

# OUR CHILDREN'S CIRCLE

Conducted by COUSIN HELEN

## OUR MOTTO:

*"Do not unto others, what you would not have others do unto you."*

*"A little child shall lead them."—Isaiah xi., 6.*

My Dear Little Cousins,

I hope you have all been enjoying your holidays. You have certainly had lots of them what with the school holidays and the Jewish ones.

Now comes the last of the Jewish festivals and one of the jolliest of them—Simchath Torah which celebrates the happy occasion when the last portion of the Torah (Law) has been read in the Synagogue.

The Torah is divided into different portions and every Sabbath one of these portions is read until on Simchath Torah the last portion is read. Then we begin all over again with the reading of the first portion.

Those of you who go to Shul on Saturdays must have noticed how every week certain men are "called up" to the Bima or platform in order to read the Portion of the Law for that week.

Sometimes the reading is done by the boys who become Barmitzvah. The man who is called up to read the last portion on Simchath Torah is called the "Bridegroom of the Law" (Chosen Torah) and the one who stands by when the first portion is read is known as the "Bridegroom of the Beginning" (Chosen Beraishith). To be either of these is a very great honour.

Simchath Torah is a very joyous festival and that is why you are given chocolates in Shul on that day.

## Simchath Torah.

Rejoice upon this festal day!—

When then should honest Jews be gay?

Once more unroll

The sacred scroll,

And greet the feast with song and play.

We chant the Law through all the year,

Our minds intense, our hearts austere;

To-day we jest

With mirthful zest

To show we hold our Torah dear!

Come, comrades all, and merry be—

Come, raise a lilting melody!

And let the sky

Receive the cry,

That sounds the Torah's jubilee!

ABRAHAM BURSTEIN.

## The Pious Man.

A pious man was engaged in prayer while travelling on the highroad. One of the nobles of the land who knew him, was passing by and saluted him but the pious man did not mind the salutation and continued his prayer.

The nobleman became vexed and with great effort he waited until the man had finished his prayers. Then he said to him in an excited manner:

"Thou art a stupid fellow, for thou hast sinned against thine own law which com-

mands man to take care of his own life. Thou hast just risked thy life unnecessarily. Why didst thou not respond to my salutation? If I had split thy head open with my sword, who could have called me to account?"

"Sir, I pray, suppress thy wrath," said the pious man. "I hope to quiet thee if thou wilt allow me only a few words in reply. Think, for instance, that while standing in conversation with thy king, a friend, passing by saluted thee, should'st thou like to be interrupted in thy conversation with the king, in order to answer that salutation?"

"Woe unto me if I ever were to do so," said the nobleman.

"Now, I pray, dear sir, consider only the respect thou thus payest to a mortal king who is here to-day and to-morrow is in the grave; whilst I, who stood facing the King of Kings, the immortal King, what should I have done?"

The nobleman assuaged his wrath and the pious man continued his journey in peace.

## "Chronicle" Seaside Fund.

The "Chronicle" Seaside Camp for poor Jewish children will again be held at the end of this year, and I am sure you will all do your best again to make it a success. I shall be very pleased to get donations—no matter how small—from you and I hope you will persuade your parents and friends to send in their contributions also.

Your loving

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gogue Suceah when Chaver L. Sandler presided over a large gathering. Mr. A. Immerman (of Oudtshoorn) was the guest speaker. In explaining the various meanings of the festival of Succoth, Mr. Immerman laid emphasis on the Ethrog in the light of modern developments and stressed the importance of maintaining and spreading the Mizrachi ideal. Mr. Immerman also gave a number of Jewish songs. Chaver S. Weinstein in an exhortation to the C.T. Young Mizrachi, hoped that the ideals of Mizrachi would spread all over the Peninsula. Rev. Rabinowitz (of Vredehoek) was a guest of honour and rendered a number of songs. Chaver A. Friedgood besides conducting community singing also proposed a vote of thanks to the guests.

*Oneg Shabbat.* The next Oneg Shabbat will be held to-night (Friday, 6th inst.) at 8.30 p.m., at the residence of Mrs. Friedland, 15, Clive Street, of Mill Street. Mr. E. Kluk will address the gathering on "The Arab Problem." All welcome.

## CAPE TOWN HERZLIA.

The Bialik Circle met on Friday night last when Mr. L. Phillips delivered an interesting paper.

The next meeting will take place on Sunday, October 15th. A combined function will be held very shortly with the Massadah Association.

## Zionist Youth Activities.

### EXECUTIVE.

*Book Department.* The attention of Zionist Youth members, particularly those in the Cape Peninsula, is drawn to the Special Branch Book Sales Department of the S.A. Zionist Federation. Room 2, Barrack Street, Cape Town, where a large variety of books (History, Fiction, Biblical, etc.) is on sale at very reasonable prices. Copies of the Eretz Israel Pictorial Calendar priced at 2/- per copy can still be obtained at the above office. The newest book is "The Folly of Anti-Semitism," by Dark & Sidebotham, at 1/- per copy.

*Oratorical Contest.* The Oratorical Contest for Peninsula societies will be held at the Zionist Hall, Hope Street, Cape Town on Sunday, 8th October, at 8.15 p.m. The judges will be Mr. C. K. Friedlander and Mr. V. Resnekov. Mr. Dave Meyerowitz will present the prize.

*J.N.F. Study Circle.* The J.N.F. Study Circle met on Monday, 25th September at Rosecourt, when an appreciative group heard Mr. E. Kluk speak informatively on "Our Arab Neighbours." Miss R. Sakinofsky delivered the J.N.F. News Service and Miss H. Hodes read a paper on Accidents (the first in a series of self-prepared papers by members on towns and colonies in Eretz Israel).

*Junior Sub-Committee.* Mr. Alec Wall, the convener of this branch of Executive work, arranged a novel Succoth evening on Sunday night at the Minor Zionist Hall when about 75 junior members thoroughly enjoyed the screening of a film depicting the latest developments and progress in Eretz Israel. The part, a tribute to our Chalutzim, was in natural colour. A still film of the "White Paper" scenes in Palestine was also shown. Mr. E. Charlaff was the principal speaker and dealt mainly with the rise of Eretz Israel, the fortitude of our pioneers and how we should contribute to the upbuilding of our National Home. Hebrew songs were a feature of a very pleasant evening.

### ZIONIST ASSOCIATION OF STUDENTS (CAPE).

A most enjoyable mid-vacation meeting of the Z.A.S. took place at Rosecourt on Sunday night, October 1st. The programme commenced with the showing of film slides on the "White Paper." Apart from the political points raised, the audience showed keen interest in the portrayal of Palestinian development—particularly of the medical centres in Haifa and on Mount Scopus. Following upon this a discussion to the subject "My Personal Attitude Towards Jewish Problems" was invited from the floor. There was an excellent response and many interesting points were raised, e.g., the apathy of Zionist Youth, Assimilation, the Revisionist Programme and Social Anti-Semitism. Finally a "Living Newspaper" was presented. The Chairman announced that the Z.A.S. would hold a Studio Dance on October 15th (Sunday). Watch for details.

### CAPE TOWN YOUNG MIZRACHI.

On Sunday, 1st October, a Succoth Evening was held in the Gardens Synagogue.

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