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BARMITZVAH IN JOHANNESBURG

Master Oscar Rosenzweig

The Barmitzva of Oscar, son of Rabbi and Mrs. S. Rosenzweig, was celebrated on Saturday and Sunday, 25th and 26th October. The Barmitzva read a portion of the Law and Maftir in the Havarah Hasphardit, at the Poswohl Synagogue, one of the congregations of which his father is the Rabbi.

On Saturday a luncheon was given by the parents at their home, at which prominent members of the local Jewish community were present. Rabbi H. Lipschitz acted as toastmaster, and he was followed by the father of the Barmitzva, who delivered an erudite "pilpul," which was greatly appreciated. Rabbis Zimmerman, M. Kossowsky, Z. Sostakofsky, M. Kavin and Dr. Homburger also spoke.

On Sunday afternoon a reception was held at the Bellevue Masonic Hall, many Rabbis being among those present. Rev. Dr. A. T. Shrock was in the chair, which was later taken over by Mr. M. Segal. Dr. Shrock paid tribute to Rabbi Rosenzweig, whom he described as an ideal spiritual leader. He was followed by Rabbi I. Kossowsky, Rabbi I. Solowetzik, Messrs. H. Teefer, M. Segal, S. Finger, B. Guinsberg, B. P. Marks, M. Kavin, Rabbi Zimmerman and Mr. Swirsky. The Barmitzva replied in Hebrew and English.

During the afternoon musical items were rendered. The proceedings were brought to a close after Rabbi Rosenzweig had thanked all present for their attendance and good wishes.

Delightful "Musical" Last Sunday Night

An excellent programme of music was presented last Sunday night at the home of Mrs. H. L. Karnovsky, at a "Musical" given in support of the Jewish National Fund, under the auspices of the Houghton branch of the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League. Miss Millie van Geuns opened with the "Rondo-Capriccioso" by Mendelssohn and later chose works by Debussy and Albeniz to convey her command of keyboard technique, and the wide range of her polished repertoire. Miss Lila Emdin sang an aria from "Mignon" (Thomas) and several other French songs with charm, her style being particularly good in the staccato and coloratura works. Miss Betty Pack's 'cello solos included "Hamabdil" by Granville-Bantock, and "Guitare" by Moskowsky, and she rendered them in the musicianly manner one has learned to associate with her playing. Cantor I. Alter justified all the high opinions held of his voice in his singing of an aria from Halevy's "La Juive," and one from Meyerbeer's "L'Africana." Admirable accompaniment was provided by Mrs. Fine and Miss Pack.

The marriage of Bertie, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. H. Osry, of Oudtshoorn, and Himey, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Linde, of Uniondale, will take place at the Queen Street Synagogue, Oudtshoorn, on Sunday, 9th November.

The marriage of Lily, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hackner, of Durban, to Captain Polakow, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Polakow, of Port Elizabeth, will take place on Sunday, November 9th, at St. Andrew's Street Synagogue, at 4.30 p.m. No cards. Relatives and friends are cordially invited. A reception from 5 to 7 p.m. will be held at 93 Claribel Road, Durban.

The engagement is announced of Tilly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Swartz, to Barnard, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lewin. Both of Johannesburg.

The marriage of Bella, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Kling, to Bernard (S.A.A.F.), third son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Hassall, will be solemnised on Sunday, November 9th, at 3.30 p.m.

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. William Gayshon (nee Sara Roseman) on the birth of a son on November 1st, at Florence Nightingale Nursing Home.

The engagement is announced of Rachel (Rae), only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Katzoff, of Johannesburg, to Alfred, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Davis, of Cape Town.

The marriage of Ray, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. I. Cohen, of Rossmore, to Louis, son of Mr. and the late Mrs. K. Charne, of Vereeniging, will take place on Sunday, November 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Kobrin, of 8 Bristol Road, Saxonwold, are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter.

The engagement is announced of Gwen, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Greenblatt, to Milton, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Sam Levey.

The marriage of Esther, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. J. Taylor, to Jack, son of Mr. and the late Mrs. I. Maltz, will take place at the St. Andrew's Street Synagogue, Durban, on Tuesday, November 11th.

Congratulations are being extended to Leonard and Edie Saffer on the birth of a daughter, on October 28th, at 5 Chapman Road, Klippoortjie, Germiston.

The engagement is announced of Janey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Starkowitz, of Johannesburg, to Lawrie, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Levitas, of Springs.

The marriage of Rita, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Reivkes, to Ruby, youngest son of Mrs. R. Levin and the late Mr. M. Levin, will take place at the Berea Synagogue on Sunday, November 9th.

Nat and Phyllis Soskin (nee Wortreich) are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter on Wednesday, October 22nd, at Braemer Maternity Home.

The engagement is announced of Celia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Levy, of Yeoville, to Issy, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Rudolph, of Mayfair.

Mr. I. M. Goodman

Mr. I. M. Goodman, the well-known communal worker, recently underwent a serious operation at the Groote Schuur Hospital in Capetown. His many friends will be pleased to learn that the operation was successful and that he is recovering.



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Excellent Work of the "Sisterhood"

The eighth annual general meeting of the Sisterhood (Women's Association of the Johannesburg Jewish Reform Congregation), was held in the Sisterhood Reception Room, Temple Israel. Mrs. M. Cassell was in the chair.

The Executive report dealt with a wide sphere of activities, chief of which was war relief work. The billeting of soldiers at Herholdt House (under the auspices of the S.A. Jewish Ex-Service League) had done much good. Since the commencement of this scheme on 22nd June, 1940, to date, 22,044 soldiers had been billeted by the Sisterhood.

"Thatchings," the After Care Home for Soldiers, was another branch of war relief work to which the Sisterhood devoted time.

Military hospital visiting was carried on in capable manner by a special sub-committee of the Sisterhood.

Much time was given to convening stalls at morning markets and fetes for war funds and also for charitable institutions.

Assistance had been given to Jewish organisations, especially to the Johannesburg Jewish Reform Congregation, in religious, educational, charitable and social activities of the congregation. The success of the Temple Israel School, the Children's Sabbath morning services, etc., was in a large measure due to the indefatigable efforts of the Sisterhood.

Tributes to the Sisterhood were then paid by the following persons: Councillor Mrs. E. M. Pemberton, chairman of Home Comforts; Mrs. Maurice Franks, chairman of the Union of Jewish Women of South Africa; Mr. Michael H. Kam, honorary secretary of the S.A. Jewish Ex-Service League; Mr. Harry Landau, chairman of the War Services Council of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies, and Rabbi M. C. Weiler, on behalf of the Johannesburg Jewish Reform Congregation.

Mrs. M. Cassell, chairman of the Sisterhood for three consecutive years, has retired from that position.

The following committee was elected: Mesdames P. Alice, V. Brasch, M. Bernstein, M. Cassell, D. Cohen, C. Fox, L. Gottlieb, I. Greenberg, J. Jacobs, E. Jacobson, S. P. Jacobson, H. Kaphan, J. Katzen, R. Lurie, M. Marx, L. Marks, A. Melcher, J. E. Mannie, A. Myers, L. Reichman, J. M. Rich, L. Rothschild, and B. Vogl.

Rabbi M. C. Weiler and Mr. Max Marx, President of the Johannesburg Jewish Reform Congregation, were elected members ex-officio.

The election of the Executive will take place at the first monthly committee meeting to be held next year. Nominations (unopposed) are as follows: Chairman, Mrs. Louis Marks; vice-chairmen, Mrs. L. Gottlieb and Miss B. Vogl; hon. treasurer, Mrs. L. Reichman; hon. secretary, Mrs. E. Jacobson; additional Executive member, Mrs. I. Greenberg; Executive member ex-officio, Mrs. M. Cassell.

SUCCESSFUL VARIETY CONCERT FOR J.N.F.

A successful variety concert, held in aid of the Jewish National Fund, attracted a large audience to the Coronation Hall on Wednesday night, 29th October. It was held under the auspices of the City branch of the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League, and was organised by Maida Hassall and her "Co-optimists."

The following contributed to the programme: Terry Martin, Freda Gross, Athol McPhail, Daphne McRose, Beryl Thatcher, Mudah Dirk, Naomi Green, Eula Keat, Maida Hassall, Lilian Abbot, "Edwin" the Master Magician, Jessie Birk, Jean Kruger, Francis Friedman, the Wyllis Levett's Tiny Tots, and the "Rhythm Rascals" Orchestra. The accompanist was Stella Sapire. Mr. Barney L. Lurie compered.

The function concluded after Mrs. Cecilia Lewenthal, secretary of the City branch of the League, had proposed a vote of thanks to the artists, who had provided such excellent entertainment.

A BALL ON 3rd DECEMBER

The annual ball organised by the City Jewish Ladies' Benevolent Society will take place at the City Hall on Wednesday, 3rd December. The proceeds are in aid of distressed families in Johannesburg. Charles Berman's orchestra will supply the dance music. Catering is by Ginsberg's (sit-down supper). Tickets and table reservations can be made by phoning 44-6268 or 44-1250.

Rabbi and Mrs. Kossowsky

Rabbi I. Kossowsky and Mrs. Kossowsky are leaving on the 3.10 p.m. train on Wednesday, 12th November, for a month's holiday at Muizenberg.

Concert of Russian Music on Sunday Night

Tickets are selling fast for the concert of Russian music to be held in the Colosseum Theatre on Sunday night, in support of Medical Aid for Russia, and there are still a number of good seats available at the various prices. Tickets can be obtained at the Colosseum and Publix, and also at the door on the night of the concert.

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Around the Cinemas

"The Lady Eve" at Colosseum

The film opening at the Colosseum to-day is "The Lady Eve," co-starring Barbara Stanwyck and Henry Fonda. It was directed and produced by Preston Sturges. There is a clever and exciting plot, and the picture ends on an unusual note. Others in the cast include Charles Coburn, Eric Blore and Melville Cooper as well as Eugene Pallette, Martha O'Driscoll and William Demarest.

Next week the Tank Corps is presenting a special feature at the Colosseum. They have arranged a most spectacular number which will show members of the Tank Corps at work and at play. The Tank Corps song will be specially featured by Charles Manning and the Colosseum Orchestra, and a special issue of the "African Mirror" will be devoted to the Tank Corps and will show the methods of training and the interesting life led by the men.

Attractions at Standard

To-morrow, Monday and Tuesday, the Standard Theatre will show "The Ware Case." Clive Brook acts opposite Jane Baxter in this dramatic story taken from the great novel, and Barry K. Barnes also has an important role.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the Standard Theatre will present that entertaining comedy, "The Doctor Takes A Wife," featuring Loretta Young and Ray Milland. Loretta takes the role of a spinster novelist who is inveigled into marriage with a doctor. Their domestic bliss is continually upset by her career and her attempts to keep up her publicity at the cost of her husband's peace of mind.

"The Lone Wolf Meets a Lady" at Plaza

The Lone Wolf, the light-hearted, light-fingered rogue of the screen, returns in another adventure of romance and robbery in "The Lone Wolf Meets a Lady," showing at the Plaza. Warren William again portrays the adventurer who baffles the police and underworld as he steals fortunes in gems and feminine hearts, and Jean Muir plays opposite him. An exceptionally fine cast support Warren William and Jean Muir in the new thriller. In addition to Blore, there are Victor Jory, Roger Pryor, Warren Hull, Thurston Hall and Marla Shelton.

"The Trial of Mary Dugan" at Metro

That sensational play by Bayard Veiller, "The Trial of Mary Dugan," has been brought to the screen again. It is being presented at the Metro to-day and will without doubt prove most popular with patrons of this theatre. It is an exciting and intriguing crime story in which Robert Young and Laraine Day take the leading roles, and in which full scope is given to the talents of both. All lovers of thrilling fiction will enjoy this picture. Children under twelve will not be admitted.

"I Want a Divorce" at Empire

Although Joan Blondell and Dick Powell have been cast together many times, there is no doubt that never before have they had such a chance to cavort as they do in "I Want A Divorce," the new comedy-drama at the Empire Theatre. The supporting cast includes such capable artists as Gloria Dickson, Frank Fay, Jessie Ralph and Conrad Nagel, all of whom gave first-rate performances and make this film one of the most entertaining to have been seen in the city for a long time.

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