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**YIDDISH THEATRE**

Only A Short Season

There will be performances to-night and to-morrow night at the Standard Theatre. This will be the last opportunity for lovers of this class of theatrical fare to see the productions of the present season, which closes on Saturday night.

After a first week of generous response by the public, the second week saw a slackening of support. No blame can be attached to the African Theatres, which gave every facility to the newly-formed International Jewish Opera Company, and besides supplying fine decorations and excellent scenic effects, also gave a splendid orchestra.

There was much expectancy regarding the eagerly-awaited series of operettas. Why "Kol Nidrei", that old and hoary tale of Jewish suffering should be resuscitated at this period of grim Jewish tragedy, is difficult to grasp. The empty seats at the theatre were a just criticism of an unwise decision. There was also considerable miscasting.

Johannesburg still boasts generous audiences ready to support the better type of Yiddish plays. The day of old operas and domestic melodramas is past. Until a group of players come here, who are ready to respect the intelligence of the South Africa Jew and Jewess, it is better that energy and money should no longer be devoted to the adventure of Yiddish play production.

# Social and

The engagement is announced between Katie, youngest daughter of Mrs. C. Liptz, of Lusaka, N.R., and the late Mr. M. H. Liptz, and Samuel, youngest son of Mrs. R. Osrin and the late Mr. L. Osrin, of Johannesburg.

Basil, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Hotz, Milner Road, Bloemfontein, will read a portion of the Law at the Bloemfontein Synagogue on Saturday, February 11th.

The engagement is announced of Doris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Navias, to Lazarus, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Fanarof. Both of Bloemfontein.

The marriage of Shirley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Sobol, to Abe, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Sassen, will take place at the Jeppestown Synagogue, on Sunday, February 5, at 7 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Levin (nee Phyllis Muller) are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter on January 25.

The marriage of Leah, elder daughter of Mr. M. B. and the late Mrs. P. Goott, to Lazarus (Laz.) only son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Cohen, will take place at the Beth Hamedrash Hagodel, on Sunday, February 5, at 5.30 p.m.

The engagement is announced of Pauline, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Klugman, to Jack, son of Mr. S. Noik and the late Mrs. Noik. Both of Johannesburg.

The marriage of Harry, youngest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Narunsky of Senekal, O.F.S. to Lily (Bessie), only daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Glasser, of Worcester, will be solemnised at the Worcester Synagogue, on Sunday, February 5th, 1939, at 10.30 a.m. No cards. R.S.V.P. 28, High Street, Worcester.

The engagement is announced between Zelda, youngest daughter of Mrs. Lemer and the late Mr. Lemer, and Sam, son of Mr. S. Noik and the late Mrs. Noik, both of Johannesburg.

The marriage of Avis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Savage, of Kroonstad, to Sydney, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Goldstein, of Klerksdorp, will take place at the Kroonstad Synagogue on Sunday, the 5th inst. at 3 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Solly Rabinowitz, of Frankfort, O.F.S. (nee Nora Michelson) are being congratulated on the birth of a son, on January 24, at the Eastwood Nursing Home, Pretoria.

The marriage of Belle Aronstam, and Gus Ackerman, will take place on Sunday, February 5, at the Wolmarans Street Synagogue, at 7.30 p.m.

The marriage of Adele, eldest daughter of Mrs. R. Pass and the late Mr. Harry Pass, of Bloemfontein, formerly of Edinburgh, Scotland, and Louis, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rothbart, Helvetia, Dewetsdorp, will take place at the Bloemfontein Synagogue, on Sunday 5th February, at 3 p.m.

The marriage of Esther, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. L. Udwin of 15, Westbourne Road, Port Elizabeth, to Joel, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. L. Herring, late of Oudtshoorn and now of Graaff Reinet, will be solemnised at the Raleigh Street Synagogue, Port Elizabeth, on Sunday, February 12th, 1939.

Teddy, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Saffer of 24, Langerman Drive, Kensington, will read a portion of the Law and Maftir at the Doornfontein Talmud Torah, cor. Beit and Staib Streets, on Saturday, February 11th.

**TWO BARMITZVAHS AT BETHLEHEM**

ON the 9th December last, Master Charlie Ackerman, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Ackerman of Bethlehem, celebrated his Barmitzvah. In the evening, a reception was held in the Town Hall, where a large number of local residents and visitors gathered. The toast of the Barmitzvah was proposed by Rev. S. Rudy, and the Barmitzvah suitably responded. Mr. Kaplan, President of the Hebrew Congregation, also spoke, after which dancing took place.

The Barmitzvah of Basil, second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Rosenberg, of Bethlehem, was celebrated on the 7th January. Amongst the guests who gathered at the Town Hall to celebrate the occasion were Mr. M. Kentridge M.P., and Mr. D. Kentridge of Durban, both uncles of the Barmitzvah. The toast of the Barmitzvah was proposed by Rev. Rudy, and the Barmitzvah suitably replied. Other toasts were proposed by Mr. Kaplan and Mr. Chodos of Harri-smith. Mr. Kentridge M.P. delivered an eloquent address on the Jewish position in this country. The guests then indulged in dancing.

**A DIAMOND WEDDING**

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Nathanson, of Durban, celebrated their diamond wedding this week. Arriving in South Africa in 1905, Mr. and Mrs. Nathanson came to Johannesburg for three years, and went to Durban in 1908, where they have lived since. Mr. Nathanson is the oldest member of the Wool Buyers' Association.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

are being extended to **MISS HILDA HERTZ** who successfully passed her Matriculation examination with Hebrew as a subject, and also to **MASTER SELWYN GREENE** who likewise successfully passed his Junior Certificate examination with Hebrew as a subject. Both are pupils of **MR. DAVID HARRIS** 50, Claribel Road, Durban.

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**A Durban Engagement**

Congratulations are being extended to Jayne, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. Chenani, of Durban, on her engagement to Samuel Ernst, Headmaster of the Durban United Talmud Torah. Both are actively associated with the Habonim movement. Mr. Ernst is the Natal Ba-koach, while Miss Chenani is one of the leading officers.

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# Personal

## WEDDING AT VRYBURG

Lieberthal—Hesselberg

A large gathering assembled at the New Central Hotel, Vryburg, on Sunday last, to attend the wedding of Mr. Willie Lieberthal, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Lieberthal of Vryburg, to Miss Sally Hesselberg, second daughter of Mrs. M. Hesselberg of Brakpan.

The ceremony, which was performed by Rabbi L. I. Slonim, took place in the lounge of the Hotel. The bride was given away by Mr. and Mrs. J. Silbert. The maid of honour was Miss H. Lieberthal and the two bridesmaids were Miss B. Hesselberg and Miss A. Lieberthal. Mr. I. Friedman carried out the duties of bestman, the poleholders were Messrs. B. Hesselberg, S. Lieberthal, C. Toube and N. Mendelow, while Messrs. A. Lax and L. S. Friedman acted as M.C.'s.

Many guests came especially from Johannesburg and the Reef.

At the reception Rev. L. I. Slonim proposed the health of the newly married couple to which Mr. Willie Lieberthal replied. The toast of the parents of the bride and bridegroom was given by Mr. H. H. Galvin, Mayor of Vryburg, who referred to the excellent public work done by Mr. Lieberthal as a member of the Municipal Council and Mr. P. J. du Plessis, M.P. proposed the health of Mr. L. Friedman, the grandfather of the bridegroom. Other toasts were proposed by Dr. M. Getz, Mr. L. S. Friedman, Mr. Max Cohen and Dr. F. Brodziak.

## CANTOR LUBLINER'S FORTHCOMING RECITAL

Music-lovers will have the opportunity of hearing a singer of outstanding merit in the person of the well-known Cantor Albert Lubliner, of London, who will give a recital at the H.O.D. Hall, 14, De Villiers Street, Johannesburg, on Sunday night, February 19th. The programme will consist of a selection of songs ranging from Chazanuth, to the latest Jewish and Hebrew songs, and arias from operas.

He will be supported by the talented artists, The Melodians, Helen Deacon, Lillian Abbott, Violet Turnbull, Ilse Kadden, and Mr. Zabudowski.

Cantor Lubliner's voice, which is a fine tenor, has a remarkable range and fidelity and his interpretations are sensitive and sympathetic.

Cantor Lubliner was born in Antwerp in 1907. He studied in the Conservatoire in Brussels, and at the age of 20 officiated during the High Festivals at the Great Synagogue in Antwerp with a choir of 50.

## Around the..... Bioscopes

### "THE CITADEL" AT THE METRO

The film version of Dr. A. J. Cronin's novel, "The Citadel," is the attraction at the Metro Theatre this week. The star roles are taken by Robert Donat, as Dr. Andrew Manson, and Rosalind Russell, as his wife. The picture is one of the most outstanding British films, and the director, Victor Saville, is to be congratulated on an excellent production. The supporting programme is entertaining, and Dean Herrick supplies the musical interlude on the Wurlitzer organ.

### ATTRACTIONS AT THE COLOSSEUM

"Letter of Introduction," the attraction at the Metro Theatre this week, provides some very good acting by Charlie McCarthy and his brilliant creator, Edgar Bergen. Adolphe Menjou plays the part of a stage idol, and the many complications arising from the "Letter of Introduction" provide dramatic scenes in the picture. The first part of the programme is varied and Charles Manning and his orchestra play some excellent tunes.

The next attraction at this theatre will be Gary Cooper in "The Adventures of Marco Polo."

### GOOD SHOW AT THE PLAZA THEATRE

Kate Douglas Wiggins's novel "Mother Carey's Chickens" has been brought to the screen, and is the attraction at the Plaza Theatre this week. Those taking part in this human story are Anne Shirley, Ruby Keeler and Fay Bainter. The supporting programme is most entertaining.

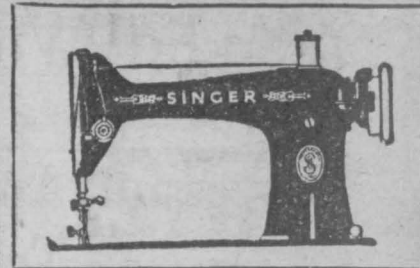
Commencing Monday the attraction at this theatre will be the R.K.O. Radio picture, "The Lady in the Morgue," a crime story.

### "MAYERLING" AT THE EMPIRE

Something entirely new and unexpected in the way of pictures is "Mayerling," the brilliant French film showing at the Empire Theatre this week. Although the dialogue is in French, there are adequate subtitles in English, which enable the audience to follow the theme.

The picture tells the tragic love-story of the Archduke Rudolph, son of Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, and the lovely seventeen-year-old Baroness Vetsera. Charles Boyer, in the role of the Archduke, and Danielle Darrieux, in that of the Baroness, both give memorable performances.

There are the usual shorts, including newsreels and interest films in the supporting programme.



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RABBI A. H. FREEDMAN—  
to visit Johannesburg.

Rabbi A. H. Freedman of Durban is due to arrive in Johannesburg to-day (Friday).

Rabbi Freedman has accepted the invitation of the S.A. Zionist Federation to address the Mass Meeting to be held at Coronation Hall on Sunday evening, 5th February. This will be Rabbi Freedman's first public address in Johannesburg and it is being eagerly awaited by all who have heard of the deep impression his eloquent addresses on Jewish subjects have made on audiences in Natal.

## 1939 MUSIC FESTIVAL

Symphony Concerts And Operas

Mr. John Connell, the well-known city organist of Johannesburg, has arranged for many attractions for the 1939 music festival. There will be ten symphony concerts and three famous operas will be produced. These are "Boris Godounov" (Moussorgsky), "Don Giovanni" (Mozart) and "The Bartered Bride" (Smetana).

Among the well-known artists who will appear at the Symphony Concerts are Bram Verhoef, Heinz Hirschland and Stella Tavares. An additional artist will be Mr. Adolph Hallis, the famous pianist, who is paying a short visit to South Africa.

## WELDON'S LADIES' JOURNAL

The March issue of the Weldon's Ladies' Journal has been published, and the free 48 page portfolio of fashions contains patterns of a coat and two frocks. The magazine section has some interesting short stories, while the homecraft, cookery, craft, mothercraft and beauty sections contain excellent ideas.

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