

## Strand-Somerset West Hebrew Congregation.

Members of the Strand and Somerset West Hebrew Congregations participated in a most interesting function on the evening of 7th December.

The occasion was a triple one, marking not only the commencement of Chanukah, but also U.N.O.'s decision on the partition of Palestine and the presentation of a set of Gemorrah and Mishnas to the Somerset West Hebrew Congregation.

In the Synagogue, after evening prayers, the first Chanukah candle was lit; the children sang a Chanukah song and then the sets of books were formally handed over to the congregation and placed in a cabinet presented by the Treasurer and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. S. Finder, in memory of their late son. These books were the possession of the esteemed late Rev. Schlomow, for forty years minister to the congregation, who, just before he died, presented them to the Synagogue. The committee decided to raffle the books, agreeing that the two winners should be the official donors. By a marvellous coincidence the winning numbers belonged to two worthy people, most fitting to be the donors of these valuable books. One was Mrs. Anna Friedman, for many years a beloved and respected inhabitant of the Strand, whose late husband was one of the foundation members of the Somerset West Congregation. The other was Mr. Mendel Aronson, of Cape Town, whose knowledge and learning deservedly merit the honour he won.

In the supper room of the Town Hall, where everyone gathered for refreshment, Mr. Kruss, the Chairman, welcomed the guests and introduced the speakers. The first was Rev. S. Kiewlowitz, the present minister, who enlightened the audience on the meaning of Chanukah, the honour of possessing such a set of books and the significance of U.N.O.'s decision. Following him was Rabbi Morgenstern. He gave a most interesting address full of knowledge, wisdom and interspersed with humour. He explained how the three occasions could be looked upon as having one main trend, i.e. the idea of light. The light of Chanukah, the light of learning and the light of Palestine, small as it is, which shines brightly upon the hopes and lives of Jews throughout the world. Rev. Gad, of the Strand Hebrew Congregation, also said a few suitable words.

Mr. Aronson replied to the honour shown him, and Mr. Jack Friedman, Chairman of the Worcester Hebrew Congregation, replied on behalf of his mother, Mrs. Friedman.

A most enjoyable evening was had by all. It was an evening filled with pleasure, knowledge and kindly memories of the late Rev. Schlomow, an evening which will long remain in the memory of those who were present.

# "Chronicle" Seaside Camp Closing Next Sunday.

## A Great Success.

The 1947 "Chronicle" Seaside Camp is closing next Sunday, 28th December, when the children will return home after spending a delightful time at Lakeside. They are looking well and happy and are full of regret that the holiday has come to an end.

The Camp has been a great success and the deepest thanks are due to all those who assisted in the organisation and running of it, particularly to Dr. Ronald Singer, who carried out the onerous duties of head of Camp, to Mr. Claude Reitstein, who has been head for a number of years in the past and gave valuable assistance, to Miss Vera Sagorsky, who again acted as Hon. Secretary, and to Mr. Tuffias and the leaders who were in charge of the Johannesburg children.

Thanks are also due to those who contributed to the Seaside Fund and to all those who helped to make the Camp a success.

### "AT HOME" AT CAMP.

An "At Home" was held at the Camp last Friday afternoon and was attended by a number of visitors from Johannesburg, by Miss V. Sagorsky, Hon. Secretary of the "Chronicle" Seaside Fund, and by several members of the staff of the "S.A. Jewish Chronicle."

Dr. R. Singer, head of Camp, extended a cordial welcome to the visitors.

Mr. Morris Cohen said the Johannesburg Bikkur Cholim Society were very pleased to be able to provide this holiday for the children. He thanked Mr. Tuffias and Miss Sagorsky for all they had done to make the Camp a success. He hoped next year they would be able to take double the number of children. He welcomed particularly Mr. Shmuel Moch, the well-known Johannesburg benefactor.

Mr. C. Reitstein cordially welcomed the Johannesburg visitors on behalf of the Cape Town committee of the Camp. Fine work had been done by Johannesburg in making the Camp possible and successful. It was a great pleasure to have the Johannesburg children with them. They hoped to have more accommodation in the future. The leaders and assistants from Johannesburg were a fine type of youth and this augured well for the future. Thanks were due to Miss Sagorsky, the Hon. Secretary, and others who had assisted with the organisation of the Camp. The Camp filled a great need and was a stepping-stone to greater things. The children were having a grand time. He felt sure that with the co-operation of the Johannesburg Bikkur Cholim the Camp would become something permanent and bigger. He was grateful to Johannesburg for taking so great an interest in the children.

Mr. Isaacson, Chairman of the Johannesburg Bikkur Cholim Society, thanked the Cape Town committee for their co-operation. What they had visualised for many years had now been made possible. The leaders were a grand crowd and worked with enthusiasm and ability. Without them they could never have been successful in their undertaking. He paid a tribute to Mr. Hahn, who was in charge of the deaf and dumb children. He was beloved by all in the Camp. He also expressed appreciation to Mr. Morris Cohen and Mr. Tuffias. The Johannesburg Bikkur Cholim Society, he said, hoped in the near future, with the co-operation of the "Chronicle" Seaside Fund, S.A. Jewish Orphanage and others, to purchase a site to accommodate 500 children and to erect permanent buildings.

Mr. Hahn said the bringing of the deaf and dumb children was an experiment to see how they would mix with the others. It had been a great success and showed that these children were no different from others. They had all been in the deaf and dumb school; some could hear with a hearing aid and some could only do lip reading. He was grateful for the opportunity given them of showing normal children what deaf and dumb children could do. He hoped to bring more children next year. A society for Jewish deaf and dumb children had been formed in Johannesburg and deserved every support.

Mr. Tuffias said the organisers had gone to a lot of trouble so that the children could spend seventeen days at Camp. All should co-operate in making it worth while. It was due to the efforts of many people that the children were able to have this grand holiday, and appreciation was due to all who had made the Camp possible.

Dr. R. Singer thanked all who had assisted with the Camp and called for three cheers for the visitors, the Cape Town Committee and Mr. Tuffias.

The cheers were lustily rendered, and with additional cheers for Dr. Singer and the leaders, a very pleasant function came to a close.

### THIS WEEK'S LIST.

Previously acknowledged ...	£387 12 0
Lodge of Israel, £2/2/-;	
Special Donation, £3/3/-	5 5 0
Ernst Kahn (in memory of his late father, A. Kahn)	3 3 0
Estelle Brenda Singer	1 1 0
Collected by Mrs. M. Scher, Durbanville:	
Joey Scher, £1/1/-; Mrs. Spiro, £1; Mrs. A. Scher, S. Swerling, Mrs. M. Scher, D. Schus, each 10/6; Ch. Berman, 10/-;	
Mrs. Lerer, 5/-	4 18 0
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## 23rd Young Israel Camp.

OFFICIAL OPENING ON THURSDAY, 30th DECEMBER.

The Young Israel Camp will be opened officially by the Deputy-Mayor, Councillor O. E. Booth, on Tuesday, 30th December, at 10.30 a.m. on the Camp site, Lakeview Farm, Main Rd., Lakeside.

This year's Camp will consist of approximately 180 campers from all parts of South Africa and the Rho-

desias. The head of Camp is Mr. R. B. Egert. Details of the Camp programme are obtainable at Camp or at the Zionist Information Bureau, Imperial Hotel, Muizenberg.

The highlight of this year's programme is a rally of all Camps, comprising over 800 members of Zionist Youth. This rally is due to take place on 1st January, 1948, at 2.30 p.m. on the Y.I. Camp site.

Jerusalem.

It is reported from Damascus that the Governments of the Arab countries have decided to refer to the United Nations Security Council the present dispute in Palestine.

## Muizenberg Holiday Programme in Full Swing.

The holiday programme at Muizenberg which is a regular feature of the seasonal arrangements made by the Western Province Zionist Council is now in full swing. The opening function took the form of a social held at the Talmud Torah Hall on Thursday evening, 18th December, while a Visitors' Reception was held at the Muizenberg Pavilion on Monday evening, 22nd December.

### INFORMATION BUREAU.

The Information Bureau for the benefit of visitors is now open. It is situated in the grounds of the Hotel Imperial, c/o Church and Alexander Roads. Visitors are particularly requested to call at the Bureau and register so that invitations may be sent to them for all forthcoming affairs.

The next function takes place on Friday, 26th instant, at 8.30 p.m., at the Talmud Torah Hall. It will take the form of an Oneg Shabbat and an address will be given by Mr. David Dainow, formerly editor of the Zionist Record (who is on a visit to South Africa in connection with the J.N.F. Campaign). Mr. Dainow's subject will be "Re-actions of a newcomer to Eretz Israel."

Over 800 members of various youth camps throughout the Western Province, non-party groups as well as party sections, are expected to participate in a welcome to campers to be given by the Western Province Zionist Council on the site of the Young Israel Campaign, Lakeside, on 1st January, 1948.

### OPENING SOCIAL.

There was a large and enthusiastic audience at the Chanukah Social held at the Muizenberg Talmud Torah Hall on Thursday, 18th December, which marked the opening of the holiday programme of the Western Province Zionist Council. Adv. M. Barnett, who was in the chair, welcomed the visitors. He referred to the sad death of Mrs. F. Jocum who was one of the most prominent Zionist workers in Muizenberg and who was deeply missed by the community.

Rabbi Dr. A. T. Shrock, who was the guest speaker, spoke on the present situation. He said that only a few weeks ago Jewish history had taken a sudden leap forward. An ancient wrong had been righted by the United Nations and Jewry had another chance to redeem itself from an age-old exile. The new Jewish State would be faced with manifold problems but he felt sure that with the determination and courage of the Jewish people and particularly its youth all obstacles would be overcome and the new State would give a lead to other nations.

During the course of the evening the Chairman welcomed Mr. David Dainow who brought greetings from Eretz Israel. The function was opened by a recital of songs by Cantor Goldwasser accompanied by Mr. Berlinsky, the well-known choir master and musician. The recital was received most enthusiastically by the audience.

A report of Monday night's reception will appear next week.

### 2ND ANNUAL Z.S. CAMP.

OPENING CAMPFIRE SUNDAY, 28th DECEMBER at 8.15 p.m.

at

Z.S. CAMP SITE, SCARBOROUGH.

All welcome.

Visitors' Day: Friday, 2nd January.

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