

AN EMINENT PIANIST



Drawing of Jose Rodriguez-Lopez, Rene Shapshak, the well-known local painter and sculptor.

Recitals by Madame Lambrechts and Mr. Lopez

Prior to their departure for the East Indies and Australia, Madame Anny Lambrechts and Jose Rodriguez-Lopez will give a series of five lecture recitals. These will take place on Friday, the 28th January, and successive Fridays, at the lecture room of the Public Library in Johannes-

An unusual feature of this series will be the exhibition of some water-colours by Mr. Rene Shapshak, which will give an interpretation in colour of the musical items to be heard at the recitals. Mr. Shapshak says that sound can be translated into colour—and vice versa—and that the rhythms of music can be exactly reproduced by patterns of paint which suggest the vibration of the particular colours used. Mr. Shapshak's experiments in the translation of music into colour should be interesting, and well worth seeing.

Passover Parcels to Russia

The attention of our readers is drawn to the advertisement on page 10 of the London Federation of Jewish Relief Organisations, in connection with the forwarding of Passover Parcels to relatives in Russia. Arrangements for these parcels should be made at once, so that they may arrive in time for the Seder night. In addition to the Passover parcels, arrangements have also been made by the London Federation for the sending of ordinary parcels of food, medicines, supplies, portable typewriters, and so on, particularly suit lengths, which are at present most needed in Russia. The cost of such a suit length, including duty and all charges, is 49s. 9d. or better quality, 49s. 9d.

Those who have relatives in Russia are asked to avail themselves of these arrangements and forward orders to the Federation of Jewish Relief Organisations, 33 Soho Square, London, W.1.

THE IMPORTANCE OF HEBREW

Vigorous Activity to Popularise Its Study

The task of encouraging a more positive attitude on the part of Jewish Youth to the study of the Hebrew language is being tackled with much vigour by the organised Zionist Youth of this country.

In the Transvaal the provincial Zionist Youth Executive is issuing a great deal of interesting literature on the subject and is utilising every opportunity in the press and on the platform to bring home the significance of a knowledge of the Hebrew language.

Special attention is drawn to the excellent facilities in Johannesburg provided by the Jewish Guild. The Hatechiya section holds Hebrew classes twice weekly at which tuition is given by excellent Hebrew teachers. A nominal fee of one shilling is charged, but the lack of public response may discourage the continuation of these facilities. Immediate application should be made by all intending students.

Johannesburg Women's Zionist League

Mr. Eliezer Kaplan to Speak

Mr. Eliezer Kaplan, of Jerusalem, Treasurer and Member of the Executive of the Jewish Agency, will give an address at the Carlton Hotel, on Wednesday, February 2, at 3 p.m. Members and friends are cordially invited.

United Hebrew Schools, Johannesburg

The annual meeting of the above will take place on Sunday, the 20th February, at 10 a.m., at the Hebrew High School, corner Claim and Wolmarans Streets.

"Beethoven's Concerto"

A film that is bound to arouse intense interest is "Beethoven's Concerto," which has been secured by African Consolidated Theatres, Ltd., and will be shown at the Palladium Theatre on Monday evening.

The film was made in Soviet Russia by Belgoskino, Leningrad, and is cheerful proof that all film products emigrating from the Soviet Republic are not necessarily propaganda stuff nor heavy-laden with Russia's sorrows. "Beethoven's Concerto" is a gay-spirited story, capably produced, and boasts an exceptional cast. Musical themes have been cleverly woven into the picture, adding to its attractiveness.

AMUSING FILM AT METRO

Featuring two excellent stars in Rosalind Russell and Robert Montgomery, "Live, Love and Learn," the present attraction at the Metro Theatre, is a delightful comedy. And as the title suggests, it is a good story packed with all the hilarity which makes a really grand show. Robert Montgomery is at his best, and Rosalind Russell, as beautiful as ever, shares the honours. The supporting programme is good, and Dean Herrick at the Wurlitzer plays popular numbers in his usual fine style.

YIDDISH PLAYS AT THE STANDARD THEATRE

Madame Sarah Sylvia made one of her welcome appearances on the stage of the Standard Theatre on Monday evening, when "A Woman Without a Heart" was produced. This is a poignant story of certain aspects of Jewish life in America and the production was an excellent one. Miss Sylvia was seen in a dual part, in which she displayed her fine qualities as a great actress. The pity is that the play itself was somewhat old-fashioned in ideas and construction. The public is a little tired of melodramas and would like to have some dramatic interpretation of more modern aspects of Jewish life as lived by our people to-day.

Congratulations must be extended to the members of the supporting cast. Mr. L. Galvin gave an excellent piece of stage-craft in his interpretation of the chief male character of the drama, and capable work was carried out by Mr. J. Dembo and Mr. J. Katz as two elderly, suffering members of our race. The comic parts were in the hands of Madame Metz and Mr. Inko Berman, who made the best of their opportunities.

The second play of the present short season was "Paris by Night," in which Madame Sarah Sylvia and her company were seen on Wednesday evening. The play is well provided with songs and choruses, which were ably accompanied by an orchestra under the direction of Mr. Hyman Sachs. To-night will be the last opportunity to see the company of players, who will appear in "Paris by Night."

Mrs. A. L. Kussel Passes

The death of Mrs. Anna Leah Kussel, who passed away at Oudtshoorn, on Friday morning, the 14th inst., at the age of 63, has cast a gloom over the local community. The funeral, which took place on Sunday morning, was largely attended.

The deceased belonged to one of the pioneer families in Oudtshoorn, her late father having come to this country in 1880, and the rest of the family in 1888. A genial personality, a devoted friend and a loving mother, Mrs. Kussel took a keen interest in all communal affairs. She was for many years a member of the Herzl Ladies' Zionist Society, of which her daughter, Miss Sally Kussel, is now president, and also belonged to the local Jewish Ladies' Benevolent Society, the local Jewish Orphan Aid Society, and the Women's Agricultural Association. In addition, she was an active member of the Girl Guide Association.

The sympathy of Oudtshoorn Jewry is extended to her three daughters, the Misses Sally and Jessie Kussel and Mrs. Lucy Waldbaum, as well as to her other relatives.

PLAZA THEATRE ATTRACTIONS

George Formby, Lancashire's famous comedian, plays the lead in the current film at the Plaza Theatre, "No Limit." In this picture he becomes a speed fiend and is most amusing. Florence Desmond supports him in his madcap adventures on the Isle of Man. In the first half of the programme, Charles Manning and the Plaza Rhythm Boys provide light and entertaining music. Commencing Monday, is "Maid of Salem," a story of Quaker America, and starring Claudette Colbert; a fine picture.

SOUTH AFRICAN ZIONIST FEDERATION

Mr. ELIEZER KAPLAN

(Treasurer of the Jewish Agency)

WILL DELIVER

A Public Address

on

'THE PRESENT POSITION IN PALESTINE'

at the

PLAZA THEATRE

on

Sunday, 6th February 1938,

at 8.15 p.m.

ADMISSION FREE.

Seats can be reserved at the Plaza Booking Office for a fee of 1s.

Doors open 7.30 p.m.

CUTHBERT'S FOR GIRLS SCHOOL SHOES