

In and Around the Town.

58, Burg Street,
Thursday.

THE TALMUD TORAH BALL.

Financially the ball in aid of the funds of the United Hebrew Schools was not a success. The attendance was most disappointing, and very discouraging to the honorary workers, who had put in a great deal of work into the affair. One could not blame the inclement state of the weather for the small number of patrons present. I mentioned in this column a fortnight ago that there were a number of people who had set themselves out to boycott the ball, so the financial failure will be a source of satisfaction to them. It is a great pity indeed that the Institution should have to suffer for reasons quite unconnected with it. Nevertheless, credit is due to the Ball Committee of the Schools, who had to work under adverse circumstances. Socially the ball left nothing to be desired. A prettily decorated hall, excellent music and a tasty supper gave great satisfaction to those present, who, I am told, had a really enjoyable evening.

JEWISH M.P.'S AND THE OATH.

The London Press, in reporting the swearing-in of members of the new House of Commons, comments on the Jewish members taking the oath on the Pentateuch, and wearing their hats. "At long intervals," says the "Daily News," "a Jew, with his hat on, would break the monotony of the ceremony. Mr. A. M. Samuel's resplendent 'topper' was specially conspicuous. The "Daily Herald" remarks that "the Jewish oath on the Five Books of Samuel was taken by Mr. A. M. Samuel and Sir Herbert Samuel wearing their silk hats. "The chief interest of the ceremony to the observer," says the "Daily Telegraph," "was to notice who kissed the Book, and who did not; who were Scots and raised the right hand palm outwards as they repeated the words; and who were Jews and put their hats on as they were sworn."

"YELLOW BIRD'S" STOWAWAY.

Arthur Schreiber, the young American Jew, who was found as a stowaway on board the "Yellow Bird" aeroplane on its flight from America to Paris, is growing to be an exceedingly unpopular figure in the American Press. In France he is being made much of, and his exploit has earned for him much "hero-worship." Not so in the States. There he is severely censured for boarding the aeroplane and endangering the flyers by his added weight. Whilst the papers are exceedingly angry with the boy, and in other quarters it is pointed out that Schreiber obtained the consent of the flyers and made a contract to divide with them all his proceeds from writing his story and for stage appearances, fifty per cent. to go to the widows of French flyers.

Schreiber, who is twenty-two years of age, is a member of the Young Men's Hebrew Association in Portland, Maine, and his elder brother is serving in the American Air Force.

GRANDFATHER WAS A STOWAWAY.

Schreiber has in a sense emulated the exploits of his grandfather, Samuel Schreiber, who, in 1880, left Hungary and went to America as a stowaway. Leaving his parents' home at Miskolcs, he tramped to Hamburg, where he hid himself on an ocean-going liner to America. Young Arthur wrote to his relatives in Budapest that he would like to visit them if it could be arranged for him to enter Hungary without a passport, as "the passenger of the 'Yellow Bird'." This apparently was not possible, for I read that he left for America in the "Leviathan," the American colony in Paris being anxious to get him away. If Schreiber sought the public limelight and press publicity, he has certainly attained his object.

SEA POINT HEBREW CONGREGATION.

The Committee of the Green and Sea Point Hebrew Congregation are making their preparations for the holding of services during the Rosh Hashona, Yom Kippur and subsequent Holy Days, and are advertising for Chazonim. For many years services have been held in the Sea Point Town Hall, but the need for a more suitable place of worship is more marked than ever. What is happening with the new Synagogue, for which a plot of land has already been acquired?

THE COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' BALL.

The Annual Ball of the S.A. Commercial Travellers' Association at the City Hall was a well-attended function, and its success, both financially and socially, reflects the greatest credit on the capable Committee responsible for the organisation. Seeing the large number of co-religionists who follow the calling of "commercial traveller," it was not surprising to see so many in attendance. It was a jolly affair, and well up to the standard set in previous years. There seems a tendency nowadays on the part of ballroom habitués to indulge in dances that held sway years ago. Thus, in addition to the popular "old-time" waltz, the barn dance and the lancers have made welcome re-appearances at recent dances. At the Travellers' Dance the organisers included the lancers, which were gaily danced and repeatedly encored. Novelty dances were introduced, and there were handsome prizes for the winners. A dainty supper was served in both the Banqueting and Minor Halls, and altogether it was a bright and merry affair.

ANNUAL CHESS MATCH.

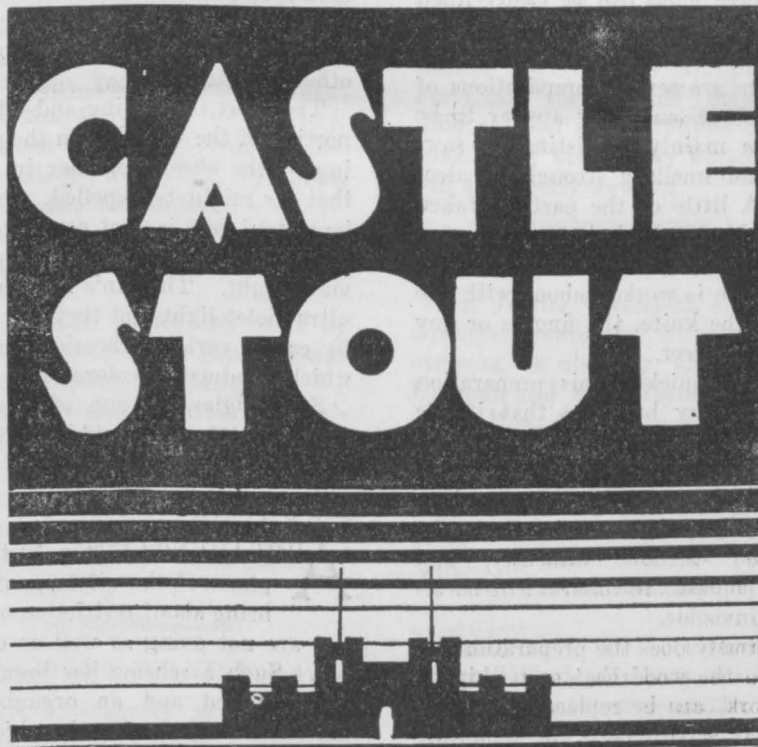
The 38th Annual Chess Match between South African-born and Overseas-born was played this year

at Fletcher & Cartwright's tea-room on Monday night. Of the 96 players, 24 were Jews. The South African-born side was represented by five, Dr. Louis Blumberg playing First Board and captaining the side. The Overseas-born had nineteen Jews, among whom were the well-known Cape Town players, Mr. Max Rieck, Mr. Harry Gurland and Mr. A. Feinhols. The match resulted in a win for the Overseas-born by 7 games, 27½ to 20½.

THE GAME OF WAR.

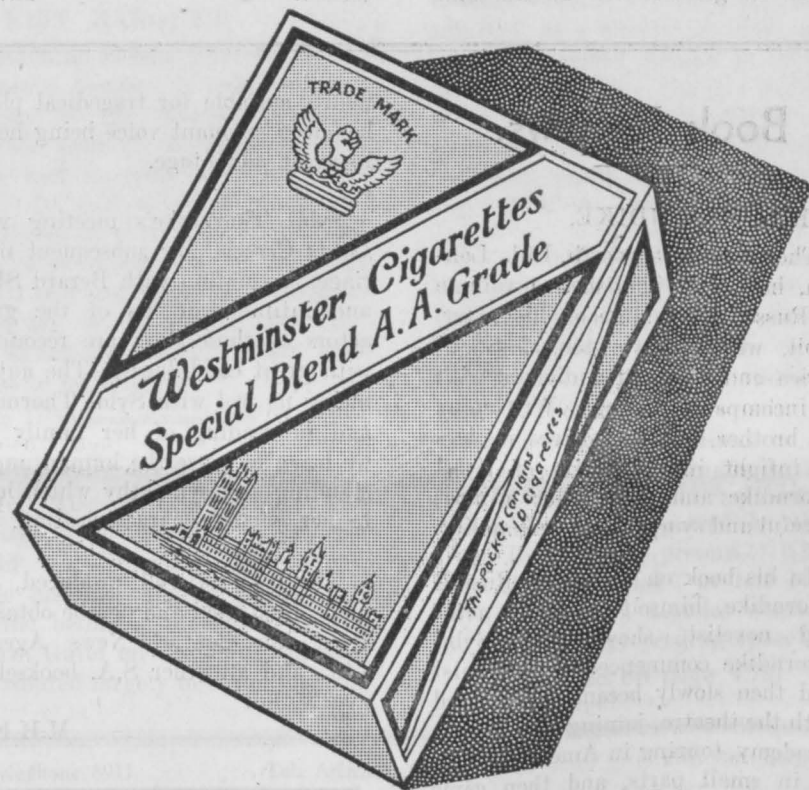
Historically chess must be classed as a game of war and a modification of it is often referred to as "Kriegspiel." It possesses a literature which probably exceeds that of all other games combined, and reference to it is found as far back as 590 A.D. in old Persian manuscript. Modern chess begins about the period of 1485. The first chess

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magazine was published in 1838 and was called the "Philadorian." The Jewish race has always had a leaning towards the game, perhaps on account of its superior intellect, and many Jewish names are found in the list of chess masters and world champions.

CHESS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

In South Africa Jews have always played a prominent part in the oldest club, the Cape Town Club, and have frequently attained the position of South African champion. At the last South African tournament held in Cape Town a few years ago, out of eight accepted entries, five were Jews, and the first three places were taken by them, Dr. Bleden, of Johannesburg, coming out on top.

REVIVE JEWISH CHESS CLUB.

It is a great pity that the Jewish Chess Club, which existed during the time of the Judean Club in 1909, and which won the club championship on the first occasion it entered into competition, is now defunct. Perhaps the Zionist Association, with its spacious accommodation in Hope Street, might revive the club spirit in that interesting and fascinating slow-motion game, "Schach."

THE DANCING GIRL OF GILEAD.

In the review by "Aleph Beth" of this book, which appeared in last week's issue of this paper, it seemed to be suggested that the book was originally written in Afrikaans and translated into English. There is, of course, no such book in Afrikaans. What our reviewer meant was that the phraseology and idiomatic expressions were those of the "Taal."

THE CHERNIAVSKY CONCERT.

Monday night's concert opened with Schubert's trio in B Flat. The first movement was at times inclined to be rushed and a trifle noisy. This was detrimental to the melody and the tone.

The Romance Oriental by Rimsky Korsakoff, arranged as a trio by themselves, was much more successful, retaining its Eastern glamour and clamour. The three instruments made a harmonious whole. The Slave Dance by Dvorak was omitted, as so many individual encores had been given.

Mischel played two violincello solos, Sonata by Porpora and Tarantello by Poppe. He produces a beautiful full tone. His Tarantello was handled with such nicety of perception as to cause the feet of many dancers to itch.

Jan played a group of Chopin in a style very much more Jan than Chopin. He is a very sympathetic and brilliant accompanist.

Leo rendered a violin concerto by Ernst—a dignified and interesting piece of music, of which he gave a very refined and mature rendering.

The audience showed its pleasure at seeing and hearing these old friends again by giving them a tremendous ovation and recalling the artists again and again.

SCHOOL GIRLS AT THE CHERNIAVSKY CONCERT.

A number of girls from the Girls' Central School were the guests of the Cherniavsky Brothers at the Monday night's concert.

The girls were scattered about the hall, but there was no need for any supervision. They were interested from beginning to end and showed their appreciation in no uncertain way.

That such little thoughtful acts as this invitation are appreciated is evident. The Principal tells me that two parents telephoned her the following morning to offer personal thanks for the opportunity their girls had enjoyed.

HAS THE WORLD CHANGED?

In this week's Sedra, Numbers 20, verses 17-21, we read: "Let us pass, I pray thee, through thy country; we will not pass through the fields, or through the vineyards, neither will we drink of the water at the wells: we will go by the King's highway, we will not turn to the right-hand nor to the left, until we have passed thy borders. And Edom said unto him, thou shalt not pass by me, lest I come again against thee with the sword. And the children of Israel said unto him, we will go by the highway; and if I and my cattle drink of thy water, then I will pay for it: I will only, without doing anything else, go through on my field. And he said, thou shalt not go through. And Edom came out against him with much people, and with a strong hand. Thus Edom refused to give Israel passage through his border; wherefore Israel turned away from him."

This event happened approximately 4,500 years ago. The world has changed but little since those days. Emigration Acts are enforced in all the countries of the children of Edom. Israel still stands at their gates pleading for admission; Israel is still prepared not to fall a burden on the country which opens its gates unto him, he is still prepared to pay for the water, viz., for the benefits he is to receive. He is still prepared to march either by the King's highway, viz., to come in contact with the citizens of the inhabited parts of the country, or if it would rather suit the children of Edom, that he should march by the highway, namely, through the uninhabited parts of the country, he is also prepared to do it. But unfortunately the answer of the children of Edom of to-day (with very few exceptions) is the same as in the days of old. "Lo Thaavor Bee, Pen Bacherev Eitzei Likrasechah."—"Thou shalt not pass by me, lest I come out against thee with my sword".

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this play, which deals with life in Mexico, and the interest is maintained throughout the play.

The Empire Theatre continues with its vaudeville programme, and Harry Weldon and Hilda Glyder are two new items in their attractive programme. "The Forbidden Woman," featuring Jetta Goudal, will be shown all the week at the Bijou Theatre, whilst at the Orpheum Johnny Hines will be seen in "White Pants Willie."

At the Standard Theatre, Chefalo, the illusionist, opens his Johannesburg season on Monday evening, supported by the Magda-Palermo Midgets, fourteen in number, and the boy giant "Liet."

KINEMAS, LTD.

Kinemas, Ltd., announce having purchased the South African rights of half a million pounds' worth of American talkies just bought by Ideal Films for Britain, some of which will be produced in natural colours. What is believed to be the first 100 per cent. "talkie" to go to South Africa was shipped last week, and is called "Syncopations," and has both dialogue and music.

An East African Exhibition.

Tanganyika Territory, formerly known as German East Africa, proposes holding an Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition at Dar-es-Salaam between September 2nd and 6th, 1929, and an interesting booklet has been issued by the General Committee, briefly explaining the objects of the Exhibition and outlining the attractions and potentialities of the colony. The Exhibition has His Excellency, The Governor, Sir Donald Charles Cameron, as President and The Hon. A. H. Kirby, Director of Agriculture, is Chairman.

The population of Tanganyika Territory is given as approximately 5,000 Europeans, 16,000 Asiatics, and 4,750,000 natives, and the territory produces, amongst many things, coffee, cereals, stock, citrus, fruits, copra, sisae, cotton, kapok, rice, ground nuts, simsim, etc. Its mineral resources await development and gold is being extracted successfully at Mwanza, whilst diamonds are found at Morogoro, and coal at Ufipa. A significant reference to South Africa appears in the booklet in the statement "A South African firm has recently acquired a controlling interest in this property (the Sekenke mine in Mwanza), and it is thus assured that development will be vigorously undertaken in the near future," and it is expected that companies having adequate financial resources will have their attention drawn to the virgin fields existing in Tanganyika Territory and awaiting development.

The booklet, issued in connection with the forthcoming Exhibition, is handsomely illustrated and the views of big game will remind readers that this colony is frequently referred to as the "Hunter's Paradise." Lions, leopards, warthogs, giraffes, elands and zebras abound in plenty, while excellent shooting is available for bushbuck, impala and wildebeest. A number of tours are being held in conjunction with the Exhibition and doubtless in addition to many South Africans interested in the commercial, industrial and agricultural potentialities of the colony there will be many visitors to the Exhibition desirous of seeing the country since the memorable days of the Great War, when so many made a first acquaintance with a colony whose expansion has been made in manner calculated to cause wonder. From an amount of £4,086,377 representing the total imports and exports of Tanganyika Territory in 1912 it has progressed to £7,787,952 in 1928 and appears on the threshold of even greater expansion.

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