

January 17, 1930.

Social and Personal

The engagement is announced of Bessie, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Berger, 66, Pim Street, Newtown, to David, second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lewin 102a, Sivewright Avenue, Doornfontein.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Ziman of 635, Church Street, Pretoria, received cabled advice from London that their son George, has passed his intermediate examination for Chartered Accountants.

The engagement is announced of Althea, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Jawitz of Capetown (and Moravia Rail) to Clement Raymond, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Fridjohn of Port Elizabeth.

The engagement is announced between Harry Kempner, of Durban, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. Kempner, of London, to Cynthia, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Stern, of Johannesburg.

The engagement is announced of Doreen, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Spitz, 38, Joel Road, Berea, to Dr. Alex. Lipschitz, of Petrus Steyn, O.F.S., son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Lipschitz, of Kestell, O.F.S.

Mr. Harry Rajak, of Betterman's, Pretoria, left on Saturday for Lourenco Marques, and will sail by the Llangibby Castle for Capetown. He will return in three weeks' time by the Garden Route, and will be accompanied by Mr. S. C. Ostrofsky, of the municipal office, Benoni.

The Rev. M. I. Cohen, of Bulawayo, accompanied by Mrs. Cohen and family, recently spent a week in Johannesburg, en route for a holiday at the coast. The Rev. Mr. Cohen has been minister of the Bulawayo Hebrew Congregation for nearly 30 years and is very popular with all sections in the Rhodesian capital.

"RIO RITA."

"Rio Rita" has repeated at the Astoria Kinema the staggering success which greeted it in America and England, so that the management is retaining it for all next week. This is one of the very few instances where a picture not only comes up to the praise lavished on it, but exceeds it.

We would say with absolute confidence that all who have not yet seen and heard this stupendous "talkie" production should strain every endeavour to see it at the Astoria, where the reproduction, owing to the new ceiling and the bettering of the acoustic properties, is second to none in the country.

BAR KOCHBA AT JOUBERT PARK.

Mr. Joseph Saks, the Johannesburg tenor, who is well known for his appearances on the concert platform, will sing at the Joubert Park on Sunday, the 19th inst., with Max Wein- at the Joubert Park on Sunday, the 19th inst., with Max Wein- brenn's Orchestra. Mr. Saks will sing from the famous Jewish opera "Bar Kochba," and arias from Italian opera.

JEWISH GUILD.

A most interesting and informative function will be held at the Jewish Guild on Sunday, 19th inst., which will take the form of a "Snapshot Evening." This comprises five fifteen-minute talks of different subjects by five speakers. The subjects chosen for the function are as follows: "Theatrical Production," Mr. Philip Levard, the well-known producer; "The Mechanism of the Modern Government in China," Dr. L. M. Liang, Secretary to the Chinese Consul; "Cubist Art," Mrs. Selina Hirsch, Secretary of the Jewish Guild; "Slang," Advocate Lewis Pinshaw; "Colour Photography" (Illustrated), Mr. G. Ahrens, of the Agfa Photo Depot. Dr. Morris J. Cohen, President of the Guild will preside.

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VACANCIES FOR SCHOLARS.

Parents are advised that the new term commenced on MONDAY, JANUARY 13th, 1930, when Principals will be in attendance daily at the undermentioned Schools to enrol pupils:—

1. DOORNFONTEIN—Communal Hall, 76 Beit Street.
2. LA ROCHELLE—The School, Fourth Street.
3. MAYFAIR—The Synagogue, cor. Eleventh Avenue and College Street.
4. OPHIRTON—The Synagogue, 43 Earp Street.
5. YEOVILLE—The Synagogue, Hunter Street.

NOTE.—Pupils will not be admitted after MONDAY, JANUARY 27th, 1930.

THE "MACCABEE" IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Three years ago there gathered in Johannesburg a band of Maccabean arrivals from Lithuania, who formed the first branch of the Maccabee organisation in South Africa.

Many difficulties have overtaken the Johannesburg branch since its inception—financial difficulties, social difficulties and other troubles. The Johannesburg branch is the chief branch, and draws its strength mostly from Jewish immigrants, the majority of whom are attracted to Johannesburg. The Maccabee idea is, however, gaining ground among the youth outside Johannesburg, especially that part of it which has been brought up and educated here.

The aim of the Maccabee is to create a field for social, cultural and sporting activity, both for the youth born in this country and for those who have come out from overseas, and not to segregate the youth which arrives here from Palestine, Lithuania and Poland into a small separate circle, entirely cut off from the local Jewish youth. As a result, there is found among them a variety of languages spoken at a Maccabee meeting—Hebrew, Yiddish and English.

The first conference of the Maccabee branches of the Transvaal, which took place at Pretoria last year, drew up a constitution for its organisations in this country, and also made clear the stand which it took with regard to the local Jewish youth organisation. The executive which was elected by conference came in touch with, and joined on behalf of its organisation, the executive of the Maccabee World Organisation, whose headquarters are in Berlin.

The Maccabee, no less than Young Israel, is imbued with the Zionist ideal. It is true that in the past there was a difference of opinion on the attitude of the Maccabee to Zionist work, but this question has been settled satisfactorily.

The organisation is still young, and has therefore to face many difficulties in its sporting, physical, cultural and intellectual activities. The few branches in the Transvaal (Johannesburg, Benoni, Pretoria and Brakpan) are winning a position for themselves in the Jewish community step by step.

The progress of the Maccabee is hindered by the barrier of different cultures which divides the local youth from the immigrant Jewish youth; but it is hoped that under the inspiration of a common national ideal this will be overcome, and the Maccabee will grow in strength.

A most enjoyable picnic, attended by over 100 Maccabee members, was held at Germiston Lake on Sunday, December 15th. In this picnic, which was organised by the Benoni Maccabee, there participated the Johannesburg, Benoni and Brakpan Maccabee organisations. The numerous attractions included sport and dancing. Music was provided by several members of the Johannesburg Maccabee Symphony Orchestra.

"A MACCABEAN."

THE JOHANNESBURG HEBREW CIRCLE.

The Johannesburg Hebrew Circle is arranging a musical evening and dance which will be held on Saturday, 18th inst., at 8 p.m., at the Zionist Hall, Fatti's Building (corner Loveday and Jeppe Streets).

The well-known Jewish quintette who have recently arrived from Tel-Aviv will render selections from their repertoire. There will be items of Hebrew and general music.

On Saturday, January 4th, a lecture on "Saul Tchernichovsky" was delivered by Mr. P. Cornfeld. The lecturer analysed the poetry of Tchernichovsky and pointed out the contribution made by him to Hebrew literature.

The lecture proved very interesting and was much appreciated.