

## In and Around the Peninsula.

### Address by Dr. Goldstein.

Dr. Alexander Goldstein, who returns to Cape Town to-day after a brief stay in Johannesburg, will be given a welcome at a public meeting in the Zionist Hall on Sunday, 31st inst. He will deliver an address, the subject of which will be "The World Crisis and Jewry." Dr. Goldstein is a brilliant speaker, as many who heard him on his previous visits will remember, and his address will no doubt create a great of interest. The meeting will be open to the public.

### Siyum Hatorah at Strand.

A large gathering witnessed the consecration of the "Sefer Torah," donated to the Strand Hebrew Congregation by Mr. and Mrs. J. Cohen, on the 24th inst. Among the guests present were representatives of the Paarl, Stellenbosch, Somerset West, Sir Lowry's Pass, Cape Town and other Synagogues and communities. After the Consecration Services at the Synagogue, the guests adjourned to the Town Hall, where the reception took place.

Mr. J. Goldberg, hon. secretary of the Congregation, introduced Mr. H. M. Jaffe, Mayor of Somerset West, who officiated as chairman. Mr. Jaffe paid a glowing tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Cohen for the donation made by them, and proposed a toast to their health, which was loudly acclaimed by all. Rev. Hirshowitz of the Strand, and Rev. Shlomow of Somerset West, addressed the guests on the significance of a "Siyum Hatorah." Rev. Kassel, of the Woodstock Hebrew Congregation, followed with several Jewish folk songs, which proved to be very popular, and was encored several times. Rev. Kibel, of the Gardens Synagogue, then delivered an address in English and gave his version of "Siyum Hatorah." Music was ably rendered by Mr. J. W. Rubin, a violinist, who was accompanied by Mrs. Campbell.

Mr. Goldberg, on behalf of the Strand Hebrew Congregation, expressed thanks to the Revs. Hirshowitz, Shlomow, Kassel and Kibel, Mr. H. M. Jaffe and the guests for their kind assistance in making the occasion a successful and enjoyable one.

### Orphanage Annual Meeting.

We understand that the annual general meeting of the Cape Jewish Orphanage will take place on Sunday, February 21st. The annual report is now in the printers' hands and will soon be issued.

### Zionist Socialist Party (Poale Zion-Zeire Zion).

On Monday the 1st February, 1932, at 8.30 p.m., Mr. Z. Avin will deliver a lecture on "The Life and Teachings of A. D. Gordon" at the Zionist Hall.

All members and sympathisers are invited.

### Mr. Jac H. Jacobs.

An interesting arrival in Cape Town is Mr. Jac H. Jacobs, a musician well-known in London and the provinces, who has come to South Africa intending to settle here.

Mr. Jacobs has had a very varied musical experience as conductor, leader and composer, and for seven seasons led the Roumanian Band on the North Pier at Blackpool, and was for two seasons at Bridlington Spa as Mr. Herman Darewski's deputy conductor. As a contrast to all this specialised activity he was for some considerable time professor of the violin at the London College of Music.

He is also a composer of some note, and on one occasion received a personal letter from Queen Alexandra for a composition he sent her. His work has been broadcast, and it appears that Mr. Pickerill is now considering a new composition of his, a "Duet Fantasia" for cello and piano, for performance at the City Hall.

### The Moffson Prize.

It will be remembered that last year the Rev. A. P. Bender, as executor in the deceased estate of the late Mrs. Zipporah Moffson, gave £100 to the Hebrew University at Jerusalem for the endowment of a prize to a student in Biblical Hebrew. We now learn from Mr. Bender that applications for the prize are being invited. The prize will be given for the best essay on the following subject: "The use of the infinitive in the Hebrew of the Bible; the result of this use and its development." The prize will naturally be awarded only to a student at the Hebrew University.

### The Hebrew Kindergarten.

On Monday morning, 1st February, the Bnoth Zion Hebrew Kindergartens will reopen after a month's vacation. Many of the pupils of last year have left the kindergartens for school, but there will, no doubt, be many others to take their places in these ideal children's havens.

We saw many of the tiny tots during the last month, and most of them did not seem to realise that they were on holiday. Kindergarten life is all play to them, and far from enjoying the respite, some of them were only waiting for the day for the kindergarten to open again. That day arrives on Monday and for many it will be the happiest day they have known for the last month.

### The Talmud Torah.

It was in a manner pleasing to hear from the Secretary of the United Hebrew Schools this week that so many pupils have been enrolled this year that the Committee has

no alternative but to reject further applications now. It was pleasing because one is always glad to hear that Jewish educational institutions are being supported.

But it was not a feeling of entire satisfaction one experienced on hearing the news, for it only served to bring home more poignantly than ever how inadequate is the Talmud Torah building. To-day there are four hundred children at the school and so hard pressed are the authorities for accommodation that not one more pupil can be accepted. It is more than deplorable that those seeking to give their children a Jewish education should be turned away on this account, as has been the case.

At the last annual general meeting of the United Hebrew Schools, Rev. Bender announced that he had discussed the matter of a new school building for the Talmud Torah with Mr. Rosen and Mr. Liberman who, with him, were the trustees of certain funds, and it was practically definite that same would be used for this most essential purpose. We can only hope that very soon we shall see these deliberations being put into effect.

### United Hebrew Schools Competitions.

The results of the camera, teddy bear and ladies' stockings competitions held by the United Hebrew Schools in connection with their Annual Ball are now to hand. The camera goes to Messrs. Ch. Effman and Son, the teddy bear to Miss Dektor and the stockings to Mr. C. Smith.

### Social Items.

Rev. A. P. Bender attended by invitation the meeting in the Groote Kerk last Wednesday night, when some one thousand persons of all denominations assembled to express their determination to forward the cause of peace. The meeting was held in connection with the forthcoming Disarmament Conference.

Mr. D. A. Bradlow, Treasurer of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies, is at present in Cape Town.

The next Study Circle gathering of the Cape Junior Mizrahi will take place on Saturday, January 30th inst., at 8 p.m.

Dr. and Mrs. D. Ordman left during the week-end on their return to Johannesburg.

Mr. F. C. Hollander, J.P., left on his return to Durban on Tuesday, after a brief stay in Cape Town.

S.A. JEWISH CHRONICLE.

Send 12/6 for a year's  
Subscription Post Free.

ADDRESS:

Box 2000, Cape Town.