

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

CALENDAR:

Friday, January 5 (Teveth 20) Sabbath begins 6.45 p.m.

Saturday, January 6 (Teveth 21) Sabbath ends 7.23 p.m.

BIBLE-READING:

Week commencing Saturday, January 6, Book of Ezekiel, Chapters 29-35.

Palestinian Soldiers' Comforts Fund

THE Palestinian Soldiers' Comforts Fund has now been registered with the Registrar of War Funds, Reg. W.F. No. 151. The Head Office, at 191 Shakespeare House, Johannesburg, controls all finances and activities of the Fund. Any persons or bodies intending to hold public functions in aid of the Palestinian Soldiers' Comforts Fund must obtain Letters of Authority in terms of Regulation 8 of the Control of War Funds, 1944.

The main aims of the organisation are: to raise funds for comforts for the Palestinian soldiers, maintenance of their dependants, entertainment of all Allied troops visiting Palestine and knitting comforts for the Palestinian soldiers.

Apart from the thousands of knitted garments dispatched, this body has been most active during the past year and has remitted several thousand pounds to its headquarters in Palestine. These funds, raised through various functions, were largely augmented by donations from Hebrew Congregations during Festivals, various organisations, and also private individuals on the occasions of Shimchas.

Palestinian soldiers are fighting on all fronts and, with the formation of the Jewish Brigade, their needs are now more urgent than ever before.

Members of the public who wish to obtain wool, hostess cards and any further information should communicate with the Secretary, Palestinian Soldiers' Comforts Fund, 191 Shakespeare House (phone 33-6658). Hours between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

RESULT OF COMPETITION

The gent's watch, donated by Mrs. Saul Pincus, in aid of the Palestinian Soldiers' Comforts Fund, was won by Mrs. M. Chesler, 10 Eleventh Avenue, Mayfair; ticket No. 575. A handsome amount was raised.

IN HONOUR OF DR. WEIZMANN

J.N.F. Issues Attractive Album

A MOST attractive album has been issued by the Jewish National Fund in South Africa in honour of Dr. Weizmann's seventieth birthday. The booklet contains a short biography of the great Zionist leader, tributes paid him by Lloyd George and General Smuts, and salient extracts from his addresses.

It is illustrated by many excellent and historic photographs of Dr. Weizmann at various stages of his eventful career. The booklet is of pocket size and is beautifully produced on fine art paper. It is a fitting memento of the life and work of the great Zionist leader.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The engagement is announced between Rivka (Irene), daughter of Mrs. M. and the late Mr. H. Polsky, of Johannesburg, and Yitzhak Achron, of Cape Town.

The marriage of Esther, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Rephan, of Benoni, to Nathan, only son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Lochoff, of Johannesburg, will take place on Sunday, January 7th, 1945, at 5.30 p.m., at the Wolmarans Street Synagogue. No reception is being held.

The engagement is announced of Judith Freda, younger daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. M. J. Cohen, Mui-zenberg, and Abraham, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Chosack, Orange Grove, Johannesburg.

Jewish Arts Association Formed

FOR some time the need has been felt to organise Jewish writers and artists in South Africa in an associated body.

On the initiative of the Hyman Polsky Committee, two meetings were held in which a number of Jewish writers, journalists, painters, sculptors and musicians participated. The project was discussed in great detail with a view to forming the widest possible basis of association. A constitution was finally framed and the association was formally launched under the name of "Ophir"—Jewish Arts Association of S.A.

A committee was elected consisting of the following:—Chairman: Mr. C. Gershtater; Vice-Chairman: Mr. J. S. Judelowitz; Secretaries: Dr. J. Sachs and Mr. M. Szur; Treasurer: Mr. F. Zygielbaum; Committee: Messrs. D. Koenig, Rene Shapshak, Lewis Sowden, Solly Aronowsky, Z. Infeld, Percy Cowen and Cantor I. Alter.

The aims of the Association are: (1) To organise, foster and stimulate creative work in Literature and Art by Jews in South Africa, particularly Jewish Literature and Art; (2) To assist artists in other countries where possible; (3) To establish contact with similar bodies in this and other countries, and maintain regular contact with Jewish writers, composers, artists, publishing houses, etc.; (4) To promote the publication of Jewish literary works, exhibitions of the work of Jewish artists and performances of Jewish dramatic and musical work.

A prize of £50 has been offered by the "African Jewish Newspaper" for the best one or two-act comedy in Yiddish. "Ophir" will conduct this literary competition.

Membership of "Ophir" will be open to artists, writers, journalists, actors and musicians. The fee for membership is £1-1- per annum, and applications should be addressed to the Secretary, P.O. Box 6520, Johannesburg.

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The Cinema

Those who delighted in the "Good Earth" will welcome "Dragon Seed," the screen's adaptation of a novel by Pearl Buck. The film gives a vivid picture of Chinese life, and of the striking heroism of a people, invaded but never conquered. In the lead are Walter Huston, Katherine Hepburn and Turhan Bey. "Dragon Seed" will be showing at the Metro shortly.

The comedians of "Hellzapoppin," Olsen and Johnson, are co-starred in "Crazy House," a riotous comedy which is now showing at the Plaza. The story is about two eccentric producers who do all but co-operate in the production of a would-be great motion picture. In the process fifteen outstanding hit tunes are introduced. Enjoyable entertainment!

Another grand musical comedy, "Four Jills and a Jeep" has been booked for the 20th Century. It is the story of a musical company (Kay Francis, Carole Landis, Martha Raye and Mitzl Mayfair) who devote most of their time to entertaining the troops at the front. Guest stars are Betty Grable, Carmen Miranda and Alice Faye. Also Jimmy Dorsey and his Orchestra.

"The Sky's The Limit" at the Colosseum features Fred Astaire with a charming new dancing partner, Joan Leslie, who made her debut in "Yankee Doodle Dandy." The film is crammed with luring tunes and picturesque dancing. Fred Astaire has the role of a pilot in the Air Force, who in a short leave of ten days, concentrates only on dancing, attending night clubs and generally enjoying himself. Among the outstanding dancing hit-tunes are "One For My Baby and One For the Road" and "I've got a Lot in Common With You."

Port Elizabeth Women Zionists

At the last monthly "At Home" of the Port Elizabeth Women's Zionist League (held at the Emanuel Hall) Mrs. Dubb, the chairlady, expressed the sorrow of the League at the passing of Mrs. S. Weinronk, one of the founders of the League, and said her death left a gap which would be very difficult to fill.

A member of the Zionist Youth, Mr. W. Budlender, gave a short talk on youth problems and activities, and made an appeal to parents to encourage their children to take an interest in Zionist matters.

Mr. Goodman, the Principal of the Hebrew School, gave an interesting address on the spirit of Chanukah.

Over five hundred garments made by the knitting and sewing circles were displayed.

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