

Personal

Admirable Work by Durban Women Zionists

About sixty members attended the annual general meeting of the Durban Women's Zionist League, held on Tuesday afternoon, 28th October. Mrs. Kisch presided. Mrs. Freedman, the retiring chairman, in submitting her report, commented on the satisfactory progress maintained throughout the year, and the good response to funds.

After Mr. A. Goldberg had delivered an eloquent address, in which he pointed out that the Zionists were the guardians of the Jewish future, and that the women had revitalised Zionism in Durban, Mrs. Freedman referred appreciatively to the work done by Mr. and Mrs. Fielding in connection with the packing and despatching of garments to Palestine. As a gesture of appreciation, the S.A. Women's Zionist Council had had their names inscribed in the Golden Book.

Mrs. Freedman then presented Mrs. Katz, the retiring secretary, with a certificate for five trees, and paid tribute to her valuable work during her period of service. She also pre-

sented a certificate for five trees to Mrs. Imber for her able assistance to Mrs. Fielding. Mrs. Broomberg presented Mrs. Freedman with a certificate for ten trees, showing the esteem and appreciation in which the League held their retiring chairman.

Mrs. Torf proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Kisch for presiding and to Mr. A. Goldberg for his address.

The results of the election of officers and committee were as follows: President, Mrs. M. Morrison; vice-presidents, Mesdames Moss-Morris, Torf and Kisch; chairman, Mrs. A. Broomberg; vice-chairman, Mrs. I. Geshen; secretary, Mrs. A. Bierman; treasurer, Mrs. P. Frame. Committee: Mesdames C. I. Israel, M. Freed, L. Davis, M. Shapiro, M. Wolpert, A. Kaplan, M. Fielding, I. Kaliski, S. Moshal, A. Levine, M. Abelansky, S. Schaffer, Manne Woolfson, M. Woolfson, H. Freedman, M. P. Deift, A. Chanan, H. Galgut, E. Herman, I. V. Katz. Ex-officio, Mesdames N. Menachemson and A. Goldberg.

Johannesburg Women's Zionist League

Henrietta Szold Branch.—There was a good attendance of members and friends at a function at Miss G. Martinson's flat, 302 Lucerne Mansions, De Villiers Street. Mr. J. Daleski, who was to have delivered an address, was prevented at the last moment from being present, and the evening was spent on the reading of news items and pamphlets on topical events.

A number of members are knitting for the Palestinian soldiers and it is hoped shortly to despatch a substantial parcel of knitted garments to Palestine.

The chairlady, Miss Sallie Kussel, on behalf of the branch, bade farewell to Miss Rose Wittert, who, following her marriage, is taking up residence in Cape Town. The hope was expressed that she would continue her Zionist work in that centre. Miss Wittert responded.

After general business of the branch was conducted and tea served, a vote of thanks to Miss Martinson for her hospitality was proposed by Miss Muriel Carnovski.

Yeoville and Berea Branches.—These branches will combine for their next cultural function which takes place on Wednesday, 19th November, at 3 p.m., at the residence of Mrs. Shakinovsky, 30 Dunbar Street. Mr. Bennun will speak on "The Issues that Face Us To-day." Members and friends are welcome.

"PUPPETS' PARTY" AT LIBRARY THEATRE

An unusual event in Johannesburg amateur theatrical circles this week was the staging of a play written by a young South African woman, Madeleine Masson. Entitled "Puppets' Party," and presented at the Library Theatre in aid of the Red Cross Calédonian Market, the play attracted crowded houses from the opening night, and will doubtless play to a large audience to-night, when it will be shown for the last time in this city.

Cynicism, flippancy and tragedy are combined in equal measure in this play, which takes as its theme the sinister influence of a psychiatrist over a group of rich and idle women whose verbal and altogether feminine thrusts at one another provide much of the fun and wit of the evening.

The cast includes Freda Gray, Barbara Macleod, Moira Lister, Sadie Melamed, Shirley Hepburn and Edyth Carter-Johnson, and Ian Wetherell takes the masculine lead.

Sefer Barmitzvah

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Frame, of Middelburg (Tvl.), have inscribed the name of their son, Abraham, in the Sefer Barmitzvah, on the occasion of his Barmitzvah, which was celebrated on 18th October.

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Around the Cinemas

"A Date With Destiny" at Plaza

"A Date With Destiny" is the new film at the Plaza this week, and the stars in the leading roles are Basil Rathbone, Ellen Drew and John Howard. Rathbone once again portrays the wolf in sheep's clothing. The plot is gripping and unusual, and will certainly hold the interest of cinema-goers from beginning to end.

An added attraction at the Plaza to-night is the Movie Turf Night. This is a new and thrilling novelty and should delight all who participate.

"Second Chorus" at Colosseum

Fred Astaire and Paulette Goddard are co-starred for the first time in Paramount's "Second Chorus," and others who appear are Burgess Meredith, Artie Shaw and Charles Butterworth. The picture is now showing at the Colosseum. An interesting feature of this film is the fact that for her dancing in it Paulette Goddard was taught by Fred Astaire, and she is more than successful at it. Incidentally, the King and Queen managed to find time from their various activities to see this film in London.

"Singapore Woman" at Empire

"Singapore Woman" is the next attraction at the Empire. Brenda Marshall plays the leading role with David Bruce, Virginia Field, Jerome Cowan and Rose Hobart. The film has for its background that romantic, intriguing Malay Straits settlement of Singapore. Miss Marshall is looked upon by the people of the settlement as a curse, for her father, husband, and former suitors have all met with tragic deaths. To fall in love with her is to sign one's own death warrant. But David Bruce, a young rubber planter, brands all this as superstition and throws in his lot with her. The result is a highly exciting and entertaining picture.

"Quiet Wedding" at Metro

One of the most delightful comedies to have been seen for a long time comes to the Metro this week. It is "Quiet Wedding," a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer release, featuring Margaret Lockwood and Derek Farr in the leading roles. Both of them give positively outstanding performances and make this picture the laugh riot of the year. Certainly a picture that provides good entertainment, if ever there were any.

DR. ALEXANDER GOLDSTEIN TO ADDRESS WOMEN'S MIZRACHI Function Next Wednesday

Dr. Goldstein will be the speaker at a meeting of the Johannesburg Women's Mizrachi, to be held at the Carlton Hotel on Wednesday afternoon, 19th November, at 3 p.m. All interested are cordially invited to attend.

Cantor Mandel's Recital

A musical event of interest is the grand recital to be given by Cantor S. Mandel on Sunday evening, 16th November, at the Coronation Hall, Johannesburg. Cantor Mandel was one of the leading cantors in Warsaw and Vilna, and he has a tenor voice of remarkable range and fidelity. He will be heard in an attractive programme of Chazonuth, Yiddish and Hebrew songs and operatic arias. He will be assisted by the well-known Radio Balaika Orchestra, and the pianists, Bruno Raikin and Alfred Heinemann.

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