

tion, and one who was personally interested in the revival of the Jewish people. They handed the Golden Book Certificate to their guest of honour.

MR. HOFMEYR'S REPLY.

Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr expressed his hearty thanks to the Chairman, the Rabbi and the pupils for their welcome. He said he was glad not only to have the certificate but he was also glad to have had his name inscribed in the Golden Book, and thereby be associated with the work of the Jewish National Fund. He was glad to stand side by side with General Smuts in the Zionist cause. He had always felt that Zionism was really one of the great movements of our times. It was a movement that would have permanent effects for the whole of humanity. He was glad too that the honour had been conferred on him as a result of the efforts of the children themselves. When he had visited Palestine he had been impressed there with the development of Hebrew as a living language, the language of every day use. The way in which Hebrew came to be a living language was one of the miracles of this age. The pupils had not only done honour to him by inscribing his name

in the Golden Book, but they had also helped the cause by contributing towards the acquisition of land in Palestine for the redemption of Eretz Israel. The result achieved was the consequence of the coming together of small contributions of small people. History was full of great people who had caused great conflicts and difficulties. But great progress in humanity came from little people who made up the bulk of every nation. Zionist achievement was the result of the contributions of a vast number of people all playing their part in one of the greatest movements of our time.

The Zionist movement, said Mr. Hofmyr, was the result of three factors, the people, the Book, and the land. The amazing history of the Jewish people, scattered, persecuted and reviled yet remaining a nation, despite everything that was done to crush them, reminded him of "the bush that burned but was not consumed." It showed the abiding faithfulness of the Jewish people to the Book and to the God who was expressed in that Book. The Jewish people must remain the people of the Book and it was to the extent that the people have been faithful to the Book that they have prospered. The link between the Book and the land was close. From

the land the Jewish people had been taken away and to that land they must return. Only as they are rooted in the land will they make their full contribution to humanity, was essential for humanity as a whole to establish the Jews in the land of the Book.

Addressing the pupils, Mr. Hofmeyr in conclusion that they were among builders of Israel and he hoped that they would make many more contributions. He hoped that they would all live to see the realisation of the Zionist ideal, the re-establishment of the people of the Book in the land of the Book. But each one would have to do his share in making his contribution towards this upbuilding. They would then become builders not only of the lesser Jerusalem on earth but also the greater Jerusalem in Heaven.

Mr. M. Alexander, K.C., M.P., thanked Mr. Hofmeyr for his gracious presence and for the wonderful address he had delivered. He also thanked Mrs. Hofmeyr for her presence.

An apology for absence was received from Mr. W. Harris, the Vice-president.

The function concluded with the singing of the Hatikvah and "God Save the King."



Inscription on Golden Book Certificate presented to the Hon. J. H. Hofmeyr by the pupils of the Talmud Torah, Cape Town.

Pnina Saltzman's Concert.

A large Cape Town audience on Wednesday night took Pnina Saltzman to its heart. It was an evening of varying moods which gave scope both to her capacity for delicate restraint and to the masculine virility which seemed so surprising in the slight, white-clad figure.

The evening opened with the Bach-Liszt Prelude and Fugue in A minor, followed by three Scarlatti sonatas, immediately demonstrating Miss Saltzman's ease of expression in both classical and romantic themes. This range of expression reached its fullest in the Schumann Carnival (Op. 9), the highlight of the evening.

Then came three well-known Chopin pieces. Barcarolle in F sharp major, Nocturne in F sharp major, and Ballade in A flat, and here Pnina's first rate technique was much in evidence, particularly in the spirited bravura passages of the ballade and the ingenious modulations of the barcarolle.

This virtuosity fused with animation was again marked in the final group, Debussy's Reflections in the Water, and two of the colourful Spanish studies of Albeniz.

Two encores were generously given in response to enthusiastic applause, and Cape Town's musical public eagerly awaits Miss Saltzman's next concert. J.C.

Mr. Joshua Leibner to Visit Western Province.

FURTHER PLANS FOR ENLIGHTENMENT DRIVE.

As briefly reported last week, Mr. Joshua Leibner has now arrived in South Africa and will spend some months here visiting Jewish communities on behalf of the Zionist Movement.

Mr. Leibner was one of a band of young American Chalutzim who settled in the Palestine colony of Ein Hashofet. He is a fluent speaker in English and Hebrew and combines an excellent knowledge of Zionist problems with the experience of the practical upbuilding of Eretz Israel which his years of contact with the land have provided. His visit will be keenly looked forward to, particularly for the opportunity it will give to local committees to hear another first-hand report of the latest affairs in the Zionist Movement and Palestine.

Mr. Leibner will arrive in Cape Town at the end of next week for a three weeks' stay in connection with the current Enlightenment Drive. His first engagement will be a mass meeting in Cape Town on Sunday evening, 23rd instant, at the Zionist Hall, where incidentally he will also deal with current Revisionist propaganda and the so-called "Jewish State Campaign." Thereafter, Mr. Leibner will pay a series of visits to Zionist societies in the suburbs and in the country areas. Details of these functions will be published later.

Forthcoming Events.

Cape Jewish Orphanage.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Joseph Kadish Hall of the Home, Montrose Ave. Oranjezicht, on Sunday, 16th inst., at 10.30 a.m. Subscribers and donors are invited to attend.

Broth Zion Association.

The Annual Meeting of the Gardens Branch will be held at the Zionist Hall on Thursday, 20th April, at 2.30 p.m. Members are urged to attend.

Zionist Socialist Party.

Senator Sidney Smith, leader of the Labour Party in Natal, will address a meeting on "Merchant Bankers vs. The People" on Sunday, 16th inst., at 8.15 p.m., at the Zionist Hall. All welcome.

Massadah Association, Vredehoek.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 18th inst., at 8.15 p.m. sharp, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Winokur, 15 Rugley Road, Cape Town. Dr. A. Birnbaum will deliver an address on "Reform Tendencies in Judaism." All welcome.

Paarl Talmud Torah.

A function of a very interesting nature took place in the Paarl Talmud Torah Hall on Sunday evening, 9th instant, when the pupils of the Paarl Talmud Torah held a public Seder ceremony. The proceedings were rounded off with a Hebrew playlet.

It was a lively evening and tributes were paid to Mr. I. Gulis, the Principal of the Talmud Torah, by Mr. J. J. Geffen, President of the Congregation, Rev. B. D. Melamed, and Mr. I. Sutin, Convener of the Education Sub-committee for the efficient manner in which the children had mastered the Haggadah. The playlet depicted scenes of the exodus from Egypt, and apart from its educational value appeared to afford much entertainment to the youngsters.

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