

Inscribing Johannesburg in the Golden Book

Unique Function Will be Held at the Langham Hotel.

THE greatest interest is being taken in the function to be held at the Langham Hotel on Monday, September 21, at 3 p.m., under the auspices of the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League.

On this occasion, the Mayor of Johannesburg will receive the certificate of the inscription of the City in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund in Jerusalem.

Admission to this function is by invitation and it is essential that those who have received invitations should inform the Hon. Secretary of the League (P.O. Box 1428, Johannesburg), well in advance as to whether the invitations are being accepted, as accommodation is strictly limited.

"Problems of South African Jewry"

A symposium on the above subject will be held at the H.O.D. Hall, Johannesburg, on Sunday evening, the 13th inst., commencing at 8.15 p.m. sharp. Adv. A. Shacksnovis, Mr. M. Pelkowitz, B.Com., Mr. S. Sapire and Mr. E. Bernstein will speak on Socio-political, Economic, Zionist and Religious problems respectively. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Combined Old Boys' Appeal

Charmion Kantor's Concert.

There was a capacity house at the Metro Theatre on Sunday night, when a popular concert, organised by Miss Charmion Kantor, the well-known pianiste, was held in aid of the Combined Old Boys' Appeal fund.

There can be no doubt that the chief attraction was the first appearance of the troupe of Wonder Midgets, who are to appear at the Empire Exhibition. Not only are these people delightful to look at, but extremely talented artists. The rest of the programme was made up of some of the finest of our local talent, and Miss Charmion Kantor is to be congratulated on her initiative and on the splendid manner in which she was able to rally round her so much of our best amateur concert performers.

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On Sunday, the 30th ult., a "Dunan Evening" was held at the Central Hotel. Practically the whole community attended and Mr. B. Ellert rendered an interesting address on "The political importance of Palestine to Great Britain." After the address an animated discussion took place on the subject. It is hoped to promote more of these evenings.

Previous dunam evenings have been held at the residences of Mesdames J. E. Rat-house, M. Zanger, D. Ruttenberg, Abe Ruttenberg, B. Kohn, J. Kaplan and H. Jacobson. These functions have considerably assisted in augmenting the society's funds.

Great "Empire" Night

New Vaudeville Season Inaugurated.

A DISTINGUISHED gathering was present on Monday evening on the occasion of the opening of the newly-built Empire Theatre. There were a few present in the audience who had attended the opening of the first "Empire" in 1894, and a few more who had attended the opening of the second "Empire."

Mr. W. F. White introduced the Mayor and Mayoress and Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Schlesinger to the audience. All of the distinguished guests received a great ovation.

The new theatre is undoubtedly the most elaborate of its kind in the sub-Continent. The Mayor of Johannesburg congratulated the African Consolidated Theatres, Ltd., and Mr. I. W. Schlesinger upon the great achievement in supplying South Africa with so fine a theatrical house, which will be able to cope with variety, opera and ballet.

Mr. White stated that after the Empire Exhibition was over, a new theatre solely devoted to comedy and drama, would be built on the site of "His Majesty's Theatre."

A Fine Programme.

Mr. Schlesinger then presented the Mayor with the golden key, with which the building was duly opened. The audience then sat back to enjoy a most attractive vaudeville programme in which the humour, talent and art of the variety artist was given every scope.

The opening night of the third "Empire" was indeed a memorable one in the annals of the South African theatre.

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Siyum Hatorah at Doornfontein Synagogue

An impressive Siyum Hatorah took place on Sunday, the 6th inst., at the Doornfontein Synagogue when a new Torah was presented to the synagogue by Mrs. Ch. Knepp.

Speeches were delivered by Rabbi Katz, Dean of the Telz Yeshivah, Rabbi Solowitzik, Rabbi Gervis, Mr. Sacks and the chairman, Mr. A. Smith. All spoke highly of the late Mr. Knepp and his family, for their staunch adherence to traditional Judaism.

The sum of £60 was raised during the inscribing of letters in the Torah.

Cantor Saphir rendered a few solos and then conducted the "Mairiv" service.

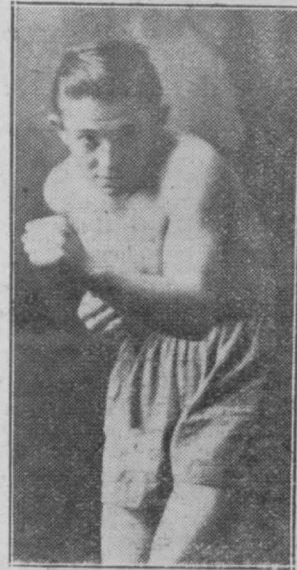
Johannesburg Women's Zionist League

An interesting and enjoyable afternoon was arranged by the Yeoville Branch of the Women's Zionist League at the residence of Mrs. B. Pein in Hendon Street. Mrs. Kate Gluckmann talked about events in Palestine and described her visit to the country. Mrs. Shatz read a paper "The Patriarch Abraham," by Rev. Goss. Mrs. Ustiev proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker, the reader and the hostess.

A TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Two cars of Vrede tennis players went over to Volksrust on Sunday, the 6th inst., to compete in a tennis tournament with Ermelo, Standerton and Volksrust for a floating trophy. Vrede and Volksrust defeated Ermelo and Standerton respectively. In the finals Volksrust beat Vrede by 40 games. The visitors were royally entertained with luncheon and a dance in the evening in the Oreadian Hall supper room.

Champion Knocked Unconscious



DAVE KATZEN, the S.A. bantam-weight champion, who was knocked out on Saturday evening.

BAD refereeing and hesitation on the part of his seconds nearly cost Dave Katzen, the South African bantam-weight champion, his life on Saturday evening last. The young Maccabi champion had pulled himself down ten pounds in weight before the contest in order to meet Nick Swart, the young fighter with a heavy punch, in a contest in the Cormier-Anderson programme promoted by the Transvaal National Sporting Club.

Katzen showed himself to be an excellent boxer but the hard-hitting tactics of Swart spoiled his style in most of the rounds. In the seventh round, with blood all over him, he went down once to a count of nine and the referee should have stopped the fight. When Katzen bravely tottered up, he became a chopping block for Swart and went down heavily on the boards. Again the referee counted nine, and still allowed the courageous little fighter to get up and to receive a terrific right swing from his opponent. The referee would have continued the business, except that Katzen's seconds wisely—but rather late—threw in the towel.

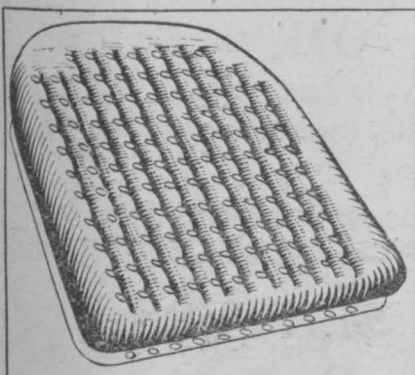
As a result of it all, Katzen had to be carried out of the ring by ambulance men. He lay unconscious for a considerable time and was finally taken to hospital suffering from serious concussion. There was a short period when it was felt that his life was in danger. Luckily Katzen is now recovering. A little more care on the part of the referee and his seconds, would have avoided the possibility of a near tragedy.

The main contest between Vernon Cormier, the husky Canadian light-weight, and George Anderson, the South African boxer, aroused considerable interest. Much to the surprise of everybody, Anderson put up a magnificent defence and attack although the decision in his favour at the end was received with mixed feelings. A draw would have been a better decision.

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A PARENTS' EVENING.

Gedud Rashi is holding a "Parents' Evening" on Sunday, September 13, at 8 p.m., in the Boksburg North Communal Hall, 3 First Street, Boksburg North. An enjoyable evening is assured and all interested are welcome.



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