

In and Around the Peninsula.

The United Hebrew Schools.

A mass meeting will be held in the Zionist Hall on Sunday evening, at 8 p.m., to consider the position of Hebrew education in the Cape generally and the financial position of the United Hebrew Schools in particular. Mr. W. Harris will preside and the speakers will be Rev. A. P. Bender, Rabbi M. Ch. Mirvish, Rabbi I. M. Gervis, and Morris Alexander, Esq., K.C.

The special campaign in connection with the Talmud Torah has now commenced and following the mass meeting a general canvass of the town will be undertaken by members of the committee assisted by friends of the institution. The committee have issued a brochure which has been circularised among the Jewish community, and it is to be hoped that one and all will rally to the assistance of the committee and help it out of its present financial difficulties.

However deserving are the various communal institutions in Cape Town, none perhaps can claim prior support to the United Hebrew Schools. It need hardly be advertised that everything pertaining to the welfare of the Jewish community depends upon the Talmud Torah.

There are very few who do not realise the importance of the Talmud Torah, but obviously there are many who do not for one reason or another understand that without the support of the whole community the United Hebrew Schools will be unable to function. It might be repeated that over 300 children are receiving a thorough Jewish education and religious training at the United Hebrew Schools and that this requires the services of a principal and nine competent teachers. It must be easy to realise how heavy a charge this service is. Nearly £2,500 a year is required in teachers' salaries and there are also other administrative charges. When one looks at the small amounts received by way of income from other sources one can see how impossible it will be for the committee to carry on under present conditions. One can also see how very apathetic the bulk of the community have been towards the institution and towards the question of Hebrew education generally.

It is more than ever necessary that the campaign be a success. It is earnestly trusted that the community will render all the support necessary and assist in maintaining this most worthy institution.

Cantor Katzin at Wynberg.

There was a very large gathering of worshippers at the Wynberg Synagogue last Friday night when the service was conducted for the first time by the new Cantor, Oberkantor M. Katzin. Mr. Katzin, who has

a very fine lyric tenor, conducted the service with great beauty and feeling and very deeply impressed his listeners.

The Orphanage Meeting.

Owing to there having been no quorum present, the Orphanage meeting, which was to have taken place on Sunday last, has had to be postponed. In accordance with the constitution the meeting is being called for Tuesday evening, 24th inst., at 7.30 p.m. It will be held in the Home, Montrose Avenue.

Cape Town Young Judeans.

On Saturday, 31st January, the above society held its bi-annual election. A large gathering was present. After the minutes of the last general meeting were read, Mr. S. A. Rechtman gave his chairman's report. He stated that the Society had made comparatively good headway during the past session, considering the slackness of the time of the year.

The Sporting Circle report was then read out. This circle, unfortunately, had scarcely made any progress, but it was hoped that with a more favourable time of the year and with a stronger committee, it would recover the ground that it had lost during the last session.

The balance sheet showed that the Society was in a sound financial position. Mr. H. Zuckerman, the Supervisor, reported on the work of the Judean Central Council, pointing out that the Young Judeans could be said to have taken the lead of other Zionist Societies during the last six months.

The election then took place. The Chairman, Vice-Chairlady and Treasurer were elected unanimously, whilst for the rest of the committee the voting was keen. The result of the election was as follows:—Hon. Chairman, Mr. S. M. Levin; Hon. Vice-Chairlady, Miss F. Rachman; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. L. Cooper; Hon. Assistant Treasurer, Mr. M. Coleman; Hon. Joint Secretaries, Miss F. Joffe and Mr. S. F. Wyner; Hon. Judean Commissioner, Miss P. Pieters; Hon. Committee members: Misses S. Posel, E. Bernhardt and A. Solomon and Messrs. S. H. Rechtman, R. M. J. Rosenberg and A. Miller.

The meeting concluded with the singing of the "Hatikvah."

C.T. Junior Zionists.

A very successful meeting of the above society took place on Sunday, 1st February, in the Zionist Hall. There were present some 40 members.

Mr. E. Miller read a paper on Perez Smolenskin's autobiography, after which a "one man oratorical contest" was held be-

tween Mr. S. A. Kahn, who represented the C.T. Junior Zionist Society, and S. Kawalsky, who represented Muizenberg Y.I. Society. Mr. Kahn's subject was "The Pittsburg Programme," and the judges, Mr. M. Hurwitz and Mr. J. Simenhoff, found that the speaker's subject was one of good choice and that he dealt with it well in the limited time at his disposal. Mr. Kawalsky spoke on "The Early History of the Jews in Palestine," a subject into which he could not unfortunately fully go in the time allotted for each speaker.

The unprepared subject was "What are your ideas on the parts that the cultural, social and outdoor activities should play in the programme of a Y.I. Society in South Africa?"

Mr. M. Hurwitz, on behalf of the judges, declared that the C.T. Junior Zionist Society had won the contest.

A vote of thanks was passed to the judges by Mr. H. Zuckermann, after which the meeting concluded with the singing of "Hatikvah."

Social Items.

The engagement is announced of Janie, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Kuritzky, of Cape Town, to Adolph (Vaaikie), youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Feitelberg, of Sea Point.

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