

Symposium in Pretoria

To be Held on Sunday Evening.

Keen interest is being taken in the symposium to be held at the Memorial Hall on Sunday, the 24th inst., commencing at 8 p.m. The subject will be "Chaos: Solutions—Spiritual, Democratic, Communist and Fascist." These will call forth comment concerning the respective merits of the various systems of government throughout the world.

The speakers will be: Fascism, Dr. Andrew Murray (Lecturer in Political Philosophy, Witwatersrand University); Democracy, Professor Gey van Pittius (Professor of Political Science, University of Pretoria); Communism, Advocate G. S. Findlay (of the Pretoria Bar). Advocate Norman Price, M.P.C., will speak on the spiritual solution of problems facing the world to-day. Dr. J. S. Taback will be in the chair.

Annual Shilling Day

The Annual Shilling Day Collection in aid of Kapai will take place on Sunday morning, the 8th December. Those who wish to participate in the collection are requested to communicate with the Hon. Secretary, P.O. Box 2588, Johannesburg.

A Musical Afternoon

Under the auspices of the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League, a musical afternoon will be held at the Langham Hotel, on Monday, the 25th inst., at 3 p.m. A number of distinguished artists have promised their services. These include Madame Juliette Schonfrucht, Mr. Louis Sachs and Miss Anna Romaine-Hoffman.

Dr. H. Sonnabend will give a short address on the "Lighter Side of Research." Members and their friends are cordially invited.

A Pupils' Recital

On Saturday evening a concert was held at the Selborne Hall, at which the performers were the junior pupils of the Isador Epstein Pianoforte School. The programme was a diverse one and the players clearly demonstrated the value of training at the hands of one, who is an artist as well as a teacher. The idea of piano pupils performing in public is an excellent one, indeed. The performances gave much pleasure to the large audience of discriminating listeners.

An Excellent Production

On Saturday evening last at the S.O.E. Hall, a fine performance was given of Noel Coward's clever play, "Hay Fever," by the Johannesburg Drama Circle. The production was under the guidance of Miss Sylvia Mathey, who was successful in choosing an ideal cast.

It was interesting to learn that many of the players had not made a previous stage appearance. A fine performance, indeed, was given by Ralph Samuels, and equally good work was shown by Hanna Woolf. The ease with which this lady coped with an important part, stamps her as an actress of note, who should certainly participate more frequently in our amateur productions. Another good performance was given by Muriel Engelstein, a young actress, who possesses ability coupled with subtlety.

The next production of the Circle is "A Strange Orchestra," and the performance will be eagerly looked forward to.

A COLLECTION.

At the Brish Milah of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Krut, of 137 Sixth Avenue, Mayfair, the sum of £3 was realised as a result of a collection made and this amount was evenly divided on behalf of the Fordsburg Talmud Torah and a needy family. Rev. I. Gutalesvky acted as Mohel at the Bris.

S.A. Board of Jewish Education

Mr. Mierowsky's Tour.

Mr. D. Mierowsky, Director of the Board, returned on Thursday morning last from a lengthy tour of the country, in the course of which he visited some of the principal communities in the country and carried out the annual examinations of the schools in these communities. In addition to inspection work Mr. Mierowsky addressed a number of meetings, conferred with committees and teachers regarding the working of the various educational institutions visited by him.

He is now busy conducting the annual examinations of the various branches of the local United Hebrew Schools.

Hebrew Self Taught.—Lesson No. 5 of Hebrew Self Taught has now been issued, and will be distributed in the course of the week. The number of applicants for these lessons is still growing daily and amongst those who applied are the English Zionist Federation and a gentleman from Bombay, India.

"Hechalutz" (Johannesburg)

The monthly club-night will be held at the Hechalutz Hall on the 23rd inst.

Mr. J. Batnitzky will deliver a lecture at the Hechalutz Hall on the 24th inst., at 8.15 p.m., on "Ch. Brenner." Members and sympathisers are cordially invited.

On Tuesday, the 26th inst., Mr. M. Ben-Moshe will continue his series of lectures on Jewish history. On Thursday, the 28th inst. Mr. Z. Segal, chairman of the Hechalutz, will conduct a debate at the Hechalutz Hall on an interesting subject.

On Sunday, December 1, a "Living Newspaper" will be held at the Hechalutz Hall. Members and sympathisers are cordially invited to send in contributions to the Secretary, P.O. Box 6239, Johannesburg.

"Chug Ivri"—"Bnei Bialik"

Rabbi I. M. Gervis delivered a lecture on the 16th inst., at the Hebrew High School on "Rabbi A. I. Kook." A large gathering was present.

The speaker mentioned the life of the old Yishub before the Balfour Declaration, and showed the great task which the late Rabbi Kook fulfilled in the consolidation of the different congregations into one harmonious body, united under the flag of "Binyan Haaretz." A discussion followed his remarks in which Messrs. J. Rubik (chairman of the evening), J. Cyrkil, H. Kaplan, Rev. S. Fisher and Rabbi B. Rabinowitz took part.

A lecture will be delivered at the Hebrew High School on the 23rd inst., at 8.30 p.m. sharp, by Rabbi B. Rabinowitz on "Hebrew Education in Palestine."

A.B.C. Orchestra

A delightful programme of orchestral music was rendered by the African Broadcasting Company's symphony orchestra at the Jewish Guild on Tuesday evening. The concert opened with the Rienzi overture by Wagner. This early work indicates well the early promise of the great master. "Les Peitis Riens" suite of Mozart was delightfully played.

The soloist for the evening was Mr. H. Ketelby, who is undoubtedly one of the finest solo-violinists in the country. He rendered with the aid of the orchestra Lalo's "Symphonie Espagnole." Great technical qualities are necessary in rendering this fine composition and Mr. Ketelby rose splendidly to the occasion. He was enthusiastically encored after a really notable performance. The orchestra, under the baton of Mr. Jerry Schulman, was in particularly good form.

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