerald Chenik, only child of Mr. and Mrs. A. Chenik of Johannesburg, and Zelma, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Levy of Johannesburg.

The marriage of Miriam, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Smulowitz of Johannesburg, and Sydney, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Balkind, also of Johannesburg, will take place on Sunday, 8th November, at 3.15 p.m., at the Yeoville Synagogue. There will be no reception on account of illness in the family.

The marriage took place at Golders Green Synagogue, London, on 30th October, of Dr. John Garson, only son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Garson, 98 Hillsborough Court, Mortimer Crescent, Hampstead, London, and Miss Hetty Plein, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Plein, 50 Central Street, Lower Houghton, Johannesburg.

"BUNDLES FOR RUSSIA"

A Pretoria Activity

An organisation has been formed in Pretoria, under the aegis of Medical Aid for Russia, and is known as Bundles for Russia. Its object is to collect warm clothing and to raise funds to buy blankets for despatch to Russia. A committee of 30 members has been formed under the leadership of Mrs. S. Milstein.

The depot of Bundles for Russia is at 16, African Arcade, Pretoria (Phone 2-5358). A cake stall is held here every Friday and flowers are sold every Wednesday. The committee gratefully acknowledges the regular donation of flowers by Lady Duncan, from the Government House gardens.

A house-to-house collection is being organised. Functions and raffles, for the purpose of raising funds, are also being arranged. An all-day fete, with dancing and games at night, has been arranged for the 2nd December, to be held at the Memorial Hall, Beatrix Street.

Donors who are not able to deliver their parcels at the depot are asked to phone 2-5358, where arrangements will be made to collect the bundles.

A PIANO RECITAL

The well known pianist, Heinz Hirschland, will give a recital at the Library Theatre on November 16th, at 8.15 p.m. There will be excerpts from Beethoven, Brahms and Chopin. Mr. Hirschland will also play two of his own compositions.

It is some time since this gifted pianist gave a full recital and a large audience is anticipated.

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