

In and Around the Peninsula.

Barmitzvah Celebration at the Orphanage.

Saturday evening was a very jolly night for both the children of the Orphanage and for those who had given up their evening in response to the Committee's invitation to attend the Barmitzvah party given for the two lads, Masters Adolph Ellis and Louis Gedalowitz, who had recited their portions in the two senior Synagogues that morning.

The dining hall presented a bright and attractive spectacle when Mr. M. Alexander arrived to preside over the happy throng. The tables were tastefully decorated and were laden with the usual delectable viands.

Mr. B. A. Crasnow, President of the Orphanage, in a few well-chosen words welcomed Mr. Alexander. He said that he as President was particularly delighted to have him in the chair as one of the trustees for many years of the Orphanage, and also as the leader and champion of Jews and Jewish rights in South Africa.

Mr. Alexander proposed the toast of the health and happiness of the two Barmitzvah lads. He impressed upon them the need to take the teachings of the day's Sedrah to heart, and, above all, to take advantage of their lessons so as to fit themselves to become able and useful South African Jewish citizens. Mr. Alexander congratulated the boys on reaching their first step as members of the House of Israel and the Committee of the Orphanage on their care and watch over these and the other children resident at the Orphanage.

Rabbi I. S. Kramer delivered an eloquent oration in Yiddish, admonishing the lads and other children to make the most of their opportunities and expressing his gratification at the Jewishness of the training given to the children.

A short but very fine musical programme followed. Mr. B. Garfiinkel, accompanied by Mr. Wm. Perl, sang several songs, and was compelled to give encores. Miss N. Gell recited with good effect and Miss Ruth Cohen played the piano brilliantly. These were followed by five of the Orphanage girls in a very pretty and effective musical sketch.

Councillor Louis Gradner, in a humorous speech, offered the Committee's sincere thanks to Mr. Alexander for giving up his evening to preside at this festive gathering. He tendered the warmest thanks of the Committee to Mr. and Mrs. A. Fryde, who had once again supplied the Barmitzvah boys with complete outfits for the occasion. They had performed this generous act since the inception of the Orphanage, and he hoped they would be with us for many more years.

The speaker then tendered the Committee's grateful appreciation to the artistes and to Mrs. J. Lurie, the acting Chairlady, who

had carried out her task of catering for the party so efficiently, as also to Mr. and Mrs. Beresinsky, the Principal and Matron.

This concluded the formal part of the proceedings and many of the grown-ups left the children to enjoy the rest of the evening with games, singing and dancing.

C.T. Hebrew Circle.

On Wednesday evening, 19th inst., the C.T. Hebrew Circle's meeting took the form of a lecture at the Zionist Hall by Mr. B. Lipschitz on "The Samaritans."

Mr. A. Levin, the President, having introduced the lecturer, said that the story of the Samaritans was interesting in itself and of special interest to us Jews, of whom they considered themselves a part.

Mr. Lipschitz told his audience that the Samaritans considered themselves co-descendants with us of the Israelites who came to Egypt with Jacob, that we had to a certain extent a common history and common traditions, and looked forward to a common destiny. They rejoiced in Israel's glorious past and stressed the difference between our

conception of history and theirs in three books:—Firstly, "The Book of Joshua, the son of Nun," in which they declared that the Pentateuch is common to both them and us, but that they took over the real history after that, leaving us to write a new history for ourselves; secondly, "The Memoirs of the High Priests," and lastly, "The Crossing of the Red Sea." These books did not contain any important historical records, but a sequence of events in the lives of individuals.

Their country was named after one Shemer, from whom the mound had originally been bought. They claimed descent from Pinchas, the grandson of Aaron, the first Jewish high priest. With the Israelite conquest of Canaan they ceased worshipping their gods and attached themselves to the people of Israel. They maintained that Shechem was the Bethel of Jacob's dream.

Their sacred hill, Mount Gerizim, had sheltered David in his plight from Saul, and it was here that the kings were anointed. They also related that David was forbidden to build God's house, and that the work was left for his son Solomon, the King of Peace. Their resentment against the Jewish priests, especially against Elijah, was bitter. They recorded Shalmanassar's seize of Jerusalem and declared that they went into exile with the Jews.

They accepted the Ten Commandments as well as the new Torah written by Ezra.

Mr. Levin remarked on the phenomenon of the continuity of this people who refused to marry with Christians and with whom



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the Jews refused to unite. He then thanked the lecturer for the interesting lecture he had given.

Mr. M. Wolozinsky also took part in the discussion.

On Sunday evening, 6th September, Mr. Z. Avin will open a discussion on the Hebrew Conference in Berlin.

Zionist Socialist Party.

Under the auspices of the South African Zionist Socialist Party, a meeting will be held in the Zionist Hall on Saturday, 29th inst., at 8.15 p.m., when the Zionist Congress will be discussed. Advocate Julius Lewin will be in the chair.

All are welcome.

The Zionist Ball.

Blue and white streamers and a profusion of greenery arranged in the most artistic style were the main features of the decoration scheme at the Zionist Ball on Thursday evening last. The Zionist Hall presented a very gay appearance and a bright atmosphere was maintained throughout the evening.

There was a large gathering present and dancing took place to the strains of Vie Davis' Orchestra. An excellent supper was served in the Minor Hall and there could be little doubt that the ladies of the Bnoth Zion, who were responsible for it, had gone to no little trouble. They were also in charge of the decorations and in this direction, too, they did extremely well.

The Ball was on the whole a success and a fair sum should accrue to the Jewish National Fund as a result.

Mr. Joel Myerson.

Another Dorshei Zion Concert is being held in the Zionist Hall on Sunday evening, 6th September. An indication of the excellent standard of the programme being arranged is the fact that Mr. Joel Myerson, the well-known South African tenor, will contribute to it.

The Orphanage Concert.

A Grand Concert is being arranged in aid of the Cape Jewish Orphanage Funds by the African Theatres, Ltd., at the Opera House for Sunday evening.

Donations of 2s. 6d. entitle holders of receipts to a seat in any part of the House, which may be booked at the Opera House booking office before Friday, the 28th inst. The whole of the proceeds will be devoted to Orphanage Funds.

A very fine programme is being arranged by the General Manager of African Theatres and Allen-Doone and members of his company will assist.

Tickets may be had from members of the Committee and booking should be seen to at once as the plan is filling up fast.

Social Items.

Mr. and Mrs. David Getz are being congratulated on the birth of a son.

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Mr. I. Mauerberger is at present spending a holiday in Durban.

The engagement is announced of Leah, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Chiat, of Tamboers Kloof, to Louis, elder son of Mrs. Perlman and the late Mr. B. Perlman, of Tamboers Kloof, formerly of Sutherland.

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Mr. M. Pevsner left Cape Town on Monday on a business visit to Johannesburg.

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The marriage of Louise, daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. S. Bernhardt, of Cape Town, to Barney Berger, also of Cape Town, takes place in the Roeland Street Synagogue on Sunday evening, 30th inst.

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The next Zionist Conversazione takes place in the Zionist Hall on Tuesday evening, 1st September.

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Dr. Ray Schauder returned to South Africa on Monday last by the "Warwick Castle."

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Mr. S. Y. Jacobi arrived in Cape Town on Wednesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Lazarus are being congratulated on the occasion of their silver wedding, which is being celebrated on Sunday.

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Dr. Manfred Nathan, K.C., will be the speaker at the Maccabean Guild Luncheon at the Carlton Hotel on Monday, 31st inst.

BRISMELAH.

The circumcision of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. David Getz takes place at 12.15 to-day at the Trafalgar Maternity Home, Hof Street. Friends will be welcomed at "Tandem," Marmion Road, Oranjezicht, on Saturday evening, August 29th.

SILVER WEDDING.

At Cape Town by the Rev. A. P. Bender, on 26th of August, 1906, Gertrude Ellis to Nathan (Nat) Lazarus. At home Sunday, the 30th inst., from 3 p.m. All friends cordially invited. "La Serena," Eaton Road, Tamboers Kloof.

MARRIAGE.

BERNHARDT-BERGER.—The marriage of Louise, daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. S. Bernhardt, of 13, Wandel Street, to Barney Berger, of Cape Town, will take place at the Roeland Street Synagogue on Sunday, 30th August, at 7 p.m. Reception: British Temple, 37, Roeland Street, Cape Town.

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Tickets obtainable at the Zionist Office, 147a, Plein Street, from Mr. B. Witten, 84, Caledon Street, at the Zionist Hall on Sunday, 30th August, and 6th September from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and from Monday, 7th September, every evening from 8 to 10 p.m.; Friday, Erev Rosh Hashona, the whole day.

All Seats must be booked at the Zionist Office, 147a, Plein Street, Cape Town.

Jewish Memorial Council.

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Applications are invited for the Max Michaelis Scholarship of the value of £225 per annum, tenable for three years at the Universities of Oxford or Cambridge. The Scholarship is open only to students intending to enter the Jewish Ministry. Candidates must be between the ages of 18 and 21 on the 1st October, 1932, and will be required to show evidence of ability to pass the necessary entrance examinations before going into residence, and also the Jews' College Junior Examination, and at least one, and preferably both parts of the Middle Grade Examination or other equivalent examinations. Forms of application may be obtained from the Editor of the SOUTH AFRICAN JEWISH CHRONICLE and must reach the Secretary of the Jewish Memorial Council, 20, Great St. Helens, London, E.C.3., not later than November 2nd, 1931.

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