

Zionist Youth Activities.

CAMP.

The camp committee of the Executive takes this further opportunity of expressing its regret to the number of members of Zionist Youth whose applications have had to be rejected this year owing to the lack of available accommodation and equipment.

Zionist Youth workers are reminded that a special training Kvtza will be held for the week succeeding camp, i.e., January 16th to January 23rd, 1944. An interesting programme is being drawn up with a view to giving participants a full training for their work in societies in the coming year. Particulars are available from the secretary of the Executive.

A most enjoyable and entertaining evening was spent by the members of the **Cape Town Zionist Youth Society** at a social held at "Rosecourt" on Sunday, 3rd December. Highlights of the evening consisted of dancing, table tennis, darts and other such items. The purpose of the social was to enable members to bring non-member friends with them in order to be acquainted with the aims of the society, and as a result a large number of newcomers applied for membership. It is hoped to repeat this procedure in the future.

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES.

The next **Ahad Ha'am Study Circle** will be held on Saturday, 11th instant, at 3 p.m., at the home of Rabbi I. Abrahams. All are welcome.

An impromptu concert was organised by Mrs. P. Marks with the help of Mr. Boris Rome, while spending a short holiday at Caledon. A satisfactory sum was raised for the Medical Aid for Russia fund. The organisers wish to thank all the artists who participated in the concert and helped to make it a success.

A very interesting meeting of the **Bloemfontein Hebrew-speaking Circle** took place on Monday, 29th November. Mr. M. Wolozinsky, M.A., delivered an eloquent and learned address in a fluent Hebrew on the life and works of Ahad Ha'am. A very keen discussion followed in which the following participated: Rabbi Dr. M. Romm, Dr. M. Block and Messrs. E. Chien, J. Ehrlich, A. Katz and M. Sifman. Mr. Wolozinsky replied to all questions raised. Owing to the lateness of the hour Dr. Block's commentary on Isaiah was postponed for the next meeting. Dr. M. Block expressed thanks to the lecturer.



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J.N.F. Children's Celebrations.

TWO SUCCESSFUL RALLIES.

About one thousand young Jewish children were entertained on Sunday morning, December 5th, by the Western Province Jewish National Fund Executive. The occasion was the annual Children's Rally organised by the Executive in order to bring home to the younger generation the significance of the J.N.F. and the part they could play in its service.

There were two gatherings, the first for children under eleven at the Zionist Hall and the other for children over eleven at the Rose and Woolf Harris Hall of the Talmud Torah. The children attended under the supervision of their Hebrew teachers, to whose co-operation the credit for the smooth working of the functions was largely due. Mr. J. Blesovsky was in charge of the proceedings in the Rose and Woolf Harris Hall and Dr. A. Birnbaum in a few well-chosen words spoke of the importance of the J.N.F. and the children's part in the national revival. A musical programme followed. Packets of sweets were then distributed to the children, after which two fascinating sound films of Palestine were exhibited.

At the Zionist Hall, Mr. I. Bitnun was in charge of the arrangements and Mr. C. Reinstein acted as announcer. The programme here commenced with the films and after the distribution of sweets the children were entertained by a number of artists. Thereafter Mr. S. M. Levin briefly addressed those present explaining the work of the J.N.F. and its value to the Jewish people.

A feature of both gatherings was the enjoyable Hebrew community singing. The conductors were Mr. Blesovsky (seniors) and Mrs. Elmazor and Cantor Immerman (juniors).

At each gathering the concert programme was provided by Miss Avra Weinreich who rendered two songs, Miss Freda Astrinsky who recited in Hebrew and English, and a pupil of Miss Rosalyn Vilenky who presented a symbolic dance depicting the national revival in Eretz Israel. Miss Rachel Rabinowitz kindly accompanied at the piano.

At the annual general meeting of the **Paarl Hebrew Congregation** held at the Talmud Torah Hall on Sunday, 28th November, the following were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year: President, J. J. Geffen; Hon. Treasurer, B. Volks; Hon. Secretary, B. Zetler; Committee, Messrs. J. Shoolman, S. Myers, J. Bloom, L. Hoffman, P. Goldstein, L. Sutin, I. B. Silbert, M. Semer, S. Amasowitz; Trustees, H. Roup and J. Jaffe; Hon. Auditors, C. L. Back and A. J. Volks.



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United Hebrew Schools' Participation in Day of Mourning

The United Hebrew Schools devoted the afternoon of Tuesday, 7th December, to participating in their own way in S.A. Jewry's day of mourning.

Mr. A. Levin, the principal, briefly explained to the children why the usual lessons had given place to the meeting and called on Mrs. H. Lieberman to address the younger pupils.

Mrs. Lieberman, without striking too depressing a note, gave the children a picture of what was happening to the Jews in Europe. She explained that Hitler's monstrosity lay in his not being true to himself or his own people. He held up the Jews as the bogey who was the cause of all German suffering, and now the German people were slowly beginning to realise that causing the Jews to suffer had only added to their own suffering, as so many Jewish persecutors had discovered in the course of history. Jewry had suffered more than other nations because it was an older people with older traditions. The speaker then made an appeal to her youthful audience to remain true to themselves, their people, and noble traditions.

Cantor A. Immerman intoned the Haskorah.

After the Mincha service conducted by Israel Blecher, one of the pupils, Dr. C. Resnekov addressed the older boys and girls.

Dr. Resnekov spoke of the vile iniquities that were perpetrated against our people because of the Jew's pride in his ideal, that every man was created in the likeness of God, and thus had claim to full human rights. He compared Antiochus with the present-day monsters, and reminded his hearers that the Maccabees had triumphed over their adversaries.

He stressed the fact that the world's disregard of Jewry's warning against Hitler's rise to power had resulted in tragedy to the whole world. Now, however, world conscience was being awakened to the rights of even small peoples to work out their own destiny. The speaker then impressed upon those present that when millions of Jews were being killed and millions more rendered helpless, it remained with the Remnant of Israel to make up the loss in quality, as it was impossible to do in quantity. He appealed to them to study their language, history and traditions. In these days of crisis Palestine called to us to work for a land of our own, where homeless Jewry could find a refuge.

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