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### REPORTS OF JEWISH ACTIVITIES IN THE MOTHER CITY

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#### THE ZIONIST CONVERSAZIONE.

A paper was read by Mr. Jack Gordon at the fortnightly Zionist conversazione last Tuesday evening on "Socialism and its debt to the Jews."

The consensus of opinion, contended Mr. Gordon, was agreed that the first humanitarian socialism was contained in the Bible.

From the dark periods of early Christianity and mediævalism until the establishment of the Commonwealth in England, little change resulted in the social orders. Then it was that men like Harrington, Lilburne, John Locke, Rousseau and others made their appearance. During these periods the Jews had been proscribed by law from taking part in political and social questions of the day. Even after this, however, social ostracism and many other forms of race differentiation still presented insurmountable barriers to progress.

Having received a great impetus by the growth of Liberalism in Europe, Socialism grew by leaps and bounds, but it was not until Lasalle, Karl Marx and Engels appeared on the scene that the far-reaching effects of the importance of the movement were realised. The leaders of this, the most important phase in the history of Socialism, were practically all Jews. Mr. Gordon thought this was not merely coincidental. He did not suggest that but for the Jewish disaffection in Europe, and the presence of the best Jewish brains in the movement, there would have been no Socialism. But this wave of disaffection did to a large measure hasten the movement, which was bound to have come, and to a large degree determined the course it took.

Mr. Gordon referred to Socialists and Socialism within the Zionist Movement itself. He said that he felt that the success of the communal colonies bore witness to the happy result of the blending of national and social aspirations, and it was greatly desirable that, as Palestine grew and progressed, similar schemes should be aimed at in all Jewish colonisation efforts.

An animated discussion took place at the conclusion of the address, the participants being Dr. S. E. Kark, Mr. Friedman, Dr. J. Sacks, Mr. D. Getz and Mr. B. L. Rubik. Mr. Gordon replied to the various points raised. During the evening Mr. Getz, as usual, read the news from the J.T.A. bulletins, and a violin solo was given by Master Charles Kreitzer. Mr. and Mrs. J. Weinreich acted as host and hostess.

#### MR. & MRS. KADISH.

A delightful treat was provided for the children of the Cape Jewish Orphanage last Saturday night, when a farewell party was given at the home by Mr. and Mrs. J. Kadish, who are leaving to-day on a trip to Europe. Mr. Kadish is going chiefly for health reasons.

During the earlier part of the evening a concert was given, the artists being the Misses Muriel and Joyce Kadish, Miss Ruth Cohen, Mr. Roscoe and Mr. Grinthal. It was a very jolly concert, and which the children enjoyed immensely. After it an interval took place, in which the children were served with the very tempting refreshments which had been provided for in plenty by the host and hostess of the evening.

During the course of the evening Councillor L. Gradner apologised for the absence of the president of the institution, Mr. B. A. Crasnow, who was indisposed. He paid a tribute to Mr. Kadish for his noteworthy services to the orphanage.

Mr. M. Alexander, K.C., proposed the health of Mr. and Mrs. Kadish. He also dwelt on the remarkable services Mr. Kadish had rendered the orphanage, and recalled the fact that he had been one of its founders. He wished Mr. and Mrs. Kadish, on behalf of all present, a very pleasant and healthful voyage and a safe return.

Mr. J. Weinreich associated himself with the remarks of the previous speaker, after which Mr. Kadish replied. He expressed his thanks for the kind remarks which had been made concerning him. He had always found it a pleasure

working for the orphanage and in bidding *au revoir* to those present, he assured them that when he returned his interest in the orphanage would be no less than what it had always been.

A very happy evening was concluded with the singing of the Hatikvah and God Save the King.

#### DORSHEI ZION CONCERT.

A very successful concert was held last Sunday night in the Zionist Hall under the auspices of the Dorshei Zion Association.

The first item on the programme was a musical monologue by Mr. William Perl. Miss Beatrice Kerner next obliged with a recitation, after which Mr. Harry Katzin, accompanied by Miss E. Feinhols, gave a violin solo. Miss E. Richman, who was also accompanied by Miss E. Feinhols, followed by giving a vocal solo, after which dances were ably executed by the pupils of Miss Pearl Lazarus. Prior to a short address by Mr. Z. Avan, which brought the first half of the programme to a close, Mr. Boris Rome, accompanied by Miss Jessie Zuckerman, rendered a number of songs. Mr. Avin, in his address, spoke on the subject of Hebrew literature. He emphasised the importance of the part the Hebrew language should play in Jewish life to-day, and particularly urged that the Hebrew press should be supported.

During the second half of the evening most of the above-mentioned artists performed again, whilst a recitation was also given by Mr. M. Natas. A Yiddish sketch, "Radio Noch Havdalah," in which Messrs. H. Bloch and E. Natas took part, was very successfully staged. The programme was concluded with the singing of Hatikvah and God Save the King.

#### MR. MELACH RAVICZ.

Mr. Melach Ravicz, the Yiddish poet and author, who is at present on a visit to South Africa in the interests of the Yiddish schools in Poland and Lithuania, arrived from Johannesburg on Friday last.

On Saturday evening, in the Zionist Hall, a welcome was given to Mr. Ravicz, and was attended by some two to three hundred persons. Mr. H. V. Meyerowitz was in the chair. Mr. P. Kaplan extended a welcome to the visitor on behalf of the Students' Jewish Association, and Mr. Novikov spoke on behalf of the Vilna Landsleit. Mr. D. Jager, hon. secretary of the Federation of Polish Jews, associated himself with the remarks of the former speakers, and wished Mr. Ravicz good luck in his enterprise.

Mr. Ravicz lectured on the development of Yiddish culture, and traced its expression in contemporary literature. It was an interesting lecture and was attentively listened to by the audience. Towards the close of the evening the poet recited one of his own verses, a dramatic poem, "Cherem on Boruch Spinoza."

#### GENERAL.

The marriage took place at the Wynberg Synagogue on Monday evening last of Miss Raye Bloch to Mr. Joe Praed. A reception was subsequently held in the Wynberg Town Hall, where a large number of guests assembled, and where various toasts were proposed. During the evening £20 was subscribed by the guests for the Board of Guardians and the Jewish National Fund. This feature of the wedding was particularly pleasing in view of the fact that the custom of making such collections at Jewish *simchas* seems, unfortunately, to be rapidly dying out.

A lecture on "Rabbi Akiba and Bar Kochba" was delivered last Saturday afternoon at the Oneg Shabbos by Mr. Ch. B. Levinsohn.

A very successful dance was held on Saturday evening, the 6th inst., at the Woodstock Talmud Torah Hall, under the auspices of the Observatory-Mowbray Jewish Guild.

Mrs. S. Zuckerman, of New York, is on a visit to South Africa, and is staying with her sister-in-law, Mrs. H. Glaser.

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