

**A BARMITZVAH**

**Master Maurice Kibel**

A Barmitzvah of special interest took place in the Wolmarans Street Synagogue on Saturday, November 7th, when Maurice Aaron, son of the Rev. and Mrs. S. Kibel, read maffir in the presence of a large congregation.

Cantor Alter officiated and Rabbi Lapin addressed the Barmitzvah. A "Brocha" took place after the service in the Phylensha Hall, Kock Street. Mr. Morris Segal, President of the Chevra Kadisha and Helping Hand Society, presided. The toast of the Barmitzvah was proposed by Mr. Myer Cassell, the Barmitzvah responding. Lieut. A. Lewin proposed the toast of the parents, to which the Rev. Kibel responded.

The Rev. S. Kibel, who was formerly Minister and Cantor in the Gardens Synagogue, Capetown, is now the Welfare Minister in Johannesburg attached to the Helping Hand Society and Chevra Kadisha.

Among the many friends present were Mr. Ben, Vice-President of the Chevra Kadisha, Messrs. Bradlow, Berman, Horowitz, executive of the Wolmarans Street Synagogue, Mr. and Mrs. Meltzer, Mr. and Mrs. I. Heyman, Rabbi Lapin, Cantor and Mrs. Alter, Mr. and Mrs. Fryde, Mr. Luthyn, Dr. and Mrs. Freed and Mr. and Mrs. Barnett.

**JEWISH FOLK MUSIC**

**Successful Concert in Pretoria**

On Sunday, 8th November, the A. Z. Idelson Choral Society presented a concert of Jewish Folk music at Pretoria.

The programme contained a rich variety of Jewish folk songs, including some Hebrew songs, many of them the special arrangement of the conductor, Mr. Jerry Idelson, who also appeared as a composer of new works. A cello rhapsody of his, based on Hebrew themes and prepared by Betty Pack, was much enjoyed.

Cantor S. Mandel was the other soloist, and his beautiful tenor voice was heard for the first time in the capital. He was ably accompanied by Miss J. J. Fine.

The concert was greatly enjoyed by an appreciative audience.

**SOCIAL AND PERSONAL**

The engagement is announced of Captain Emil Spiro, S.A.M.C., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Spiro of Walvis Bay and Dora, only daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. W. Glaser of Green Point, formerly of Caledon.

The engagement is announced of Renée, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Edelstein of Selborne, East London, and Theo Blumberg ("Q" Services), son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Blumberg of Tamboer's Kloof, Cape Town.

The marriage will take place between Gwen, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. N. Awerbuch of Bloemfontein, and Henry, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. E. Pillemer of Johannesburg, at the Bloemfontein Synagogue on Sunday, 15th November, at 7.30 p.m.

**UNION OF JEWISH WOMEN (JOHANNESBURG BRANCH)**

**Annual General Meeting**

The annual general meeting of the Johannesburg Branch of the Union of Jewish Women of South Africa will take place at the Rand Women's Club, 10th Floor, Anstey's Building, on Monday, 30th November, at 2.30 p.m.

**Home Comforts Fete.**

This Branch has undertaken to convene the Beer Garden at the Home Comforts Fete in aid of their funds, to be held on the 21st November, commencing at 6 p.m. Owing to the great difficulty in obtaining glasses in large quantities, members are asked to contribute one or two glasses each. These can be left at the Home Comforts Depot, City Hall, c/o the Conveners, Mesdames J. Schwartz and D. Hayden.

**"LOVE FROM A STRANGER"**  
**New Production by Repertory Players**

Ivor Jones, dramatic critic of the "Cape Times," will play the leading part in the next production of the Johannesburg Repertory Players, which is to be presented in the Standard Theatre from 1st December to the 9th. The play is to be "Love from a Stranger," an unusual thriller, with all the grip that Agatha Christie can give it and the dramatic finesse which was the special characteristic of the late Frank Vosper's plays. Miss Minna Schneier is the producer.

**BENONI WOMEN HELP J.N.F.**

The Card Afternoon given on Tuesday, 13th October, by Mrs. M. E. Lurie for the J.N.F. realised over £16. The Benoni Women's Zionist League deeply appreciate the splendid efforts made by Mrs. Lurie, prior to this function, which brought in the further sum of £38.

The next card afternoon will be held at the home of Mrs. Miller, 123 Princes Avenue, on Tuesday, 8th December. All members and friends are cordially invited to attend.

**LUCKY WINNER**

The competition organised by the Palestinian Ladies' Group in aid of comforts for the Palestinian soldiers was won by Miss Sher, of 144 Percy Street, Pretoria. The prize, a beautiful Madeira cloth, was contributed by Mrs. J. Bloomberg, of Roseneath Mansions, Johannesburg.



**HEDI HAAS,**  
—the well-known Continental artist, who is appearing in a Grand Concert at the 20th Century Theatre on Sunday, November 29th, in aid of comforts for the Palestinian Soldiers.

**ERETZ ISRAEL PICTURE CALENDAR**

**New Supplies Arrive**

The latest mail from abroad has brought new supplies of the beautiful Eretz Israel Picture Calendar, published by the Keren Hayesod.

Attractively printed on art paper, this fine production contains a series of magnificent photographs representative of many aspects of life and activity in the Jewish Homeland. This year, a number of the photographs deal with the war. There are scenes of Jewish soldiers and of Empire troops at various settlements. Other photographs depict, as in former years, the ramified activities of the new Jewish life that has grown up in Palestine.

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