

DR. LANDAU'S PLAY.

Public Reading of "Conflicting Worlds."

GREAT interest is being taken in the public reading to be held at the Standard Theatre, on Sunday, June 23rd, of "Conflicting Worlds," a drama of the present-day Jewish world—written by Chief Rabbi, Dr. J. L. Landau.

The reading will be under the auspices of the Repertory Play Reading Society and the direction will be by Miss Elsie Salomon. The function, which is under distinguished patronage, will be in aid of the Hospital Appeal Fund and is likely to attract a large audience.

ORGANISATION FOR THE PROMOTION OF TRADITIONAL JUDAISM.

A further meeting of the Ladies' Section of the Organisation for the Promotion of Traditional Judaism was held at the residence of Mrs. C. W. Behrman, Bertrams, on the 28th ult. Chief Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau presided.

In the course of his remarks Dr. Landau pointed out that an organisation such as this was lately more imperative than ever as certain erroneous ideas of Judaism were being circulated.

Rabbi I. Kossowsky emphasised that such ideas could only flourish where there was ignorance of Judaism.

At this stage Dr. Landau left, and Rev. A. T. Shrock took the chair. He stated that Judaism would be respected and practised by the younger people if it were explained to them why they should observe our traditional customs, and indicated how this information could be disseminated.

Rabbi Zimmerman also spoke.

The ladies then formed themselves into a committee, with Mrs. J. L. Landau acting as provisional chairman, and Mrs. A. T. Shrock as provisional secretary. It was decided to arrange socials in private homes at which lectures will be delivered.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the hostess by Rabbi S. Rosenzweig.

Pupils Wanted!

Berea Hebrew School's Appeal.

At a well-attended gathering of people interested in the welfare of the Berea Hebrew School, which was held on the 22nd ult., in the school rooms of the Berea Synagogue, an earnest appeal was made for more pupils. Mrs. Feitelberg presided.

After the chairman had extended a welcome to Mr. I. J. Hersch (chairman of the Congregation), Rabbi I. M. Gervis and Mr. D. Mierowsky addressed those present. Both speakers stressed the vital necessity of educating the Jewish youth in their midst. Without a knowledge of the Jewish past and a participation in and an understanding of the ideals and circumstances that had shaped the history of their forbears, the Jewish youth to-day would be lost to them, if they did not take enthusiastic steps to check apathy and other similar forces. They pleaded that the local community should increase the number of pupils attending the Berea Talmud Torah. With an increase in numbers, more teachers would be supplied and better equipment would be afforded.

Mr. Mierowsky also took the opportunity of paying a warm tribute to the outstanding work of Mrs. Zwick, the teacher.

As a result of the latter's address, a committee was formed to canvass Berea for new pupils. Members of the committee will be in attendance at the Berea Talmud Torah (next to the Synagogue), Tudhope Avenue, on Sunday morning next, June 9. The committee asks all those who are willing to help in this worthy cause to get in touch with them.

After light refreshments had been served, the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to those who helped to make that afternoon's gathering a success.

Union Day Services in Synagogue

SERVICES to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of the Union of South Africa were held in all Synagogues throughout South Africa on Friday evening and Saturday of last week.

At the great synagogue in Johannesburg, a sermon was delivered during the service on Friday evening by Chief Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau. In the course of his address he said: "The newest political move, the union of the two great political parties under General Hertzog and General Smuts, gives us every reason to hope that a long period of peace and concord, of united efforts to advance the progress of this country, social, political and spiritual, will lead the inhabitants of South Africa, whatever their race, to greater prosperity and greater achievements in every field."

Dr. Landau concluded by reminding his hearers that the members of the Jewish community had not lagged behind and had much to be proud of in the last 25 years in every side of social and political life.

In this Jubilee year they had a Jewish Mayor in each of the three principal cities of the Union. But they had lagged in the matter of Jewish education; there much remained to be done, and they owed it to their nation to do it. He prayed that racial prejudice and political discord might never darken the political horizon, and that the happiness and prosperity of every citizen might grow from year to year.

A service was held at the Berea Synagogue. The Johannesburg Jewish Reform Congregation held a special service at the Phylencha Hall.

League for a Working Palestine

A New Activity.

A new organisation of friends of the Working Palestine is being formed in Johannesburg under the name of League for a Working Palestine.

The League is a non-political body, which strives to unite all friends and sympathisers of the Working Palestine into an organised active force for the support of the vanguard of the Chalutzim movement, the Histadruth, in all its activities. The League acquaints its members with the problems facing the Working Palestine and informs them concerning all phases of the work of the Histadruth through lectures, publications and other media of propaganda.

The first meeting of the League will be held on Wednesday night, the 12th inst., at the Carlton Hotel. Adv. Maurice Franks will be in the chair, and Dr. W. Sachs (chairman of provisional committee), Messrs. E. Bradlow, N. Kretzmer and M. Sprinzson will address the meeting. All interested are invited to attend.

APOLOGY

The management of Hotel Carmel wishes to apologise to all those whose applications for accommodation in July could not be considered.

There is still limited accommodation for June and August.

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A.B.C. Symphony Concert

A FINE PERFORMANCE OF THE UNFINISHED SYMPHONY.

THE Seventh Symphony concert of the A.B.C. Symphony Orchestra took place on Tuesday evening at the Jewish Guild before a good attendance. The programme was not so severe as that of the last concert, and might almost be called a "popular" programme.

The concert opened with Mendelssohn's overture to "Ruy Blas," which in itself is a work of rather trifling character, and it is not surprising that it only took Mendelssohn three days to complete. The orchestra, nevertheless, performed this piece very well.

The major half of the programme consisted of Schubert's unfinished symphony and Beethoven's violin concerto in D. Major, with Mr. Bram Verhoef as soloist. No composer except, perhaps Bach, is more difficult adequately to interpret than Beethoven and Schubert. The symphony was, on the whole, well played. The orchestra brought out many of its beauties, although it was somewhat lacking in the bigger effects. It was this sense of climax from which the soloist suffered in the concerto. This concerto requires not only deep philosophic playing, but also an intense sense of the dramatic. Mr. Verhoef is an excellent violinist. The quality of his tone is beautiful and pure and his playing might be described as thoroughly artistic. But this particular work requires an intensely dramatic treatment, a broader tone and more vigorous playing. The lyrical parts of the great concerto were a joy to listen to, especially in the second movement. In general, both the soloist and orchestra gave a very creditable performance.

Mr. Jerry Schulman conducted with remarkable ability. He has made rapid strides since he organised the first symphony concert of the orchestra and it is not an exaggeration to say that he can to-day be ranked among the best of our South African conductors.

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HECHALUTZ

Under the auspices of the Johannesburg Hechalutz, Mr. J. Kagan will deliver an address at the Hechalutz Hall (cr. Height and Beit Streets) on Sunday the 9th inst., at 8.15 p.m. on "Why have the Revisionists left the Actions Committee and what is their attitude to the forthcoming Congress." All are invited.

The monthly club-night will be held on the 15th inst at the Hechalutz Hall. An enjoyable programme has been arranged.