

OBITUARY

DEATH OF MR. MOSES BLOCH

He passed away, after a brief illness, on the 30th inst., at the Somerset Hospital, Capetown, Mr. Moses Bloch, of Aliwal North. The deceased was held in the highest esteem by all who had the privilege of his acquaintance, and will be sadly missed by a large circle of friends.

Arriving in this country from Lithuania some forty-five years ago, the late Mr. Bloch soon became well-known in both the Rhodesias, and was regarded as one of the pioneers there. For about twenty years he was the head of the wholesale firm of Moses Bloch and Co. (Berg Street), Capetown, where he built up a great reputation for integrity and honesty.

On retiring from business a few years ago, the late Mr. Bloch took up his residence in Aliwal North, where he was staying with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Cohen. A great Talmudic scholar, of deep religious conviction, he at all times upheld the best traditions of the Jewish community.

The deceased leaves two daughters and a son, to whom sympathy is extended in their sad bereavement.

DEATH OF MR. MARK STILLER

A Loyal Communal Worker

The death occurred recently in Durban of Mr. Mark Stiller who was, for many years, a loyal and devoted communal worker.

Mr. N. Hertz writes:

In the passing of Mark Stiller, Durban Jewry has sustained an irreparable loss. Endowed with a generous heart and a keen desire to help his people, he had a wide experience in communal affairs, and took an active part in all local Jewish institutions.

He was chairman of the S.A. Fund for German Jewry, and in spite of his delicate health, threw himself heart and soul into the work. He achieved success in helping the Jewish immigrants to reconstruct their life anew in South Africa.

His death is a great blow to all who were privileged to work with him. His life's labour meant co-operation with all who were anxious to work for their people. Mr. Stiller was always ready to bring succour and hope to those who sought his assistance.

To his many friends and fellow-workers, it is a tragic thought that they will never again enjoy his comradeship. A worthy life dedicated to the service of his fellow-Jews has been brought to an end.

ANNUAL DINNER OF JEWISH EX-SERVICE LEAGUE.

Great interest is being taken in the annual dinner of the Jewish ex-Service League, which is to be held at the Carlton Hotel on Saturday, February 5th, at 7.30 p.m. Single tickets are priced at fifteen shillings and will include the usual wines, etc. Ladies are cordially invited to be present and will be made very welcome.

The dinners of the League have hitherto been unqualified successes, and it is anticipated that there will be a large attendance at this present function. A number of leading figures in the military world have signified their intention of attending.

Sarah Sylvia at the Standard

FIVE NIGHTS OF YIDDISH PLAYS

SARAH SYLVIA, well-known Jewish actress, will appear at the Standard Theatre on Monday next with her company in a dramatic play, "The Woman Without a Heart." Miss Sylvia has a dual role in this play and the plot has a strong and interesting theme.

On Wednesday, January 26, the company will present a spectacular musical comedy, "Paris At Night," written specially for Sarah Sylvia by Joseph Markowitz. It has a convincing story, is well mounted, and has many tuneful songs. A novel feature will be the appearance of a Balalaika Band, conducted by Julius Levine.

There will be a special matinee performance on Wednesday. Details of the plays will be found on our "Classified Advertisements" page.

"PRINCESS IDA' AT THE STANDARD.

Booking has opened at the Carlton booking office for the Johannesburg Operatic Society's next production, "Princess Ida," to be staged at the Standard for a week from January 31.

"Princess Ida" is one of the less familiar Gilbert and Sullivan works, and the society is to be congratulated on thus extending the range of its work by going off the beaten track. It is written on a somewhat different plan from the other operas, and for that reason should excite additional interest.

RAND HONOUR FOR GERMAN-JEWISH POET.

Arnold Zweig, the famous German author and poet, who at the moment lives in Haifa, has accepted an honorary membership of the Independent Cultural Association (U.K.V.) of Johannesburg.

Mr. Kentridge Lectures to the Youth

An exceptionally large audience of young people listened to an interesting address delivered by Mr. M. Kentridge, M.P., last Sunday evening at the residence of Miss Friedman. Mr. Kentridge's address, which was given under the auspices of the Judiths Paarl Zionist Youth Society, dealt with problems facing South African Jewry.

Mr. David Dunsky, chairman of the Transvaal Zionist Youth Executive, contributed an illuminating speech in which he stressed the Zionist Youth's attitude to anti-Semitism.

Mr. S. Hirschmann presided, and Mr. M. Peck, chairman of a sister Zionist Youth Society, proposed a vote of thanks. The meeting closed after lengthy discussion on many interesting issues had been enjoyed.

Zionist Youth Activities

Benoni Z.Y.S.—A well-attended mass meeting, under the auspices of the Benoni Zionist Youth Society, took place at the Hebrew Hall last Sunday night. Mr. S. N. Herman, of the Zionist Federation, and Mr. Dave Dunsky, Chairman of the Transvaal Zionist Youth Executive, addressed the gathering on Jewish problems of to-day.

Mr. Herman emphasised the importance of unity within the Zionist movement, and the necessity of continuing active Zionist work within the Zionist Organisation.

Mr. Dunsky dealt with the growth of anti-Semitism in this country, and pointed out that the only solution to the Jewish problem lay in Zionism and that by endeavouring to fight anti-Semitism in any other way we were merely dissipating useful energy in the wrong direction.

Mr. A. Lipschitz proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the speakers, and Mr. L. Frankel reminded parents of their obligations towards the Youth.

METRO THEATRE'S ENTERTAINING FILM.

A highly popular theme, dealing with the comradeship between naval cadets at America's famous naval academy, Annapolis, goes to make "Navy, Blue and Gold" a grand entertainment. A thrilling football game is one of the features of this film, now showing at the Metro Theatre. The strong cast includes Robert Taylor, James Stewart, Lionel Barrymore and Florence Rice. Dean Herick's playing at the Wurlitzer is one of the highlights of the interesting supporting programme.

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