

In Port Elizabeth

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Daughters of Zion Society.

Under the auspices of this Society a very successful concert and dance was held at the St. George's Hall on Thursday, the 26th December, in aid of the Dunam Drive. The Hall was packed to overflowing and the holiday-makers and campers were in marked attendance. Miss Gertie Ress and her troupe—consisting of Misses M. Kaplan, F. Solomon, B. Sachs, S. Taitz, P. Lemmer, B. Herman, D. Stein, N. Kaplan, E. Sebba and R. Eliason—opened the evening's entertainment. Too much praise cannot be bestowed on Miss Ress for the exceptional manner in which she had organised and trained her troupe, and the ovations they received at the close of each of their items testified that her work was indeed well done.

The next item was a sketch entitled "The Final Rehearsal," in which the following took part: Misses Celia Kahn, R. Zinober, L. Weinronk, G. Martinson and B. Buchman.

There were two other sketches during the evening entitled "A Happy New Year" and "Neither of Them," in the first of which the following took part: Miss Lily Nieburg and Messrs. Ben Sherman, D. Hope and A. Sacks. In the latter of the sketches Mr. Eric Ash and the Misses K. Rubin, R. Rubin and A. Kalmin filled the role. Miss Ress and Mr. D. Hope, a versatile young artist, delighted the large audience with their duets and were ably assisted by the troupe.

The thanks of the Society are due to Mr. Victor Seagull, the producer, who worked untiringly for the success of the evening, and to Miss R. Taitz, the accompanist. Special thanks are also due to Mr. Cyril Berman, a visitor, on his excellent stage management, and Mr. A. Kruse as business manager.

The concert came to a close at 10.30 p.m., and from 10.30 p.m. to 1 a.m. dancing was indulged in to the strains of Manie's Orchestra.

Hebrew School.

The annual distribution of prizes took place on Sunday evening, December 29th, at the Emanuel Hall. The evening was opened with the traditional lighting of the Chanukah candles. Mr. A. Sendzul, who officiated, intoned very melodiously the festive benedictions and hymns. The Chairman, Mr. I. Sacks, addressed the gathering and exhorted the community to co-operate in the interests of the school, and also the pupils to cherish the knowledge received in their institution and to venerate their teachers.

The entertainment part of the programme was then proceeded with. The performers were boys and girls of the junior standards ranging from the age of 7 to 13. Dressed in white with bands of blue from shoulder to waist, faces bright and eyes starry, they sang and recited in a fluent and musical Hebrew, vividly impressing the audience as proud little Macca-beans. A sketch entitled "Seder Hayom" was enacted, and the players were rewarded by a storm of applause. Miss Sarah Silpert and Masters Max Witt, Leon Schauder and A. Redhouse earned admiration for their beautiful and impressive Hebrew recitations. Miss Phyllis Bergman was graceful and charming in her dance of the "Chanukah Spinning Top." The School Choir must be congratulated on its performance, and much credit is also due to Miss Goldie Stein, a pupil of the school, for her able accompaniment of the Choir and also as a piano soloist.

Gifts were distributed by Dr. and Mrs. Mibashan to the pupils participating, and thanks are due in this connection to Mr. and Mrs. L. Mirkin.

After a short interval Dr. Mibashan, the principal, addressed the gathering, and his impressive and sincere speech was listened to with great attention. Rev. A. Levy and Rev. Wilenchik spoke in admiration of the services rendered by the principal, and paid tribute to the work of the institution during the past year. Prizes were distributed by Mrs. Lurie senior, and the evening closed with a vote of thanks passed by the Chairman, Mr. I. Sacks, to all those who had assisted in the preparation of the concert as well as to those who had worked

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in the interests of the school. Mention must be made in this connection of the work of Mesdames A. Schumacher and R. H. Freedman, as well as to Mr. S. Sebba, for their unsparring efforts and invaluable help in procuring and arranging the decorations of the Hall.

Jewish Boys' Guild.

A dance was organised by the Guild and took place on Thursday, 2nd January, at the Humewood Cafe. New faces testified to the fact that the season was still at its height and that the youth of Port Elizabeth had determined to avail themselves of every opportunity of enjoying themselves to the full.

With the work of the Port Elizabeth Jewish Boys' Guild a new generation seems suddenly to have sprung into existence, and those whom one some short while back considered mere children now seem to have donned the caps of responsibility and appear to be quite prepared to devote as much time and attention as possible to interests of a communal and social nature. May they continue to do so!

Many societies and individuals have devoted time and money in an endeavour to provide the orphans of Johannesburg with the opportunity of spending a thoroughly enjoyable holiday at their camp at Humewood. No efforts have been spared in treating the youngsters to all such forms of enjoyment as would appeal to holiday makers at the seaside. Picnics have been arranged; trips to steamers in the Bay were successfully carried out, and concerts organised. Councillor A. Schauder's efforts must be particularly mentioned as the gentleman spared no efforts in the work entailed in helping the orphans to enjoy the pleasures of a seaside resort.

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