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**SUCCESSFUL BALL AT CITY
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City Jewish Ladies' Benevolent
Society

The City Hall in Johannesburg was crowded on Wednesday evening on the occasion of the annual ball of the Jewish Ladies' Benevolent Society. This organisation does splendid work on behalf of the poor, and it was natural that the annual function should be well patronised by a distinguished gathering of guests. Great credit is due to the members of the Ball Committee, who worked so hard. The committee comprised the following:—

Mrs. S. Lewenthal, Chairlady; Mrs. K. Stein, Vice-Chairlady; Mrs. M. Miller, Treasurer; Mrs. I. Milner and Mr. R. Lewenthal, Hon. Joint Secretaries; Mrs. R. Shapiro, Mrs. E. Ginsberg, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. J. Ordman, Mrs. A. Fine, Mr. Jacks, Mrs. S. Steinbuch, Mrs. B. Soloway, Mrs. Kleams, Mrs. S. Kramer, Mrs. B. Grossman, Mrs. E. Aberman, Mrs. J. Miller, Mrs. M. Hope, Mrs. Y. Astick, Miss F. Tobias, Miss S. Shapiro, Miss M. Goldberg, Miss D. Steinbuch, Miss A. Shapiro, Mr. Morris, Mr. Shapiro, Mrs. Ginsberg, Mr. C. Tobias, Mr. I. Sklar, Mr. A. Tobias, Mr. S. Lichter, Mr. Mark, Mr. B. Steinbuch, Mr. Solomon, Mr. M. Hope, Mr. A. Lichter.

Mr. R. Lewenthal was Director of Ceremonies, assisted by Mrs. S. Lewenthal. There were attractive flower, novelty and miscellaneous stalls run by the various members of the committee.

Excellent cabaret items were provided by the Barbara Cowan School of Crooning; the Dorothy Morrison School of Dancing gave a tap dance number, an operatic item and an exhibition ballroom dance. Jackie Lazarus sang. Dance music was supplied by Fae Kleams and her orchestra.

MR. A. HIRSCH

Mr. A. Hirsch, who has been visiting this country on behalf of members of the Palestine Foreign Trade Institute, is leaving South Africa from Cape Town on December 2nd. He has made an extensive tour of the Union and has been successful in the selling of Palestinian products of all kinds. He is leaving his Agencies in the hands of Messrs. Palestine Industries (Pty.), Ltd., which was especially founded for this purpose.

Mr. A. Hirsch is now returning to Palestine in order to work further for the promotion of the export trade to South Africa.

It is his intention to return to the Union as soon as possible with new samples and with a view to keeping up the personal contact between Palestinian manufacturers and their South African agents and clients.

A GARDEN FETE

A Garden Fete in aid of the Austrian and Polish Jewish Relief Fund will be held at the residence of Mrs. M. Moses, "Zealandia", 34, Melville Street, Booyens, on Wednesday, December 7th, at 1.30 p.m. There will be many attractions, including side shows, and the entry fee is only one shilling. It is hoped that the function will be largely attended.

Social and

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. M. Shaskolsky (nee Ray Gitlin), of Cape Town, on the birth of a son.

Master Isadore Bloch wishes to thank relatives and friends for the good wishes received on the occasion of his Barmitzvh.

The engagement is announced of Lily, eldest daughter of Mr. Mike Shorkend, of Germiston, and the late Mrs. Shorkend, of Kroonstad, to Jack, second son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Miller, of Potchefstroom.

The marriage will take place of Grace, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Guinsberg, to Eric, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Phillips, at the Wolmarans Street Synagogue on Sunday, 4th December, at 4.30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Broude (nee Bessie Tobiansky) of Benoni, are being congratulated on the birth of a son on the 20th November.

The marriage of Sylvia, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Smith, of Sydenham, Johannesburg, to Myer (Sonny), second son of Mrs. and the late Mr. I. Kaplan, of Johannesburg, will take place at the Berea Synagogue, at 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 4th.

The engagement has been announced of Elizabeth (Bessie), youngest daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Harry Hart, of Hospital Hill, to Colin Carl, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Levine, of Saxonwold.

The marriage of Ray, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Lieberthal, of Ermelo, to Meyer, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Bloch, of Johannesburg, will be solemnised at the Ermelo Synagogue on Sunday, December the 4th, at 3 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Heller are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter on November 25.

The engagement is announced of Hannah, youngest daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. I. Gellmann, of Ilford, Essex, England, to Irvine (Sonny), only son of Mrs. and the late Mr. L. Blankfield, of Johannesburg.

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gavshon (nee Sarah Roseman), on the birth of a daughter on 24th November.

The marriage of Fanny, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. S. Abrahamson, of Witfield, to Issy, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. E. Pokroy, of Johannesburg, will be solemnised at the Park Synagogue, Wolmarans Street, on Sunday, 4th December, at 2.30 p.m.

Dr. and Mrs. A. Lipschitz (nee Doreen Spiz) are being congratulated on the birth of a son on November 24th.

The Barmitzvh of David Mendel, son of Rev. and Mrs. M. I. Cohen of Bulawayo, will take place at the Bulawayo Synagogue on Saturday, December 3rd, 1938, at 9.30 a.m. "At Home" at the Guild Hall on Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Jankelowitz (nee Ray Jacobson) of Krugersdorp, are being congratulated on the birth of a son on Sunday, the 27th November, at the Frangwen Nursing Home, Johannesburg.

The marriage of Hilda, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Barnett, to Joe, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Wasserman, both of Johannesburg, will take place at the Berea Synagogue on Sunday, 4th December, at 3 p.m.

Sydney, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Drobnis, of 3, Connor Avenue, Bloemfontein, will read a portion of the Law and Maftir at the Bloemfontein Synagogue on Saturday, December 2nd.

The marriage of Ettie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Stein, to Sidney Sims, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Smulowitz, will be solemnised at the Park Synagogue, Wolmarans Street, Johannesburg, on Sunday the 11th inst., at 4.45 p.m. A reception will subsequently be held at the Carlton Hotel, from 5.30 to 7 p.m.

A BARMITZVAH

Master N. H. Shemer,
of Riversdale

A pleasant function took place at Riversdale on Sunday evening the 23rd October, when Mr. and Mrs. Shemer held a reception at the Talmud Torah Hall in celebration of the Barmitzvh of their younger son, Nahum Lionel. On the previous Friday evening the Barmitzvh performed the Friday night's service in Synagogue, and read a portion of the Law and Maftir on Saturday morning.

Practically the whole Jewish community of Riversdale, Heidelberg and Albertina, as well as visitors from Capetown, Ceres, Porterville, Paarl and Mossel Bay attended the reception.

Mr. Visler, the Vice Chairman of the Congregation presided. Many toasts were proposed and responded to, the Barmitzvh responding to his toast in a neat little speech. Among the speakers were the uncles of the Barmitzvh, Mr. B. M. Hurwitz and Dr. I. M. Hurwitz both of Cape Town. Later in the evening there was music and dancing.

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In the first place the cast was ideally chosen. From the leading character to the smallest, there was not a note of discord. Everyone played naturally. An extraordinarily fine performance was given by Sidney Witkin as the counsellor. He was on the stage most of the time and his strong personality pervaded almost every scene. It was a long part, but Witkin was word-perfect throughout. For one who had never previously appeared on the stage, the performance was notable indeed.

The mother of the counsellor, portrayed by Esther Lutrin, was outstanding. It was a carefully studied and subtle picture of an elderly lady, proud of her son who had long outstepped her in the race of modern life. A notable performance, too, was given by Lilian Lazarus in the unsympathetic part of a wife whose thoughts were mainly concentrated upon herself. Juel Rodack gave an admirable character study of a young revolutionary. It was a short performance but a telling one. The telephone chatter of Sylvia Canter, with its natural ease and banter, was most amusing.



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DAVID J. GOLDBLATT
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A play of this kind owes its success to the producer and the greatest credit is due to David J. Goldblatt who chose his cast so well and who produced one of the best amateur dramatic entertainments we have lately seen on the boards of the local theatre. Mr. Goldblatt looked tired when he made an appearance on the stage at the end of the performance, in reply to calls from the audience. It is to be hoped that when he has properly recovered, he will again set in motion his remarkable talent in the production of modern plays.

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SOUTHERN SUBURBS WOMEN'S MIZRACHI

EXTENSIVE arrangements have been made for a card evening to be held under the auspices of the S.S. Women's Mizrachi, in aid of the Girls' Seminary and of the Austrian and Polish Relief Fund. The function will take place at the Broadway Hotel, Main Street, Rosettenville, on Wednesday, 7th December, at 8 p.m. An enjoyable social evening is promised.

NATURMAN—JOHNSON

The marriage took place on Sunday evening last in the Park Synagogue, Wolmarans Street, of Miss Bertha Johnson, youngest daughter of Mrs. Julia Johnson and the late Mr. H. J. Johnson, and Mr. David Naturman, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. Naturman. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. T. Shrock. Mr. J. Jacobson was the best man; and Mrs. J. Johnson, Dr. J. J. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Fluxman and Mr. and Mrs. W. Davis were the unterfuhrers. Mr. I. Johnson, Mr. I. Rink, Mr. J. Katz and Mr. A. Fluxman were the canopy-bearers.

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"The Amazing Dr. Clitterhouse," a new Warner Brothers' production, featuring Edward G. Robinson, comes to the Colosseum Theatre this week. The story is an exciting thriller in which Robinson takes the part of a clever medical man who is a master thief and a mad killer. Included in the cast are Humphrey Bogart, Allen Jenkins and many other notable players.

COMEDY AT THE PLAZA

Over the week-end the attraction at the Plaza theatre will be Will Fyffe, grand old British character artist, in "Owd Bob," a delightful story of sheep dogs and their master. From Monday, the film to be shown will be "Mutiny on the Elsinore," a thrilling sea story. In the leading role is Paul Lukas, well-known for his good acting, and the supporting cast has been well chosen.

NORMA SHEARER AT THE METRO

Large audiences gather at the Metro daily to see Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's crowning triumph, "Marie Antoinette," featuring beautiful Norma Shearer. Playing opposite her is Tyrone Power, a new star with a great future, and an excellent cast of thousands. The film is hailed as one of the finest dramas on the screen, and the supporting programme is also most interesting.

"POWER AND GLORY" TO BE STAGED BY REPERTORY PLAYERS

Commencing to-night, "Power and Glory," a stirring drama by Karel Capek, the Czech playwright, will be staged by the Repertory Players at the Library Theatre. The production will be shown for four nights.

The producer of this absorbing play is Carol Levitas, and the set has been designed by Leo Kerz. An excellent cast has been chosen, and the performance will be one that should not be missed.

SPECIAL PERFORMANCES OF "COTTON CLUB REVUE OF 1939"

The Jewish Guild Musical Art section's show "Cotton Club Revue of 1939" is proving remarkably successful and packed houses are the rule at every performance.

So great has been the demand for seats, that it has been decided to hold further performances on Sundays 4th and 11th December, and there will be a special show in aid of the Hospital Appeal Fund at the Guild on Tuesday, 13th December. Other shows will be held on the 15th and 17th December, while a special Gala Farewell Performance will take place on Sunday, 18th December. Dudley Cassell is the compere.

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