

TO GIVE SONG RECITAL



MR. GERALD CASSEN

—the distinguished bass singer, who is to give a recital on Monday, the 21st inst., at the Selborne Hall.

Mr. Cassen has returned to South Africa after an absence of eleven years, during which period he appeared in opera and on the concert platform in England. Just before the outbreak of war, he finished a tour in Scandinavian countries and the Baltic States.

Since his arrival in South Africa, Mr. Cassen has completed a National Broadcast tour and also a tour of the Music Clubs in this country under the direction of Mr. Alex Cherniavsky.

Mr. Cassen will sing on Monday evening an interesting programme, which will include the famous Biblical songs by Brahms taken from the text of Ecclesiastes. There will also be a group of songs by Russian composers.

Mr. Herman Hertz, the well-known pianist, will accompany Mr. Cassen and also play a group of piano solos. The concert will be under the auspices of the Johannesburg Musical Society.

The Sefer Hayered at Germiston

Cantor I. Kaminer, of Germiston, is losing no opportunity of obtaining inscriptions of children of Germiston in the Sefer Hayered.

On the eve of Yom Kippur, Mr. and Mrs. Z. Wolpert were congratulated by many friends on the occasion of the Bris Milah of their son, Michael Moshe. Cantor Kaminer was instrumental in collecting the amount of £3 to inscribe the first-born son of Mr. and Mrs. Wolpert in the Sefer Hayered.

S.A. Friends of Jewish Blind Children

The S.A. Friends of the Jewish Blind Children acknowledge with thanks receipt of 11s. 3d. from Miss Esther Levin (aged 12), of 97 Bezuidenhout Street, Bertrams, collected in a competition run by Miss Levin and her friends, the Misses Sonia Yendel, Fanny Jankelovitz, Judy Perlstein and Jean Yosher. A vase presented by Mr. Levin, Esther's father, was the prize.

Social and

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Friedman, of The Strand (nee Micky Raubman), are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Aronowitz, of 51 Hout Street, Belgravia, wish to announce the engagement of their elder daughter, Freda, to Louis Tapnack, elder son of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. Tapuach, of Mayfair.

Cyril, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Asher, of Killarney Court, Killarney, Johannesburg, will read a portion of the Law and Maftir at the Berea Synagogue on Saturday, 19th October.

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. William Oshry, of Dunkeld West, Johannesburg, on the birth of a daughter.

The engagement is announced between William, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Margolis, of Inyazura, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr. Rabinowitz and the late Mrs. M. L. Rabinowitz, of Gwelo.

Dr. and Mrs. Jack Hesselson (formerly Dr. Sylvia Gavron), are being congratulated on the birth of a baby girl, on 7th October.

Solly, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Chaet, of Proes Street, Pretoria, will read a portion of the Law and Maftir at the Market Street Synagogue, on Thursday, 17th October.

The marriage took place to-day (Wednesday, 16th inst.), at the Berea Synagogue, of Naomi, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Ribakoff, and Harold Maurice, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Goldberg, both of Johannesburg.

The marriage of Sara, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. J. Sopher, of Tel-Aviv, to Jack, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Bobrow, will be solemnised at the Great Synagogue, Gardens, Capetown, on Sunday, 27th October, at 3.30 p.m. A reception will subsequently be held at the Zionist Hall.

Captain D. H. Epstein to Broadcast

Captain Dave H. Epstein, M.P.C., member of the Johannesburg City Council, will deliver a broadcast talk over the Johannesburg "A" Station on Wednesday, 23rd October, at 7.45 p.m., on "The Jubilee of the Johannesburg Library."

BARMITZVAH AT PORT ELIZABETH

Master Nathan Matheson

At the Barmitzvah of Nathan Matheson, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Matheson, which took place at Port Elizabeth on Saturday, 14th September, Mrs. S. Weinronk, Chairman of the Port Elizabeth W.Z.L., presented him with a Sefer Barmitzvah certificate on behalf of the League. In a felicitous speech, Mrs. Weinronk said she hoped that Nathan would follow in the footsteps of his parents and other relatives in their devoted service to Zionism.

It was a tribute to the invaluable work of Mrs. Matheson, the ex-Chairman of the Society, that the League had decided to inscribe the name of Nathan in the Sefer Barmitzvah, added Mrs. Weinronk. There could be no better way of paying her honour than through her son who was attaining manhood.

Mrs. Matheson responded briefly, expressing her thanks.

ACCOMPANYING THE EVACUEE CHILDREN

MISS LENA ABELSOHN AND MISS RHODA HONIKMAN.

Two Capetonians who paid a brief visit to Johannesburg this week were Miss Lena Abelsohn and Miss Rhoda Honikman, both of whom were among the escorts selected to accompany the second batch of evacuee children (a group of thirty-seven youngsters) to arrive here by train from Capetown. Miss Abelsohn and Miss Honikman are V.A.D. Commandants at the Cape, and although their task of looking after the children on the train was a most responsible one, they not only thoroughly enjoyed being with their young charges, but were also delighted to have the opportunity of giving their services to this aspect of South Africa's war effort, the child evacuee scheme.

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FORTHCOMING ATTRACTION IN PRETORIA

Grand Variety Concert

A grand variety concert under the auspices of the Pretoria Zionist Society will take place in the Jewish Memorial Hall on Thursday, 7th November, in aid of air raid victims and Zionist funds.

An exceptionally fine programme has been arranged, including such outstanding artists as Mrs. Fanny Sugarman, Miss Rita Roseman, Mrs. P. Goldberg, Miss D. Kalston, Messrs. Dave Zaidel, H. Gariinkel and W. Holland. There will also be a Philharmonic String Orchestra conducted by Mr. W. Holland, a string quartette and the ever-popular Simmy Uter and his Accordion Band. Booking is at Messrs. Paramounts, Church Street.

Members are asked to note the change in the date from 31st October to the 7th November, owing to unforeseen circumstances.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN

Mrs. G. Trevor Re-elected President

At the annual general meeting of the Johannesburg Branch of the National Council of Women, held this week, Mrs. G. Trevor was re-elected president for the third successive year. She is also the first vice-president of the National Council for South Africa.

An energetic social worker, Mrs. Trevor has given considerable time and energy to the cause of women's rights. She is, incidentally, an honorary life vice-president of the Union of Jewish Women of South Africa.

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COSTER MARKET

Union of Jewish Women's Stall

At the very successful Coster Market held in Johannesburg in aid of the Governor-General's National War Fund, on Saturday, 5th October, the Union of Jewish Women was in charge of a stall from sunset until midnight.

Simcha at Germiston

A large gathering of friends attended the Bris Milah of the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Segal, 15 Somme Road, Germiston, on 9th October. Cantor I. Kaminer, who officiated, proposed the toast of the infant and the parents and, as a result of an appeal made by him, those present contributed an amount of £4 10s. 9d. for the Jewish National Fund. This amount will be used to inscribe Nathan Eliezer Segal's name in the Sefer Haya'ed.

"The Grapes of Wrath" at the Twentieth Century

To reflect on the screen completely the human, everyday warmth and power of one of the most widely discussed novels of modern literature was the primary concern of all those connected with Darryl F. Zanuck's production of "The Grapes of Wrath," John Steinbeck's sensational best-seller, commencing this Friday at the Twentieth Century.

From the outset the director, John Ford, impressed on all his players, from Henry Fonda, who plays the part of Tom Joad, down to the lowliest extra, the essential simplicity and power of Steinbeck's novel. He forbade the use of make-up on the set, and he used the candid camera technique in shooting scenes. Thus, for the first time in the history of Hollywood, players were filmed without the benefit of glamorising lights. Wherever possible, too, Director Ford used real "Okies" as extras.

Among the other players who are prominently featured in "The Grapes of Wrath" are Jane Darwell as Ma Joad, John Carradine as Casey, the preacher, Charley Grapewin as Grandpa, Dorris Bowdon as Rosasharn, Russell Simpson as Pa Joad, O. Z. Whitehead as Al, John Qualen as Muley, Eddie Quillan as Connie, and Zeffie Tilbury as Grandma.

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Around the Cinemas and Theatres

"Twenty Mule Team" at Metro

A thrilling and rollicking film is to be seen at the Metro this week in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "Twenty Mule Team," which opens on Friday night. Starring the inimitable Wallace Beery and Leo Carrillo, supported by an outstanding cast, the picture is full of fun and action, and provides first-class entertainment for cinema patrons. The supporting programme is of a high standard.

"Road to Singapore" at Plaza

Tuneful songs, hilarious fun, and seductive dances, make Paramount's "Road To Singapore," the principal attraction at the Plaza this week, a film which should continue to draw crowded houses. With Bing Crosby to take the part of a wealthy shipowner's wayward son, who prefers life on a tropic oasis to the conventions of the city, with Dorothy Lamour to provide glamour and romance, and with Bob Hope supplying the wisecracks, the fun is fast and furious, and the picture one which should be seen by all lovers of really amusing screen entertainment.

"The Hunchback of Notre Dame" at Colosseum

In "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," showing at the Colosseum this week, R.K.O.-Radio has brought to the screen a magnificent presentation of Victor Hugo's immortal classic. Impressive in its strength and power, the film is dramatic and spectacular, and a triumph of the producer's art. With Charles Laughton as "Quasimodo," the hunchback, and a cast of thousands, the picture faithfully reproduces the period with which the book deals, and should undoubtedly draw capacity houses to the Colosseum.

"Tom Brown's Schooldays" at Empire

The greatest story ever written about boyhood at an English public school, "Tom Brown's Schooldays," by Thomas Hughes, has been adapted for the screen by R.K.O.-Radio, and is now in its second week at the Empire. The screen version preserves with commendable fidelity the essential spirit of the famous book, as well as the traditions of English school-life in a by-gone century. Notable performances are given by Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Freddy Bartholomew and Jimmy Lydon.

Jewish Farce at Standard

The hilarious Jewish farce, "Hershele Ostropolier," will be presented at the Standard Theatre for three nights, namely, on October 17th, 18th and 19th. Lovers of the Jewish stage are eagerly awaiting the presentation of this farce, for which a company of Jewish players has been specially selected by Madame Sarah Sylvia. Included in the cast is Ben Uzinski, who will play the title role.

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