

Capetown Notes.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

The synagogues presented their usual crowded appearance on *Kol Nidre* night, and on *Yom Kippur* the congregation of the Great Synagogue overflowed all day into the Avenue where large numbers of festively attired people mostly of the younger sort took the air amongst the oaks. In spite of the impressive services proceeding within, they sought respite from the stern discipline of the day of continuous prayer. Throughout the suburbs every synagogue showed a similar spectacle, and one wonders what the number of Jewish places of worship in the Cape Peninsula would be if the "Yom Kippur Jews" were all "Shabbos Jews." The unusually swollen congregations are of course partly due to numbers coming in from the small country places round about, where there are no synagogues; as well as those from the more remote country who come to town for the holy days. One feels that the desire, not perhaps conscious, for some expression of social solidarity has a more potent effect in bringing Jews together in these days than any remembrance by each individual of his sins

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On Tuesday evening the Committee of the Capetown Hebrew Kindergarten, together with parents and sympathisers, met at the United Hebrew School in Hope-street to wish Mrs. Gordon farewell and, in order to mark the committee's appreciation of the excellence of the work accomplished by her, a handsome set of Graetz' History of the Jews in Hebrew was presented

a substantial sum will be raised, so that the Orphanage will receive a handsome cheque.

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On Monday the 17th instant, the Durban Jewish Ladies Guild held their annual general meeting at No. 3, Committee Room, Town Hall. The officers elected were, President, Mrs. S. Kaplan; Vice-President, Mrs. A. J. Cohen; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. H. Lipinski; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. S. Morris, together with a representative committee.

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Mr. C. P. Robinson, M.L.A., was absent in the Transvaal for a few days, where he represented Natal at the South African Party Congress of the Transvaal Province in Johannesburg, on the 25th and 26th instants.

to her by the President, Mr. I. Mauerberger.

In the course of his speech Mr. Mauerberger referred to the loss that they were sustaining by Mrs. Gordon's coming departure.

Mr. J. Gesundheit said that the Cape Town Hebrew Kindergarten was the first of its kind in South Africa. He hoped that Miss Arie, the new principal, would continue the work in the same enthusiastic and unselfish manner that marked Mrs. Gordon's term of office.

Felicitous speeches were also made by Messrs J. Gitlin, B. Turtledove, H. Glaser, C. B. Levinsohn, M. Gurland, I. M. Sacks, Mrs. J. Gesundheit and Mrs. M. Zuckerman. Mrs. Gordon feelingly responded.

The Cape Town Hebrew Kindergarten was established about two years ago. As the first principal, Mrs. S. Gordon has brought the Kindergarten up to a high state of efficiency, and has thereby earned the approval and hearty thanks of the Jewish community. Unfortunately, owing to family reasons, Mrs. Gordon has been reluctantly compelled to relinquish her duties, and, prior to her departure for Namaqualand, handed over the management of the school to Miss Ben Arie, who recently arrived from Palestine for this purpose.

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A company of amateur actors "local dramatic enthusiasts" as they style themselves are producing at The Railway Institute on Thursday next a drama in four acts by Jacob Gordin the famous Yiddish dramatist. The performance is to be given under the auspices of the Save the Jewish Children Fund and the proceeds will be applied to aid the Soup Kitchens for the Ukrainian Pogrom Orphans.

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Mr Adolph Hallis' departure for England has been delayed until Monday. This has given him an opportunity to appear with the Orchestra at the Saturday night "Popular" Concert in the City Hall. He will play two movements from Tchaikovski's Piano Concerto in B Flat.

It is unlikely that Mr. Hallis will be heard again in Cape Town for some years and no doubt many of the numbers of people who love good piano playing are making the most of an unexpected opportunity of hearing him again. At this particular concert one of the two vocalists is Mr. Joseph Cohen, a young singer who is steadily winning favour for himself with Cape Town audiences. Mr.

Cohen is the son of Mr Mark Cohen well known and respected for so many years in Capetown as principal of the old Hebrew Public School.

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On the occasion of the recent piano and vocal recital at Paarl, Mr. Adolph Hallis' playing was so cordially appreciated that he was asked to pay a return visit, and a second recital was given on Thursday evening at the Kerkzaal.

The programme included Brahms and Chopin groups, old and modern French groups, old and modern English groups, Saint-Saens, and the Liszt Tarentelle, "Venice and Naples."

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The engagement is announced of Mr Israel Fine to Ray eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kopelowitz of Capetown.

Witwatersrand And Country Wages.

Attention has often been directed towards the great disparity existing as between wages on the Witwatersrand and country wages. A further instance of this is afforded by an advertisement appearing in a Cape country newspaper which states that a certain Divisional Council invites applications for the position of Noxious Weeds Inspector for the period of eight months, commencing on October 1st, 1923, and terminating on May 31st, 1924, at a salary of £10 per month. The advertisement continues, "the successful applicant will be required to provide and maintain his own transport, and devote his whole time to the duties of his office." What particular form of transport the Inspector will be expected to provide and maintain is not stated, but at this rate of salary he could hardly run a motor car, and it is difficult to see how he could even feed a horse, unless that animal could be maintained on a diet of noxious weeds.

In contrast to the remuneration attaching to this position, it may be pointed out that the Government Mining Engineer's official statistics show that during June of this year, the average rate of pay of Witwatersrand Mine employees was 23/5 per day for underground work, and 18/3 at surface. In June, 1914, the average pay was to surface men 16/10 per day, and underground 20/3 per day.

There is no greater evil-doer than he who takes away the earnings of the poor.—The Talmud.