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ZIONIST SOCIALIST PARTY

Rabbi Dr. Rappaport gave the first of a series of four lectures on Jewish history to the Hillbrow-Berea Branch of the Zionist Socialist Party at "Welgelegen" last week.

The subject of the lecture was "Jews in Ancient Times" and dealt with the period from the destruction of the second Temple to the completion of the Talmud.

Dr. Rappaport succeeded in giving a clear and detailed picture of the period without confusing his listeners with names and dates. He described how the Jews lost their independence after the destruction of the Temple and the Roman occupation of Jerusalem. The spread of the Rabbinical religion of the Talmud enabled the Jewish people to retain their strength and dignity.

Dr. Rappaport also dealt with the growth of Christianity and of the development of the Mishnah and Talmud.

Red Cross Sabbath at Temple Israel

Red Cross Sabbath was held under the auspices of the United Jewish Reform Congregation at Temple Israel on Saturday last.

The Service was conducted by Rabbi Dr. M. C. Weiler and the Reverend Isaac Richards, H.C.F.

Amongst the large number of congregants present were Dr. P. A. Peall, President of the S.A. Red Cross Society; Mr. J. Milne, Chairman of the 1947 Red Cross Fund Raising Drive; Commandants Mrs. Julius Alexander and Mrs. Hamilton; Mrs. A. L. Curry, member of the Transvaal Branch Council and Mr. E. D. Barton-Lister (Deputy Chairman of the 1947 Drive). Several V.A.D. detachments were also present.

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The address was delivered by Mrs. J. H. L. Manisty, member of the South African Red Cross Council.

MIZRACHI HOLD SIMCHAT BET-HASHOEVAH

Rabbi M. Kossowsky, chairman, Mizrahi Organisation of S.A., presided over a crowded function, which took the form of a Simchat Bet-Hashoevah at the Coronation Hall on Tuesday, September 30.

Rabbi E. Oshri, in an inspiring address, described happenings in the "Lagers" of Nazi Europe.

Rev. M. Lew addressed the gathering in English.

Mr. Melamed recited a Yiddish poem composed by Mr. A. Smith, vice-president, Mizrahi Organisation of S.A.

The film "Israel Lives On," showing the achievements in Palestine of the Women's Mizrahi of America, was screened.

Rev. O. Altshuler rendered "Zochrenu Le-Chayim."

Concert of the Jewish Musical Institute

The Jewish Musical Institute is arranging a concert with a full programme on Wednesday, November 12, in the City Hall, Johannesburg. The Youth Symphony Orchestra will be conducted by the Musical Director, Solly Aronowsky.

The popular Pretoria singer, Fanny Sugarman, will sing Jewish and Hebrew songs.

The well-known radio tenor, Arthur Robinson, will appear in a programme of Jewish songs.

Many new Jewish and Hebrew songs are being prepared by the large Youth Choir, and a ballet group will perform traditional Jewish and Palestinian dances.

In the second half the Balalaika Orchestra of the Jewish Musical Institute under the well-known conductor and composer, Mr. H. Ichilchek, will present a non-stop revue.

The compere will be Schnozzle Leslie.

Tickets at reasonable prices are obtainable as from the 20th of this month at Polliacks.

MR. KLEMENTINOWSKY ADDRESSES CAPE TOWN MEETING

A well-attended luncheon meeting was held by the Palestine Maritime League in Cape Town on Monday, September 8, at the Zionist Hall. The P.M.L. chairman, Mr. J. Gitlin, presided, and the Chief Rabbi, Prof. A. Abrahams, was present.

Advocate Klementinowsky said that upon reading the League's publication, "Ha-Yam," he had satisfied himself that the public here was offered the opportunity of learning all about the P.M.L. effort in Palestine. He had, however, been surprised to find that some people were inclined to regard the Maritime endeavour in Palestine as a subordinate matter compared with the all-important tasks of land redemption, security and so on, and he would like to dispel this erroneous impression.

Mr. Gering at Cape J.N.F. Luncheon

A special luncheon of the Cape Town J.N.F. Campaign Committee was held recently, and was attended by Mr. B. Gering, Chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation.

In a short address, Mr. Gering analysed the position with regard to the present campaign and pointed out the need for greater planning to ensure even greater success in the future.

It was not sufficient to talk about resistance, stated Mr. Gering; the Yishuv could not be built up as a result of speeches. Every nerve should be strained to get additional support both through campaigns and also by means of loans and investments.

Mr. J. Gitlin, chairman of the Campaign Committee, read out the results obtained in the campaign and paid tribute to the many workers responsible for this fine achievement. He bade farewell to Mr. L. Policansky on the eve of his return to Palestine, and said that Mr. Policansky had devoted much of his time during his stay to the J.N.F. He wished both Mr. and Mrs. Policansky a pleasant journey.

In a brief response Mr. Policansky said that he hoped to meet his colleagues again in Eretz Israel.

CONCERTS BY JOAN HAMMOND

In her first two concerts in Johannesburg Joan Hammond has completely satisfied her large audiences. Her bright, cheery stage manner and her apparent delight in her songs combine with her intelligent understanding of the words and music to make an artiste we hope will perform for us often and for some while.

At the first concert on Wednesday, October 8, at the City Hall, her repertoire varied between lieder, operatic, dramatic and sacred songs. Particularly pleasing were her French love songs which she rendered with great delicacy of tone and charm of manner.

At her second concert at the Plaza on Sunday, October 12, her excellent choice of programme included such delightful little pieces as "Das Maedchen Spricht" by Brahms, "La Giro-metta" by Sibella and "Spillage Amate" by C. Gluck. The only complaint that could be made about this concert was the number of encores, which caused many of the audience to miss the last bus home.

David Andrews was her capable accompanist.

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