

Two Brilliant Elman Concerts.

It would be fascinating to speculate why Jewish art should have reached its highest expression through the medium of the violin. In Elman, Heifetz, Menuhin and others, we have produced a galaxy of stars who have mastered all the brilliance and the subtlety, of which that instrument is capable. In the two Mischa Elman concerts during the past week, Cape Town has had one of the biggest artistic thrills of its existence. We were carried away by the combination of technical perfection and sensitive emotional feeling which have maintained Elman amongst the tiny band of acknowledged masters for a generation.

The two performances were carefully constructed so as to give play to every side of this mastery. On Saturday night the audience passed with tremendous enthusiasm from the Handel Sonata in E Major to Beethoven's well-known "Kreutzer" Sonata, with its lovely slow movement, and from there to the colour and rhythm of the "Symphonic Espagnole" of Lalo. This variety of achievement was even more marked in a number of shorter pieces and encores, including a Brahms' Hungarian Dance, a Chopin Nocturne, and Schubert's ever-popular "Ave Maria."

On Tuesday night, again, the major works contrasted the lofty clarity of Bach's Concerto in G Minor, the rousing gaiety of Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto, and the brilliant canvas of Brahms' last Sonata for piano and violin. Once more the group of smaller pieces were a blend of every note from fragility to full choral tone. Two impressions linger—one the exquisite singing quality of the famous "Elman tone"; the other, the amazing effortlessness of the technique, whereby the music, as so seldom happens, masked the playing.

Much praise is due to the accompaniment of Mr. Vladimir Padwa to whose perfectly co-ordinated and sensitive work at the piano much of the success of the concerts is due.

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Cape Zionist Youth Activities

Chairmen's Club. The date for the first meeting of the Club has been fixed for the 13th July. The meeting will be held at the Zionist Hall and all Chairmen and Secretaries are requested to keep this date open.

Worcester J.Z. Society.

At a committee meeting held at the residence of Mr. Rabinowitz, the chairman, it was decided to reorganise the Junior Society so as to interest all members in its activities and aims.

In furtherance of the object it was decided to introduce study competitions and prizes to be awarded to the qualified member on any subject. At the next meeting, after due consideration, it was decided that Habonim working successfully replaces Junior Zionism.

The more senior members are to form a Zionist Youth Society and be established with two groups A and B.

The Second Study Circle was held at the residence of Mr. Sakinofsky, the news service being given by the Secretary, after which Dr. Sagor gave a review of "The Intelligent Man's Guide to Jew-Baiting" by Dr. G. Sacks.

A lively discussion ensued. It was arranged to have the next Study Circle at Mr. Saack's house.

Cape Town Herzlia.

As previously announced the next attraction of the Cape Town Herzlia will be a *Conversazione* on Thursday 8th July, in the Minor Zionist Hall at 8.15 p.m. Dr. Felix Gross give "A review of Music through the Ages." The work of Meyerbeer, Mendelssohn, Mahler and Schönberg in particular will be dealt with, and the talk will be illustrated by means of gramophone records, piano and violin solos.

The *Conversazione* is being held on Thursday, July 8th, and not the date previously arranged, owing to Rabbi Goldman's lecture on 4th July, which all members are urged to attend.

Bialik Circle. To-night there will be a meeting at the residence of Miss B. Hurwitz, St. Kilda, Marchmont Avenue, Oranjezicht, when Miss M. Fine will read a paper on the Haskalah Movement.

Physical Culture. The Committee has decided to start a Ladies' Physical Culture Section. All those interested are asked to hand their names to the Secretary, Miss L. Levy.

Annual Meeting.

Members' attention is drawn to the fact that the general meeting has been postponed to the 18th July owing to unavoidable circumstances. All are requested to keep this date open.

Cape Town Maccabi Organisation.

At the last meeting, Mr. A. Beresowki delivered an interesting lecture on "My Memories of the Warsaw Maccabi," and created a great deal of discussion amongst the audience.

The next meeting of the Maccabi will take the form of a card-evening in aid of Society Funds, at the residence of Miss H. Resnick, 137, Upper Harrington Street, Cape Town, on Sunday evening, 4th July, at 8.15 p.m. Donation is 1/- per head. All welcome!

Green and Sea Point Jewish Guild.

The above society held their fortnightly meeting at the Guild Hall on Monday 21st June, 1937. The audience was a very poor one on account of the bad weather.

Mr. J. Hanson was in the chair.

Mr. C. Pakter read the news and Miss W. Lipschitz read a paper on the Government of Palestine.

The Chairman then welcomed the speaker of the evening, Mr. A. Roberts, Chairman of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive, who spoke on the work of the youth in this province. Discussion then followed. Messrs. C. Pakter and A. Solomon taking part.

The next meeting of the Guild will take the form of a Lantern Slide Lecture on Monday, July 5th.

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