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Durban Women Zionists Hold Annual Meeting

ADDRESS BY MR. H. MOSS MORRIS

SOME fifty members attended the ninth annual meeting of the Durban Women's Zionist League, which was held at the Durban Jewish Club on the afternoon of Tuesday, October 27th. Mrs. F. Kisch presided.

A feature of the occasion was the striking address by Mr. Moss Morris. Women, he said, had taken a major role in Zionism and had to continue their Zionist work, irrespective of set-backs and their obligations in regard to war-work.

Dealing with Jewish achievements in Palestine in the spheres of agriculture, industry and education, Mr. Moss Morris bade his audience take heart from the fact that leading statesmen both in America and South Africa had declared their pro-Zionist sympathies and their desire to see the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine.

Mrs. Broomberg, who submitted the presidential report, reviewed a year of outstanding progress. The Keren Hayesod campaign had proved the highlight of their Zionist activity. Both the men's and women's campaigns had achieved record results, Mrs. Geshen and Mrs. Moss Morris being largely responsible for this. The contributions to the Blue Boxes had also yielded a record sum, on which Mrs. Torf and her band of workers were to be heartily congratulated.

Continuing, Mrs. Broomberg said that the Sewing Circle had proved the League's least successful venture. Of the 29,261 garments forwarded to Palestine, only 572 had been sent by Durban. Mr. and Mrs. Fielding were responsible for the packing of these garments, and in recognition of her services Mrs. Fielding had been presented with a Golden Book Certificate to which the Jewish women of South Africa had subscribed.

In spite of war conditions, monthly cultural functions had been held and special thanks were due to Miss Smo,

who permitted the League to hold some of their functions at the Durban Jewish Club. Mrs. Nettie Davidoff, of Johannesburg, had been the guest-speaker in June and her address had been truly memorable.

Some 309 trees had been sold on Balfour Day, the Durban Zionist Youth having co-operated with the League in this effort. Under the able convenership of Mrs. Freedman and the generosity of the Durban public, thousands of garments in good condition had been sent to Palestine.

In conclusion, Mrs. Broomberg thanked all members of her committee, her Treasurer and Secretary for their co-operation, and in particular Mesdames Torf, Moss Morris and Freedman.

Mrs. Kisch congratulated Mrs. Broomberg on her inspiring report, the adoption of which was ably seconded by Mrs. M. Shapiro.

The elections resulted as follows:

President, Mrs. M. Morrison; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Moss Morris, Torf and Kisch; Chairman, Mrs. Broomberg; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Freedman; Secretary, Mrs. A. Bierman; Treasurer, Mrs. P. Frame. Committee: Mesdames Abelansky, Davis, Edelstein, Fielding, Freed, Geshen, Herman, Israel, Kaliski, Kaplan, Katz, Kentridge, Levy, Lurie, Moshal, Shapiro, Sarkin, Smith, M. Woolfson, W. Woolfson; ex-officio: Mesdames Goldberg and Kuperberg.

TAMARA KAPLAN TO HOLD EXHIBITION

Tamara Kaplan, the well-known East London artist, will hold an exhibition of her work at Lincoln Bros. Music Saloon, corner Bree and Eloff Streets, from December 1st to the 14th.

The exhibition, which includes oil paintings, water-colours and pastels, will be opened by Mrs. Emile Norgard, Provincial Commandant of Command 10, on Tuesday, 1st December, at 5 p.m.

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The engagement has recently been announced between Miss Amelie Capelouto and Mr. Marco Notrica, both of Elizabethville, Belgian Congo. Miss Capelouto is the sister of the very active treasurer of the Jewish National Fund Committee in Elizabethville.

The engagement is announced of Ethel, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Segal, of 138 Van Beek Street, to Charlie, son of Mr. and the late Mrs. G. Feinblum. Both of Johannesburg.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Rosmarin, of Val, are being congratulated on the birth of a son on November 10th.

The engagement is announced of Mary (Poppy), daughter of Mrs. L. Swartz and the late Solomon Swartz, of Tarkastad, and Barney, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Gersowsky, of East London.

AN INTERESTING CONCERT

Mrs. Israel Kuper is the chairman of a large committee which is arranging an Indo-European Concert to be held at the Gandhi Hall, Fox Street, on Tuesday, 8th December. The function is under the distinguished patronage of the Hon. J. H. Hofmeyr (acting Prime Minister) and Sir Shafa'at Ahmed Khan (High Commissioner for India) and will benefit four important funds—Red Cross, S.A. Gifts and Comforts, Medi-Aid for Russia and the Indo-European Women's Association. Well known artists will appear. Tickets may be obtained from Mrs. S. Sack (secretary), Mrs. Biccard Jeppe and Mrs. E. Naidoo (conveners of tickets).

CONVERSAZIONE IN PRETORIA NEXT SUNDAY

Zionist Socialist Party

Miss P. Rabkin and Mr. S. Gotz will be the speakers at a conversazione to be held in Pretoria at the Jewish Memorial Hall, at 8.15 p.m., on Sunday, 22nd November. The function is under the auspices of the Pretoria branch of the Zionist Socialist Party.

Miss Rabkin will take as her subject, "Careers for Jewish Youth in This Changing Economic World," with special reference to South Africa. Mr. Gotz will speak in Yiddish on "The Hechalutz Movement." Musical items will be rendered by Miss L. Samuel and Sgt. D. Zaidel.

DR. J. N. REEDMAN TO LECTURE

Zionist Socialist Party of South Africa

Dr. J. N. Reedman, the well-known economist, will speak on "Social Security Codes—Half-way House," at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, 25th November, at Coronation Hall, cor. Claim and Plein Streets. Dr. Reedman will analyse the various codes which have been suggested as a remedy for the needs of the times.

All members of the public are cordially invited to attend this meeting, which is being held under the auspices of the Zionist Socialist Party of South Africa.

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PLAY BY MISS MARGARET STRASSBURG

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A play, "Awakening," by a local author, Miss Margaret Strassburg, was recently presented at Coronation Hall, when the Yeoville Branch of the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League held a function in aid of the Jewish National Fund.

Miss Strassburg, the author, and Mr. Cyril Corner, produced the play, which told the story of a group of girls at a boarding school in Switzerland who, through circumstances of war, were sent to Palestine. In a succession of realistic scenes, the dramatist showed how this young group quickly adapted themselves to their new surroundings, and began to take their part in the upbuilding work in the Jewish National Home.

The play conveyed both the atmosphere and idealism of Palestine today, and the splendid band of young girls and boys who had been chosen for the cast entered with understanding into the theme of the play.

At the end of the performance, Mrs. Esther Pincus paid tribute to Miss Strassburg for her interesting play and presented her with tree certificates. Each member of the cast was also presented with a tree certificate.



CHIEF CANTOR ISRAEL ALTER, who at several Jewish gatherings held recently, has delighted large audiences with his magnificent voice and his gift for vivid and sympathetic interpretation of folk-songs, both Hebrew and Yiddish.

Cantor Alter can always be relied upon, through his artistry and understanding of Jewish life, to give the right "shtimmung" to a Jewish gathering by his rendering of appropriate songs. A notable instance of this was his appearance at the Conversazione held at Greenside recently to inaugurate the North-Western Zionist Society.

GRAND CONCERT FOR PALESTINIAN SOLDIERS' COMFORTS

A delightful evening is promised for Sunday, 29th November, when a concert in aid of Comforts for the Palestinian soldiers will be held at the 20th Century Theatre. A number of prominent artists are appearing, amongst whom are Gerald Cassen, Hedi Haas, Jerry Shulman, Ichiljik's Balalaika, Rita Roseman, Rica Black, Lottie Rosenthal and Mike Abel, the popular compere. Booking is now open at the 20th Century Theatre. A large number of tickets have already been sold and ticket-holders are advised to book their seats in advance.

A Prize Winner

A Jewish Encyclopaedia was presented by Rev. H. Strelitz as a prize in a competition in aid of the Jewish National Fund. This was won by Mr. L. Braudie, of Paarl.

CONCERT OF JEWISH FOLK MUSIC

Interesting Evening Next Sunday Night

The concert of Jewish folk music to be given by the A. Z. Idelson Choral Society at the Selborne Hall, Johannesburg, on Sunday night, 22nd November, at 8.30 p.m., should attract a very large audience. A rich variety of Jewish folk music including Hebrew, Chassidic and humorous traditional songs has been chosen for the programme. Cantor S. Mandel will render a number of songs.

Of special interest will be a new composition by the conductor of the choir, Mr. Jerry Idelson, which will be heard for the first time in Johannesburg. The work, entitled "Rhapsodic Paraphrase," is based on ancient Hebrew melodies, and Betty Pack, the gifted young cellist, will be the soloist.

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Around the Cinemas

"The Man Who Came to Dinner" at Colosseum

The Kauffman-Moss Hart skit on Alexander Woolcott—"The Man Who Came to Dinner," has very successfully been adapted for screen presentation. It is the story of a dinner guest who remains for a month, creating enough havoc for a lifetime. Bette Davis once again steals the honours, as the perfect secretary who shields the world from White-side. Anne Sheridan is the third party in the inevitable triangle.

Elizabeth Bergner at Empire

Elizabeth Bergner makes her first appearance in an American film, in "Paris Calling" in which she is co-starred with Randolph Scott and Basil Rathbone. "Paris Calling" is a vivid story of the valour of the Fighting French, and the acting of these three well-known stage and screen personalities makes this film an interesting and vital one. It should draw large audiences.

"Phantom Raiders" at Metro

Walter Pidgeon, in the thrill-packed story of vanishing ships and ghostly saboteurs, "Phantom Raiders," has another opportunity of showing his versatility. In this film his role is that of a master detective. He receives excellent support from Donald Meek, Florence Rice and Joseph Schildkraut.

"Song of the Island" at 20th Century

"Song of the Island" is continuing at the Twentieth Century this week. This picture is musical comedy at its best. The beautiful surroundings in which the film takes place are enhanced by the brilliant technicolour treatment of the film. Betty Grable and Victor Mature at their most romantic, Jack Oakie and scores of lovely girls make this film a most delightful entertainment and one which should prove popular with Johannesburg film patrons.

"Macbeth" Continues at Standard

In response to popular demand, Henry Miles' production of "Macbeth" is continuing at the Standard. It is no wonder that the season of this play has been extended, for Johannesburg finds Shakespeare good when the production reaches the high level of excellence of the present performance of "Macbeth."

"Among the Living" at Plaza

That real horror hit, "Among the Living," at the Plaza will attract "horror-fans," for it is the thriller supreme. In the role of the man who comes back from the dead to maraud, rob and kill, Albert Dekker chills the blood. Susan Hayward is the pretty mill girl and Jean Phillips the blonde who does not remain "among the living."

HEBREW MUSICAL FESTIVAL

A concert of Hebrew songs and other musical items by the A. Z. Idelson Choral Society, under the direction of Mr. Jerry Idelson, will be given at the Coronation Hall at 8.15 p.m. on the 6th December. Cantor I. Alter and other well-known artists will also appear.

The concert is under the auspices of the Histadruth Ivrit, and the public will be advised of further details in regard to this all-Hebrew musical treat.

A CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

Yeoville Hebrew Nursery School

A cordial invitation is extended to parents and their friends to attend a "Chanukah Celebration," to be held at the Sive Hall on Friday, 4th December, at 10.30 a.m.

After the celebration Rev. Dr. Shrock will speak on "The Significance of the Jewish Festivals for Children."

All applications for the new term must be handed in at the school before the 9th of December, when school closes for vacation.



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