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"THE SILVER CORD"

Play at Library Theatre

The performance of "The Silver Cord" by the Johannesburg Drama Circle at the Library Theatre last Saturday night illustrated the strictly limited number of plays available for production by amateurs. "The Silver Cord," by Sydney Howard, is an unrelieved drama. It is grimly psychological, and embodies one role in which subtle expression must be given to the hidden motives and the deep-laid scheming of a mentally deranged mother. This role was a trifle too stern a task for even so conscientious a performer as Miss Sylvia Herman. She played the part well, but for her too swift transition from calm to storm, and for some over-emphasis. Miss Asne Katzen, in the role of her daughter-in-law, Christina — the most sympathetic character in the play — was good. Jack Lloyd, as her husband and the elder son, was also good. Ralph Samuels seemed to be uncomfortable in his role of the younger son.

Cecilia Freedenthal as Hester was good enough to merit unqualified commendation, except for the fact that she mishandled a telling little speech in the last act.

The play was produced by Anita Coleman, and the performances were given in aid of the United Hebrew Schools of Johannesburg. P. L. B.

JOHANNESBURG WOMEN'S ZIONIST LEAGUE

Production of "Family Affairs" in Aid of City Branch

"FAMILY Affairs," a play in three acts by Gertrude Jennings which has achieved great success on the West End Stage, is to be produced by Miss Sheila Nathanson under the auspices of the City Branch of the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League. The play will be staged at the Jewish Guild Hall on December 22nd, at 8.15 p.m.

The cast consists of Miss Nathanson herself, Sadie Austoker, Mae Bernstein, Joyce Marcusson, Sadie Prager, Vera Posner, Ethel Shaffer, Almah Lurie, Herbert Friedman, Stanley Raphael, Issy Abel and Leo Shlom. Miss Naomi Jacobson is acting as co-producer. Tickets (price 3/6) may be obtained from any member of the cast. The proceeds are in aid of the City branch of the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League.

NEW ORCHESTRA FOR THE "LOUNGE"

That popular Johannesburg meeting-place, the Corner Lounge, is presenting a new orchestra this week. The Arcadians, under the leadership of Cliff McDonald, will make their debut at the Lounge on Sunday afternoon, December 18th. A bright and snappy combination, they are already well-known for their gay entertainment, and intending patrons can be assured of a good deal of enjoyment. After Sunday they will be heard in the mornings, afternoons and evenings on weekdays, and in the evenings on Sundays.

Social and

The marriage of Rose, daughter of Mrs. P. and the late Mr. Mesel Kowalsky to Louis, elder son of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. Kort, will take place at Berea Synagogue on Sunday, December 18th, at 11 a.m.

The marriage of Myra, daughter of Mr. M. Kluk, of Cape Town, to Lipman Levin, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Levin, will be solemnised at the Sea Point Synagogue on Sunday, December 18th, at 2.15 p.m. A reception will be held at the Zionist Hall, Cape Town, from 3 to 5 p.m.

The marriage of Anita, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wolpert, of Malvern, to Issie, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Charad, of Johannesburg, will take place at the Wolmarans Street Synagogue on Sunday, December 18th, at 12 noon.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Nomis, of Frederick Street, Observatory Extension, are being congratulated on the birth of a bonny daughter on December 10th.

The engagement is announced of Mary, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Lubner, to Edward, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Sachs. Both of Johannesburg.

The marriage of Minnie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lewin, of 10, Saratoga Avenue, to Oscar, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. King, of 43, Appolonia Street, will take place at the Beth Hamedrash Hagodel on Sunday, December 18th, at 11.30 a.m. No cards, no reception.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Leader, of 3, Saxonwald Drive, Johannesburg, are being congratulated on the birth of a son on the 10th instant.

The engagement is announced between Anne, second daughter of Mrs. R. Kahn and the late Mr. M. Kahn, of Orange Grove, to Sidney, second son of Mr. M. Green and the late Mrs. Green, of Umgababa, Natal.

The marriage of Miriam Goldin to Louis Binder will take place at the Yeoville Synagogue on Thursday, December 15th, at 8 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Morris are being congratulated on the birth of a son on December 9th.

All relatives and friends are invited to the marriage of Esther, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Jankelowitz, of Kriukal, Lithuania, to Henry, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Orelowitz, of Germiston, at the Germiston Synagogue, on Sunday, December 18th, at 7 p.m.

Gerald, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Grusin, of 58, Tudhope Avenue, Berea, will read a portion of the Law at the Berea Synagogue on Saturday morning, December 17th.

The marriage of Anne, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. I. Goldsmith, to J. Handelson, will take place on December 18th at 7.30 p.m. at the Ponevez Synagogue.

The engagement is announced between Ellie, second daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. L. Noach, formerly of Oudtshoorn, to Harry Kaplan, of Philipstown, son of Mrs. M. Kuper, of Oudtshoorn, and the late Mr. S. Kaplan.

Ben, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Nafte, Bethal, will read Maftra on Saturday, December 17th.

The marriage of Sylvia, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. J. Sefor to Solly, son of Ra'obi and Mrs. A. Sochen will take place at Balfour on the 25th December at 3.30 p.m. There will be no reception. No cards.

SIMS—STEIN

THE marriage took place on Sunday afternoon last in the Park Synagogue, Wolmarans Street, of Ettie, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Stein, to Dr. Sydney Sims, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Smulowitz. The Rev. Dr. A. T. Schrock officiated.


The bride, who was given away by her father was attended by Miss Miriam Smulowitz as maid of honour, and Miss Doris Breitz and Miss Edith Kramer as bridesmaids. Mr. Michael Stein was the best man, and the groomsmen were Mr. M. Sims and Mr. B. Kramer.

Mr and Mrs. Morris Stein and Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Smulowitz were the unterfuhrers, and the pole-holders were Mr. L. Rosin, Mr. B. Sims, Mr. P. Sher and Mr. H. Stein.

About 400 people were present at a cocktail reception which was held at the Carlton Hotel after the ceremony. Mr. Louis Rosen proposed the toast of the bride and bridegroom to which the bridegroom responded and Mr. Harry Blank gave the toast of the unterfuhrers. Mr. A. H. Cohen replied.

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Personal

MRS. HAYMAN VISITING CANADA IN INTERESTS OF YOUTH ALIYAH

Information is to hand that Mrs. Ethel Hayman, a member of the Executive Council of the S.A. Zionist Federation, who is making a lengthy stay in London, has accepted an invitation extended by the WIZO to visit Canada in the interests of the Youth Aliyah. She expects to be there for some weeks.

Mrs. Hayman is well-known throughout South Africa for her indefatigable work in the Zionist cause, and there can be no doubt that she is eminently qualified to carry out her important work in Canada. The best wishes of South African Zionists are extended to Mrs. Hayman for the success of her mission.



A DURBAN WEDDING

Lynes—Levitan

The marriage was solemnised at the St. Andrew Street Synagogue, Durban, on Wednesday the 7th inst., of Vera, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lynes of Durban and Maurice, third son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Levitan of Lithuania.

The ceremony was conducted by Rabbi A. H. Freedman, assisted by Rev. N. Menachemson.

The unterfuhrers were the bride's parents, Mr. J. Levitan, the bridegroom's brother and Mrs. H. Shapiro, his aunt.

The po'eholders were Messrs. M. Florence, H. Loewenheim, V. Lipinski, and M. Rebeck. The Misses Sybil Brook, Gertie Wesseik, Eileen Gitlin and Rita Leibowitz acted as bridesmaids, with Miss Rona Greene as the maid of honour and Mr. Eddie Lynes, the bride's brother, as best man.

The reception was held at the Jewish Club, where a large gathering of friends and relatives of the couple met to celebrate the happy occasion.

IRENE GASTER HOME

THE copy of Dr. Gaster's "Ma'aseh Book," which was offered as a prize for a competition in connection with the above institution, was won by Mrs. Lejeune, of Johannesburg.

KENSINGTON ZIONIST LEAGUE CABARET

In Aid of National Fund

A successful cabaret was held on Wednesday night last in the Selborne Hall by the Kensington branch of the Women's Zionist League, in aid of the National Fund. An illuminated Mogen David made a striking centrepiece of the decorations, which were carried out in blue and white.

The members of the dance committee, responsible for the success of the function were Mrs. A. Friedgut, chairwoman; Mrs. I. Horwitz, vice-chairwoman; Mrs. A. Smith, honorary treasurer; Mrs. J. Whiteson, honorary secretary; Mrs. W. M. Beder, Mrs. H. Black, Mrs. W. Carel, Mrs. S. Copelowitz, Mrs. I. Friedgut, Mrs. I. Freedman, Mrs. M. Green, Mrs. S. Katz, Mrs. M. Kopensky, Mrs. I. M. Lipkin, Mrs. M. Lane, Mrs. M. Kriger, Mrs. K. Miller, Mrs. I. Radus, Mrs. S. W. Owens, Mrs. B. Sachs, Mrs. B. D. Saldman, Mrs. C. Sand, Mrs. I. M. Willenzik.

During the evening the guests were entertained by the Barbara Cowan school of crooning, by Mr. J. Woolf, and by Mr. Max. Adler.

PARYS LADIES HEBREW SOCIETY

A successful card evening was held at the Parys Hotel on Sunday night the 11th inst. An amount of £30 was raised in aid of the Refugee Fund.

Around the . . . Bioscopes

FIRST OF NEW SERIES AT THE METRO

COMMENCING on Friday, "Young Dr. Kildare," one of the surprise pictures of the year, comes to the Metro Theatre. Two excellent actors are featured in this film, which is the first of a new series from Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. They are Lew Ayres and Lionel Barrymore. The story is an original and exciting one, and the supporting programme is also good.

WONDER SHOW AT THE COLOSSEUM

"THE Goldwyn Follies," one of the greatest musicals ever to have been made, is the current attraction at the Colosseum Theatre. A United Artists' Release, this film is said to have the largest cast ever assembled in one picture, and contains the pick of the opera and ballet stars, to say nothing of the many glorious scenes and delightful songs. All in technicolour, this musical is the most ambitious attempt of Samuel Goldwyn's career. It is full of comical and entertaining situations, and features some very fine music by the late George Gershwin.

PANTOMINE AT THE EMPIRE

TO commence on Friday, December 23rd, African Consolidated Theatres are presenting a Grand Jubilee Pantomime, "Aladdin." This great show is being produced by Philip D. Levard, and the principal boy is Elsie Prince. Several excellent overseas artists are taking part, including Michel and Arnova, Henry Ambledon, of "Desert Song" fame, and the Volonoff Twins, who distinguished themselves for their clever dancing in the last pantomime. "Aladdin" is an enjoyable story for young and old alike, and the novelty and brightness of the scenes in this production ought to draw large audiences.

THRILLING NEW FILM AT THE PLAZA

OVER the week-end the attraction at the Plaza Theatre will be Walt Disney's "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," brought back by popular request. From Monday the film to be shown is "Spawn of the North," a thrilling new sensational story featuring exotic Dorothy Lamour, Henry Fonda, George Raft, John Barrymore and Lynne Overman. Each of these stars gives an excellent performance, and there are many other good actors on the cast. The story is a powerful drama, well-produced, and the rest of the programme is most interesting.

MOTHER AND HOME

The December Number of "Mother and Home" published by Messrs. Weldons, Limited, contains a free Gift Book of Homemade Sweets and Cakes, which should interest all housewives. A free pattern of a Girl's Party Frock is included in the issue and the various suggestions for mothercraft, children's fashions, and knitting are most useful. Copies, which are 10d. each, and for which the Central News Agency, are the sole South African agents, can be obtained from all booksellers.



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