

In and Around the Peninsula.

Readers are invited to send in suitable items of news for publication in this column. All communications should reach the Editor, P.O. Box 2000, Cape Town, not later than Wednesday morning. Secretaries of Societies are also invited to contribute news of the activities of their organisations.

Yom Kippur.

The many Shools in the Peninsula were crowded last Sunday night and Monday when the Holy Festival of Yom Kippur was ushered in. In every case the accommodation was insufficient to comfortably seat the worshippers and the services held at public and others halls were similarly attended. The Great Synagogue as well as the adjoining Synagogue Hall were packed to the doors. At the former, Rev. L. Kirschner and Rev. S. Kibel conducted the services and powerful sermons were delivered by the Chief Minister, Rev. A. P. Bender. Mr. B. Chideckel presided over the services in the Old Synagogue, at which Rev. M. Cohen and Rev. E. K. Sher officiated, and at which Rev. S. Kibel gave an effective sermon on the significance of the occasion. The Mincha service was taken by Mr. B. Rom, accompanied by the Synagogue Choir, whose beautiful singing was much appreciated.

A Noticeable Omission.

Many worshippers at the Gardens Synagogue on Yom Kippur were surprised and not a little worried when the Rev. A. P. Bender failed to deliver his customary and much looked forward to sermon. I am pleased to be able to say that the omission was not due to indisposition. The service had at some point or other been protracted for twenty-five minutes, and Mr. Bender with his usual consideration decided not to deliver his sermon rather than lengthen a day of fasting for many upon whom the strain was beginning to tell.

Yet I feel sure that many in that large congregation would gladly have fasted for another half-an-hour for the privilege of hearing the address of our beloved minister.

Sea Point Congregation.

The Sea Point Town Hall, where services were held under the control of the Green and Sea Point Hebrew Congregation, was filled to its utmost capacity during the Kol Nidrei and Yom Kippur Services. Every available seat was occupied before the commencement of the evening service, over four hundred adults and many children being present. This has again brought home the urgent need for Sea Point possessing its own House of Worship, and in view of the rapidity of the growth of the Jewish community in this area, the Committee realise that only by an immediate start upon the erection of a Synagogue, can it hope to provide for the members next year. The Committee has therefore decided to

leave no stone unturned to accomplish this. Mr. J. B. Shacknovis, in an address, made a special appeal to each member to do his share in this connection. The services were worthily conducted with great decorum by Rev. Diamond and Rev. Eisenstein, and Rev. Diamond delivered an impressive sermon during the evening service.

Mr. I. Mauerberger acted as Parnass and the duties of honorary Shammus were again carried out by Mr. J. Gutman. Several of the

delivered by Rabbi Emmanuel Zimmerman. A special appeal on behalf of local charities, particularly the Board of Guardians, was made by the President, Mr. Max Gurland.

The Beth Hamedrash in Constitution Street, both on Kol Nidre Night and the following day was filled with devout worshippers. Here Rabbi M. Ch. Mirvish officiated. The Poneviz, the Talmud Torah and other town and suburban synagogues each had their full quota of worshippers. At the Zionist Hall there was a large gathering to participate in the Holy Services, Rabbiner Solomon Schwarz delivered sermons on both Kol Nidre night and the following day. The subject of the former being an appeal for the National Fund. On Monday the reverend gentleman, who incidentally represents in this country

Cape Town Hebrew Congregation.

The newly elected Committee of the Mother Congregation met recently for the purpose of forming an Executive for the ensuing year. Mr. M. Rosen, Dr. B. Bernstein and Mr. S. Goldstein were unanimously appointed to fill the positions of President, Vice-President and Hon. Treasurer respectively.

Mr. Louis Hotz, B.A.

The many friends of Mr. Hotz will be interested to learn that he will shortly be leaving the Department of Labour to join the Editorial Staff of the Bloemfontein "Friend." Mr. Hotz took his B.A. (Honours) at the old S.A. College afterwards entering the Civil Service. Later he studied at the London School of Economics, following which he joined the Census Department, transferring a few years ago to the Department of Labour, where he edited the "Social and Industrial Review." Mr. Hotz has always interested himself in Jewish affairs and is a keen Zionist.

Mr. and Mrs. Ochberg Return.

Mr. and Mrs. Ochberg returned to Cape Town by the "Carnarvon Castle" on Monday. Their stay overseas was curtailed owing to cable messages regarding the health of Mr. Ochberg's mother, news of whose death reached them by wireless a day before the steamer reached Madeira. The suddenness of the sad event came as a great blow to them, and the traces of grief were noticeable on their arrival. Others on board the mail steamer were Mr. and Mrs. M. Mauerberger, Mr. Sacks (Sacks, Futeran & Co.), Mr. and Mrs. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Lurie (Durban), Mr. and Mrs. H. Atkins, and Mr. Wilder (Durban). Services were held during the High Festivals and were participated in by all the Jewish passengers, first, second and third class. There were several immigrants on board and all remained until the evening when they proceeded to their various destinations. The sum of £70 odd was collected and earmarked for Palestine reconstruction. Thanks are due to Messrs. Union Castle Co. for their consideration in placing at the disposal of the Jewish passengers one of the saloons or the purpose of holding the services.

Oneg Shabbos Circle.

On Saturday at 4.30 p.m. at the Oneg Shabbos Circle there will be a lecture by Mr. L. Volesinsky who will take as his subject the Jewish Holidays.

Jewish Donors Thanked.

There appeared in one of our dailies a few days ago a little paragraph of thanks expressing the gratitude of the Sisters of All Saints to the Rev. A. P. Bender and members of the community for the unflinching courtesy shown to their friends and collectors on Saturday, October 5th. It may not be known that among those to render most valuable service to All Saints' Home is Mr. Herman Wolff. Quietly and unassumingly Mr. Wolff has been the honorary dentist of this home for children for the last eight years. Only those who know the gentleness and sympathy with which Mr. Wolff treats all children can appreciate the good fortune of these orphan children.

Chanukah Essay Competition.

We are now able to give details of the Chanukah Essay Competition, the preliminary announcement of which appeared in our last week's issue.

The Competition will be open to boys and girls under thirteen and under seventeen.

For the former section the subject will be "Judas Maccabeus" the essay not to exceed 750 words, and for the latter, "The Origin and Significance of Chanukah," the length of the essay not to exceed 1500 words.

All Essays must be written on foolscap paper—one side only being used, and not signed. Entrants, however, should send in their names and addresses on a separate sheet of paper attached to their efforts.

Manuscripts which should be addressed to the Editor, S.A. Jewish Chronicle, 58, Burg Street, Cape Town, the envelope being marked "Competition," must be accompanied by a certificate from parent, guardian or teacher, certifying that the essay is competitor's own work.

The decision of the Judges will be final.

The following prizes are offered:—

For Boys and Girls under seventeen:

1st prize £4 4 0.

2nd prize £2 2 0.

Two Consolation Prizes.

For Boys and Girls under thirteen:

1st prize £3 3 0.

2nd prize £1 1 0.

Two Consolation Prizes.

The Competition closes on December 3rd, 1929.

younger members decided, at short notice, to form a Choir, and under the direction of Mr. I. Lewis, acquitted themselves excellently, at the same time adding considerably to the impressiveness of the services. This undertaking was greatly appreciated by the entire congregation.

At Other Synagogues.

At the Roeland Street Synagogue, Rev. S. Spektor and Rev. M. Kushlick officiated, whilst the sermon was

the Yeshivah of Radin, Poland, took as his subject the religious upbringing of children.

Services were held at the Cape Jewish Orphanage, and in addition to the inmates there was a large number of adults. The services here were conducted by Mr. A. Glass and Mr. Mirsky, whilst on Kol Nidre night a sermon was delivered by Rev. S. H. Michelson and prior to Nihle on Monday Mr. Mirsky was the preacher.

IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA.

The Kadimah Debate.

"Is a Jewish Legion necessary in the Land of Israel?" was the subject of a debate arranged by the Kadimah Association last Saturday night in the Zionist Hall. The discussion was timed to begin at 8.15. p.m.

Whether the few people present at 8.30 p.m. were sufficiently augmented by 9.30 or 10.30 p.m. to discuss and utter a decision upon this most momentous question, I am not in a position to say. By 8.35 p.m. my patience having been exhausted by the spectacle of a bleak and barren hall I departed, trusting that those who came after us would not find the even later arrivals of the others so exasperating as I had found theirs. I hope, however, that those who had patience and time enough to wait for the debate to begin were sufficiently rewarded for their virtue.

Cape Palestine Jewish Relief Fund.

Up to the present approximately £4,500 has been collected, of which £4,000 has been transmitted to the General Relief Fund. A list of further contributions, which was received too late for publication in the last issue, will be published in due course.

Mr. M. Kentridge, M.L.A.

I was very interested to learn the other day that Mr. Morris Kentridge, M.L.A., had decided to establish a practice in Cape Town. Mr. Kentridge, as is of course well known, is the Member of Parliament for Troyeville, Johannesburg. I understand that he has joined Mr. Albert Ahrenson, the well-known local attorney and they will now be located at Marais Court, 20, Wale Street, Cape Town. One might reasonably anticipate that Mr. Kentridge will identify himself with local Jewish matters with the enthusiasm he has always displayed in Johannesburg.

A Fine Pianist.

There arrived in the "Themistocles" last Saturday a very fine pianist in the person of Mr. Isidor Epstein, of London. Having come out for health reasons Mr. Epstein did not at first intend to appear on the concert platform, but has been persuaded to do so at least once. He will play with the Cape Town Orchestra at the City Hall on Thursday night, October 24th, the Beethoven C Minor Concerto. This is one of his favourite concertos. On one occasion at a London Promenade Concert at the Queen's Hall he was recalled no less than six times for his magnificent performance of it. Mr. Isidor Epstein comes from a very musical Jewish family, his father having been a London cantor and his brothers both being singers. He intends to go up North shortly. I trust that he will soon recover his health in this land of sunshine.

Succoth.

In the Haphtorah of the first day of Succoth, Zachariah, Chapter 14, verse 19, we read: "... This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles."

The Festival of Succoth is one of the nicest that we have to celebrate during the year. It seems rather peculiar that the prophet should state, that the greatest punishment that will

be meted out upon Egypt, as well as on the other Nations, should be due to their non-observance of the Feast of Tabernacles. Surely they did not keep any other observances. Then why the special wrath for non-observance of Succoth? If we carefully examine the significance of Succoth, we soon realise that it is bound up with practically the greater part of the bases of Judaism. Succoth is known as "Chag Ho-osif" the Festival of the gathering in" of all our products, and it is just then, when all the needs and comforts are prepared for the household, that we are told to dwell in booths for a week. While we sit in our comfortable houses we can hardly feel with those whose whole protection is a temporary structure. It is only when we dwell in a temporary structure for the week that we realise that there are others who are not so comfortably placed as we are. It therefore awakens in us the feeling of charity and sympathy to the unfortunate ones. This is the sin of the other nations that when they are comfortable they have no feeling for those who are in need. With the Jew it is the observance of Succoth that has acted as a sort of training. It has taught him to live, even if only for a short time, under similar conditions as those who do not possess a roof for their shelter. Possessing this great quality of being able in the midst of all comfort and luxuries to feel with the poor, the Jew has every right to read once more that beautiful prayer "Atoh bechar-tonos micoe ho-amim." Thou hast chosen us from all nations.

East Rand Jewry.

COMMUNAL NOTES

BENONI.

The Benoni Young Israel Society held their preliminary round of the oratorical contest organised by the Transvaal Y.I.S. Executive at the Hebrew Hall recently. Mr. S. C. Ostrofsky presided and welcomed the judges (Miss P. Epstein, B.A., and Mr. I. Fanaroff, B.A.) in the name of all present. Four speakers took part in the contest. Each speaker had to deliver a prepared speech and thereafter also an impromptu speech.

Mr. A. E. Rome, who spoke on "Jewish Contributions to Modern Civilisation," showed that in every sphere—the drama, literature, ethics, medicine and science—Jews had played a prominent part.

Mr. V. Solomon spoke on "The Life and Work of Rabbi Akiba." He traced the life of this great Jewish scholar, pointing out the romance of his youth, when, as a humble shepherd he had loved the daughter of a wealthy and haughty farmer. When the Romans took Jerusalem and forbade all Jewish practices, Akiba continued his occupation of a public teacher, strongly maintaining that if the Jews had any hope whatever of surviving, that hope lay in the Torah.

Mr. M. Favish chose as his subject: "Was Shakespeare an anti-Semitic? The Character of Shylock." Mr. Favish, with the help of many quotations from "The Merchant of Venice," showed that Shakespeare had tried to make Shylock as bad as possible; in the end, however, Shylock had succeeded in breaking through the web of the plot, and he ably defended himself and his oppressed race in the heartrending speech, "Hath not a Jew eyes?"

Mr. J. Isacovitz spoke on "The Homeless Race," and gave a short account of the history of the Jews up to the appearance of Zionism.

After each speaker had delivered an impromptu speech selected by the judges, it was announced that Messrs. Favish and Rome had been chosen to represent the Society against Southern Suburbs in the second round. The meeting then terminated.

BOKSBURG.

The Boksburg Young Literary Society has now been in existence for two years, and good progress has been made. The members meet every Sunday, and read articles and stories of Jewish interest. Various periods of Jewish history, too, are read and keenly discussed. The Society undoubtedly does good work, and its activities are in many respects similar to those of the junior circle of the Benoni Jewish Cultural Society.

The person to whom this society owes its progress and its very origin is the Rev. I. L. Monschen, Minister of the Boksburg Hebrew Congregation.

GENERAL.

On Thursday last, Adv. J. Schlosberg, of Johannesburg, lectured to the members of the Benoni H.O.D. (Sir Harry Graumann Lodge, No. 4) on "Palestine—its relation to World Politics." Mr. Schlosberg is, of course, an authority on the subject of the British Dominions and the Mandates, and his lecture proved most interesting and instructive. It is hoped that the Committee of the H.O.D. will continue to provide for the cultural requirements of the members.

The Committee of the Germiston Y.I.S. announces that the production of the play, "Meschiach's Tzeiten" (Goldfaden) has been postponed for some months. Meanwhile, the Society is proceeding with its ordinary work, the library being well patronised by the members.

We wish to announce the new Executive of the Brakpan H.O.D., Dr. Max Nordau Lodge: President, Bro. R. B. Miller, Vice-President; Bro. M. Hyman; Treasurer, Bro. A. Hoffman; Secretary, Bro. C. Joffe.

It is hoped on all sides that Rabbi Dr. Hildesheimer will be able to visit the East Rand and address meetings there.

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been reassured by his covering statement, as well as by the declarations at Geneva of Mr. J. Ramsay MacDonald and Mr. Arthur Henderson.

Recently I received a deputation from representatives of the Political Committee of the Jewish Socialist Labour Confederation, Poale-Zion, led by Mr. Kaplansky. We had a long talk on this subject.

Yours fraternally,
WILLIAM GILLIES,
Secretary.

JOIN THE CROWD!

A SELECT DANCE

will be held at the
BEACH HOTEL, HOUT BAY
TO-MORROW (SATURDAY) NIGHT.
Marks (Personal) Orchestra in Attendance.
Evening Dress Compulsory.
Buses leave Princess Cafe, Adderley Street at 7.30 p.m.

The Kadimah Association.

Nearly two months have passed since World Jewry was shaken by the terrible atrocities in Erez Israel. Two months ago Jewry all over the world voiced their protests and promised immediate help for the upbuilding of what was destroyed and for the further consolidation of the National Home. These promises are to-day being realized. The Yishub is again being rebuilt with the modest means at their disposal.

The Kadimah Association, as soon as the first cable of the happenings in Eretz Israel was read, felt that unable as they were to defend the honour of their country, something could and should be done to support those young Chaluzim who so gallantly sacrificed their lives for an ideal.

A meeting of the Committee was at once called and cables of protest were at once sent to—

- The Second International,
- The Labour Party,
- Colonel Wedgwood,

as well as a cable of encouragement to the Histadouth Haovdim.

The same week, when the massacres were at their height, the following reply was received from Histadouth.

"Kibalnu mivrakchem. Hajishur haivri amad amdiat kawod wejosis laamod bifnei tokfaw."

It was felt that while resolutions were very well yet some practical work was necessary, and so it was decided that a meeting should be called where the youth should be called upon to devote the proceeds of one day's work towards a fund which might in some measure help to ameliorate the sufferings of those who so bravely defended their honour.

The meeting was duly called and it was gratifying to note that in a short time £40 was raised. The Association is now approaching those who were not present at the meeting and the canvass is being carried on successfully.

The hope is expressed that the example shown by the Kadimah Association will be emulated by all the Jewish youth in South Africa who will thus give the pioneers in Erez Israel its loyal support.

The Kadimah Association is indeed to be congratulated on its initiative. Practical support largely devolves upon the older members of any community, but even young people can and should give this support, and the donation of the proceeds of one day's work, however little it may be, binds the giver more securely to his National Home.

The Labour Party acknowledged the receipt of the cable of protest as follows:—

Dear Comrade,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of August 27th.

Please accept my assurance of the deepest sympathy of the Party with you in these days of trouble in Palestine. Since the despatch of your cable you will doubtless have read Lord Passfield's announcement of the Commission of Enquiry and have

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