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**JOHANNESBURG WOMEN'S ZIONIST LEAGUE**

**Activities of Various Branches**

**Booyens-Ophirton Branch:** An enjoyable and successful garden-party was held by this branch on October 19th at "Zealandia", 32 Melville Street, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Moss-Moses, when Dr. D. Katzen, who was accompanied by Mrs. Chaskalson, addressed a very large gathering of members and their friends. Mrs. Hirshowitz presided.

Dr. Katzen vividly and eloquently dealt with the Jewish rights to Palestine and touched on the present world position of the Jews.

In addition to the lecture, the committee had arranged for sideshows, dips, games for children, and an American Auction. The afternoon concluded when Mrs. S. Bernstein proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker, and to Mrs. Moss-Moses for her hospitality.

**Kensington-Belgravia Branch:** What was voted a most enjoyable afternoon took place last Wednesday at the residence of Mrs. K. Miller, when the Kensington-Belgravia branches entertained their members and friends to a musical afternoon. Mrs. Friedgut welcomed the large gathering present and Mrs. Fogal proposed a vote of thanks to the hostess and artists. The following contributed to the programme:

Misses Morrison, Edgal and Lourie (Songs); Mrs. Sackes (Yiddish recitation); Miss Licker (Whistling solo); Master Sydney Berold (Dancer and Entertainer); Miss Sylvia Jaffe (Fancy Dancer); Mrs. Mary Lipschitz (Piano solo and accompanist).

Tickets for the Kensington dance for the National Fund are selling rapidly. The function promises to be a huge success.

**A SIMCHAS BEIS HASHAOVO**

About a hundred people attended the "Simchas Beis Hashaovo" celebration held at the Berea Talmud Torah Hall by the Talmudical and Cultural Society on the 13th October. The Chairman, Mr. D. M. Javett, presided, and among those present were the Rabbi of the Society, Rabbi I. M. Gervis, Rabbi Kossovsky, Rabbi J. L. Zlotnik and Rabbi Shedru of Janiskele.

The chairman proposed the toast of the Society, and its lecturer, Rabbi Gervis. He paid special tribute to the lecturer, Rabbi Gervis, and thanked him for his personal co-operation and kindness. He also welcomed Rabbi Kossovsky.

Rabbi Gervis and Rabbi Kossovsky replied to the toasts, and were heartily cheered by those present. Cantor Steinberg of the Berea Synagogue then entertained the gathering with songs.

Mr. Katz proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, and the gathering closed with the singing of Hatikvah.



The marriage of Norma, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Miller, to Harry, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Goldfain, will take place at the Berea Synagogue, on Sunday, November 20th, at 10.30 a.m. A reception will subsequently be held at the Selborne Hall from 11 to 1 p.m.

All relatives and friends are cordially invited to the marriage ceremony between Emily, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Adelson, 26 St. Andrew's Road, Houghton, and Zeev, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Meerovitch of Rishon-le-Zion, Palestine, which will take place at the Wolmarans Street Synagogue on Sunday, 6th November at 7.30 p.m. There will be no reception.

Isadore, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bloch, 41, Muller Street, Yeoville, will read a portion of the Law at the Park Synagogue, Wolmarans Street, on Saturday, November 5th, 1938.

The marriage of Fella, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Lewkowitz of Pretoria, to Dave, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Buisansky of the Eastern Hotel, Machadodorp, will take place at the Market Street Synagogue, Pretoria, on Sunday, the 6th November at 7 p.m.

The engagement is announced of Sylvia, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Saretzky, to Max, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. Kahn. Both of Boksburg.

The engagement is announced of Lily, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Katz, formerly of Oudtshoorn, C.P. to Ernest, only son of Mr and Mrs. H. Stein, both of Johannesburg.

Louie, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hersowitz, of 165, Seventh Avenue, Mayfair, will read Maftir on Saturday, the 5th November, at the Fordsburg Synagogue.

The engagement is announced of Sylvia, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Bolel, to Joe, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. Cohen. Both of Johannesburg.

The marriage of Mary Carelinsky, to Markham Greenberg will take place at the Berea Synagogue, on Sunday, November 6, at 10.30 a.m.

The engagement is announced of Esther, third daughter of Mrs. M. Emanuel and the late Mr. E. Emanuel, and Morris, eldest son of Mr. M. Levitan and the late Mrs. A. Levitan. Both of Pretoria.

The marriage will take place of Dinny, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Freedman, Randfontein, to Leopold Harry, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Bass, of Cape-Town, on Sunday, 6th November, at 7.30 p.m.

The engagement is announced of Clara, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. N. Kirsch, of Roodepoort, to Bert, only son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Hammerschlag, of 3, Shamrock Street, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Jankelowitz (nee Lily Levin), are being congratulated on the birth of a son on the 26th October, at the Florence Nightingale Nursing Home.

The engagement is announced between Ellen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Ginsberg, and Harry, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Feinberg, of Kupiskis, Lithuania. Both of Pretoria.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Berold, of Parow, Cape, are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter.

The engagement is announced of Miriam, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lazarus Wolman, of Springs, to Max Morris, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Janks, of Johannesburg.

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel (Manny) Franklin (nee Pearl Slayen) on the birth of a son at the Florence Nightingale Nursing Home, on October 26.

The engagement is announced of Stella, daughter of Mr. R. Paiken and the late Mrs. Paiken, to Reubin Wasserman, of Grahamstown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Y. Wasserman.

The marriage of Anita, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Klevansky, of Springs, to Jack, only son of Mrs. and the late Mr. M. Reisen, of Benoni, will take place on Sunday, 6th November, at 12 noon, at the Springs Synagogue.

**BARMITZVAH**

**Master Mervyn Rubinstein**

A pleasant function took place at the Berea Synagogue Hall on Sunday last on the occasion of the Barmitzvah of Mervyn, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. B. Rubinstein.

Mr. Melamed of Thaba 'Nchu, proposed the toast of the Barmitzvah, to which the latter responded. Songs were rendered by Mr. Kimmel, and dancing took place.

**Successful Party for J.N.F.**

A large gathering attended a card party arranged by Mr. and Mrs. H. Fine, at their residence at 10, Junction Avenue, Parktown, last Saturday night. The sum of £60/0/3 was raised and handed over to the Parktown Branch of the Women's Zionist League for transmission to the Jewish National Fund.

**ORPHANAGE BALL**

All arrangements are now being completed for the Annual Ball of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage to be held at the City Hall, Johannesburg, on Wednesday evening next, 9th inst. A distinguished gathering is expected on this occasion.

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# Personal

## A GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Kaplan.

ON Sunday afternoon a large gathering was present in a specially erected marquee on the lawn of the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Kaplan of Frances Street, Yeoville, to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Kaplan.

The Kaplan family left Latvia (then Russia) early this century on the crest of an emigration wave of Jews in a westward direction, landing in England. Mr. and Mrs. Kaplan lived in Manchester and London for a few years. In 1912 the family sailed for South Africa and have lived in Johannesburg ever since.

There are five sons, all except one of them living in Johannesburg. Leonard is a well-known attorney in Pretoria. The other sons are in business in Johannesburg and have established the concern of W. J. Baker & Co. Ltd.

Although Mrs. Kaplan has been in delicate health for some years, she has devoted a good deal of her time to charitable work and is best known in connection with her association with the Doornfontein Ladies' Benefit Society. Mr. Kaplan, in spite of his eighty years, enjoys excellent health and is very active. He is a pious and observant Jew and can still walk his mile twice a day to "shul".

Mr. and Mrs. Kaplan were the recipients of many felicitations on the occasion of the happy celebration of their golden wedding.

## A BARMITZVAH CELEBRATION

Master Herbert Kretzmer

ON Sunday, 16th October, Mr. and Mrs. W. Kretzmer, of Kroonstad, were at Home to a very large circle of friends, on the occasion of the Barmitzva of their son Herbert. Mr. and Mrs. Kretzmer are very keen communal workers, and their popularity was evidenced by the many presentations and congratulatory speeches made to their son, on behalf of various societies and institutions.

Rev. Kaplan presided, and called on the Mayor, Mr. J. W. Loubser, who expressed the hope that the position of the Jews would be greatly improved.

Mr. Gersohn, Chairman of the Zionist Society, presented the Barmitzva with a certificate for National Fund Trees, and Mr. Savage on behalf of the Chevra Kadisha, presented him with a reading lamp. Mrs. Goldblatt, on behalf of the Women's Benevolent Society, presented a set of prayer-books.

Mr. Mesuis congratulated the Barmitzva and parents on behalf of the Congregation, whilst Mrs. Castignam extended congratulations on behalf of the National Council of Women, and Mr. M. Goldsmit on behalf of the Literary Society. (On all of these bodies both Mr. and Mrs. Kretzmer hold positions).

Mr. S. J. Kaplan and Mr. Hunter, the school principal, also added their warm congratulations, to all of which the Barmitzva and Mr. and Mrs. Kretzmer responded.



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## MISS PAULINE KIRSHON—

— who has just had the Fellowship of the Trinity College of Music, London, conferred on her.

Miss Kirshon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Kirshon of Houghton and is a distinguished young pianist. She passed the Licentiate of the South African University two years ago, and is also the possessor of the L.T.C.L. degree.

Miss Kirshon has won numerous gold medals for her piano-playing at various Eisteddfods. She has studied for the last five years with Mr. Isador Epstein, and is now a member of the teaching staff of his school.

## CITY JEWISH LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

Annual Ball — November 30.

THE City Jewish Ladies' Benevolent Society will hold their Annual Ball at the City Hall on Wednesday, November 30th.

Fae Kleams and her Dance Band will provide the music. During the evening cabaret items will be presented by the pupils of the Barbara Cowan School of Crooning, Miss Dorothy Morrison's School of Dancing, and Mr. Jackie Lazarus, who will give several vocal items. Dancing will continue until 2 a.m.

The Ball is in aid of distressed families.

Tables can be reserved by phoning Mr. R. Lewenthal, the Hon. Secretary, 44-6268.



## Around the... Bioscopes

### AT THE COLOSSEUM

Walt Disney's masterpiece "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" entered its fourth week at the Colosseum and will continue to be shown over the week-end. The next attraction which will commence on Wednesday will be "The Rage of Paris" featuring the new star, Danielle Darrieux, who will be supported by Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Mischa Auer and Helen Broderick. The supporting programme is good.

### MUSICAL SHOW AT THE PLAZA

"Alcatraz Island," a thrilling drama of America's Devil Island, will be shown at the Plaza Theatre over the week-end, and on Monday this will be replaced by "Cocoanut Grove." Featured in this latter picture are Fred MacMurray and Harriet Hillier and Paramount claim this to be the biggest musical show of the year. An excellent supporting programme completes the attraction at this Theatre.

### THE OLYMPIC CIRCUS

The Olympic Circus, which opened at the Empire Theatre on Wednesday last has proved the possibility of retaining the thrilling atmosphere of a circus at a luxury theatre. An important feature of the Circus is the equestrian act. The horses present their own variations on popular marching and waltz tunes in most elegant style. The programme includes the Dutton Riders in ballet dancing combined with acrobats and riding, Meyer and Meyer in daredevil bare back riding, and altogether the circus is worth seeing.

### NEW FILM AT THE METRO

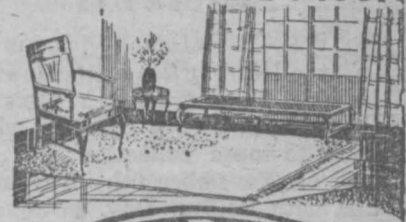
"Boys' Town," the new film at the Metro this week, is based on the founding of such a "town" by Father Flanagan. Spencer Tracy enacts the role of the clergyman and Mickey Rooney plays the part of the boy whose brother has been sentenced to life imprisonment and who wants Mickey to have a chance in life. Among other members of the cast are Bob Watson, Henry Hull, Leslie Fenton and Gene Reynolds.

### "COTTON CLUB REVUE OF 1939" AT JEWISH GUILD

"COTTON Club Revue of 1939," a brand new edition of the previous show produced by the Jewish Guild, will have its premiere at the Guild on Sunday night November 6th at 8.15 p.m. It is brimful of new songs, dances and sketches. There is a special orchestra of 12 under the leadership of George Moss. The ballet is in the capable hands of Gerty Schneider, and a special feature is the dancing of her 40 "Miniature Tappers" — tiny tots whose performance is delightful. The cast comprises over 100 players, including such well-known and talented artists as Jean Kruyer, Lettie Cohen, Phil Franklin, Charmian Kantor, Joe Levy, Issy Charad, Bertha Berman, Rufus Press and very many others. Dudley Cassell, well-known as a humorist of outstanding merit, will act as compere and the producer is Mr. Louis Sachs.

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