

In and Around the Peninsula.

Shovuouss in Cape Town.

In spite of the fact that Shovuouss fell on working days this year, there were fair attendances at the Synagogues on Monday and Tuesday. As usual during this festival, both the Gardens and Roeland Street Synagogues were decorated, the effect of an artistic arrangement of palms and other plants adding greatly to the beauty of the services. In the former the service was conducted by Rev. L. Kirschner, assisted by Cantor S. Kibel and the choir, and on Monday morning an inspiring sermon on Shovuouss was delivered by Rev. A. P. Bender. In the Roeland Street Synagogue the service was conducted by Cantor F. Spektor, assisted by his choir. Services were also held in the "Beth Hamidrosch Hachodosh," where Rabbi Mirvish was responsible for a very fine sermon.

A Successful Ball.

The City Hall presented a very festive appearance last Wednesday evening, when the Talmud Torah Ball was held. The Hall was most artistically decorated with streamers of yellow, orange and brown, a colour scheme which was effective in lending an exceedingly gay note to the proceedings of the evening.

A very large gathering was present, among whom were not a few visitors from the outlying districts. Music was provided by the Revellers' Orchestra and a delightful sit-down supper was served in the Banqueting Hall, where the tables were also very beautifully decorated. An interlude during the evening was a mannequin parade staged by Messrs. Cash Wholesale.

There can be no doubt that the Ball was most successful and that it was vastly enjoyed by those who attended it. Mrs. M. Rosen, that indefatigable communal worker, was convenor of the Ball Committee, the members of which were Mesdames A. Cohen, M. Gawronsky, M. Greenwall, B. Levy, Leibowitz, A. Liberman, M. Michaels, H. Rosen, Ruben; L. Sacks, B. Schneider, L. Schrire, A. Silbert, Zuckerman, and Miss O. Chall. The Talmud Torah should benefit not inconsiderably by their efforts.

Oneg Shabbos.

A very successful Oneg Shabbos, attended by a fairly large gathering, was held in the Zionist Hall last Saturday afternoon. An interesting lecture on "Shovuouss in Ancient and Modern Times" was delivered by Mr. Hirschson during the course of the afternoon.

The Hebrew Kindergarten.

The new Hebrew Kindergarten in Oranjezicht, which has just been opened, is one of the most delightful such institutions—if one may call them that—which exist in Cape Town to-day. In the first place, it would

be difficult to conceive of any spot more suitable for a Kindergarten than "Davaar," in Molteno Road, which has been chosen for this one. The room that has been engaged is large and airy and sunny. On two sides it looks out on to green gardens and on another on to the De Waal's Park, which will, I am told, act as the children's playground.

The room has been very charmingly furnished in a colour scheme of blue and red. Diminutive chairs and tables, cupboards, brightly coloured mats, delicate curtains tied with blue bows—curtains that might verily belong to a doll's house—flowers on the window-sills that catch the light as it streams into this child's fairyland, gay pictures on the walls—what more could be desired to complete this fascinating play-centre, and in what other surroundings could one conceive a child being happier?

The Kindergarten was officially opened on Wednesday morning in the presence of a small gathering of ladies by Mrs. F. Clouts, Chairlady of the Bnoth Zion Association under whose auspices it is being run. Some fifteen children were enrolled and a large number are yet expected to join.

The Bnoth Zion is in every way to be congratulated on this venture—a venture which one has every reason to expect will meet with success. The Association has been very fortunate in having secured the services of Mrs. S. Gordon, whose remarkable achievements in connection with the old Kindergarten in Hope Street are well remembered. Many children who have a thorough command of Hebrew to-day received their earliest training at her hands, and the enthusiasm with which she has resumed work again augurs well for the future of this undertaking.

The C.T. Hebrew Circle.

A Hebrew lecture on "War Reminiscences" was delivered by Mr. Mordecai Ben-Arie last Wednesday evening under the auspices of the Hebrew Circle. Mr. Ben-Arie was lieutenant in the Australian Imperial Forces during the late war and he consequently had much of interest to relate of his experiences at Gallipoli and on the Palestine border. Mr. A. Levine, Chairman of the Circle, presided, and at the outset spoke briefly on the Jewish Legion.

On Tuesday a Shovuouss evening was held and was very well attended. With great gusto all present joined in the singing of Hebrew songs and several excellent sketches were recited by members of the Circle. During the evening refreshments (incidentally of a nature well in keeping with the festival) were served.

The Circle has now formed a Dramatic Section, which will within a few weeks be responsible for the production of several one-act plays in Hebrew.

Cape Jewish Orphanage.

The Committee of the Cape Jewish Orphanage is endeavouring in every way possible to carry out the mandate given them at the General Meeting in April. We understand that among other economies being effected, the offices are shortly to be removed to the Home in Montrose Avenue, and we now hear that arrangements are almost completed for a close and personal canvass of Cape Peninsula Jewry in order to secure as many new members as possible. Lists of non-members, arranged in districts and streets, have been prepared, and a special meeting of the Committee and helpers has been called for next Tuesday evening, the 10th inst., at 8 o'clock, at the Home, when this Membership Campaign will be inaugurated. We are asked to appeal to those ladies who have the time to help the Committee in this canvass to come to this special meeting. The Committee will cordially welcome the co-operation of all well-wishers and we earnestly commend this means of helping an excellent Institution to such of our co-religionists as have a little time at their disposal. The Campaign will last about ten days. We earnestly wish the Committee every success.

A Silver Wedding.

On Wednesday, 28th May, Mr. and Mrs. E. Greenstein, of Stellenbosch, both well-known Zionists, celebrated their Silver Wedding. A reception was held at their residence, at which about 200 guests were present. In addition to almost the whole Jewish Community of Stellenbosch being present, Cape Town, Wynberg, Sea Point, Parow, Bellville, Somerset West, Paarl, Wellington and Worcester were all well represented. During the evening toasts were proposed by the Rev. I. Goldberg, Messrs. M. Gurland, I. Perel, S. Joffe and E. Lurie, to which Messrs. Greenstein senior and junior ably responded. A subscription of twenty guineas was made and brought in by Jack and Pearl Greenstein to inscribe their parents' names in the Golden Book.

The Kadimah Association.

The Kadimah Association held a very successful dance in the Minor Hall of the Zionist Hall on Tuesday evening. There was a very large attendance and dancing was indulged in till past midnight. The affair, it was generally agreed, was a most enjoyable one.

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