

## In Bloemfontein

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

**Jewish Guild.**—On Sunday, the 8th inst., a "sports evening" was held in the Communal Hall. This function resulted in much merriment and boisterousness, more dust and splinters, and, most of all, the spending of considerable sums of money on the "tote." The last was in capable hands, and winnings were efficiently small. It is a long time since so large a crowd has been attracted to a social function at the Communal Hall, and the evening was undoubtedly a complete success.

**A Discussion.**—On Sunday, the 15th inst., a discussion evening was held in the Communal Hall. Once more there was a large attendance of members, and though the subjects cannot be described as inspired or inspiring, they were productive of much good discussion. Dr. J. Lovius was in the chair. Messrs. G. Osrin and L. Hotz discussed "The correct attitude towards Anti-Semitism"; Messrs. N. Bryer and J. Hodes spoke on "The depression: its causes and remedies"; and Mr. N. Philips on "The correct place of Hebrew education in the life of the South African Jewish child." In each case the subject was thrown open after it had been adequately dealt with by the person or persons appointed, and many of those present took full advantage of the opportunity to express their opinions.

**Guild Tennis.**—On Sunday, the 29th March, the men's and women's singles championships of the Guild will be contested at the Hilton tennis courts, and in the evening there will be a dance in the Communal Hall.

**Hebrew Order of David.**—On Sunday, the 1st inst., the Bloemfontein Lodge visited the Mazelspoort Observatory of Harvard University. A most instructive and enjoyable evening was spent by all who attended, not the least part of the fare being a delightful lecture given by the astronomer-in-charge, Dr. Paraskevopoulos.

On Sunday, the 15th inst., the lodge held its annual picnic for Bloemfontein children at Forest Ehrlich. The function was in the capable hands of the committee, and all the children spent a most enjoyable day in the open, participating in sports which caused much excitement and produced some good performances, the winners of the prizes for the best being Miss I. Modlin and Master C. Friedman. At the conclusion of the picnic the children were addressed by Messrs. W. Bernstein and J. Philips.

**Young Israel Society.**—On Sunday, the 1st inst., Mr. G. Osrin delivered a lecture to the members of this society on "Zionism before the Balfour Declaration." Mr. H. Holtzmann was in the chair. The lecturer ably and eloquently traced through Jewish history the urge which has become known as Zionism, from the destruction of the second Temple until the issue of the British Government's famous Declaration. The lecture was the first of a series, and it was a most auspicious commencement. A vote of thanks was proposed to the speaker by Mr. N. Philips, chairman of the O.F.S. Young Israel Council.

The Maccabean Society held a dance in the Communal Hall on Saturday, the 14th inst. A goodly number of members and non-members were present, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

**General.**—The Menorah Sports Club held a handicap tennis tournament on Sunday, the 1st inst., the winner being Mr. M. Sperber.

The latest of the numerous engagements announced recently was that of Miss Lily Hailbarn and Mr. Aaron Fine. Both are popular young people, and were the recipients of innumerable congratulations on the happy event. An "at home" was held on Saturday, the 7th inst., at the Royal Hotel to celebrate the occasion, when a large throng of friends and relatives were entertained.

On Tuesday, the 17th inst., the wedding was solemnised of Miss Laura Hart and Mr. Bobby Newman. Both are well-known and popular members of the Bloemfontein community, and a large crowd of friends and relatives was present at the synagogue and also at the reception, which was held in the Ramblers Hall. The toasts were proposed by Rev. Z. Lawrence, Mr. L. Nathan and Mr. E. Hart, and were responded to by the bridegroom and by Messrs. G. Hart, N. Newman and N. Bryer. The bride and bridegroom left during the evening on their honeymoon, which is being spent in Natal.

## In East London

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**Young Israel.**—On Sunday, the 22nd ult., the local Young Israel Society held a successful concert and dance in the Communal Hall, which was attended by an exceptionally large gathering. The various turns staged were of a high standard, and consisted of jazz selections by "The Society Three," acrobatic dance by Misses R. Behr and S. Wax, a humorous sketch by Mr. H. Levine, a gramophone turn by the 7th E.L. (Jewish) Scouts, and a clever recitation by Miss D. Kosowsky. Messrs. A. Levy and B. Arthur were responsible for the music.

On Sunday, March 8th, a Mock Parliament was held. Various Bills of local interest were introduced, and evoked considerable discussion. Dancing was also indulged in.

**Barmitzvah.**—Emmanuel, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Strelitz, read a portion of the Law and *Haftorah* on Saturday, the 21st ult., at the local synagogue. Mr. and Mrs. Strelitz were "at home" on Sunday afternoon, the 22nd ult., to a large number of guests, and a presentation on behalf of the A. P. Bender Lodge was made to the Barmitzvah by Bro. J. Caplan, the president. Mr. M. Shwer was in the chair, and the toasts proposed testified to the high esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Strelitz are held here.

**Rabbi Gervis.**—Congratulations are being extended to Rabbi I. M. Gervis, one-time secretary of the local Zionist Association, on his election to the Executive of the Zionist Federation. Rabbi Gervis, though a young man, has already done a good deal to foster the cultural side of the movement in his addresses at the various towns he has visited from time to time.

**Jewish Circle.**—The dramatic section of the Jewish Circle and Maccabean Society presented a Yiddish drama at the City Hall recently to a large and enthusiastic audience. Mr. M. Aingorn, the producer of the play—"Shloimke & Rickel," by Lipowsky—is to be congratulated on the production and on his talented portrayal of the part of "Shloimke," the Jewish cantor and henpecked husband. He was well supported by Mr. J. Altshuler as the beadle. The part of the cantor's wife, Rickel, was ably taken by Miss Weiner.

Mrs. J. Wilken scored a distinct success as the wife, Esther, who, having fallen a victim to the villain of the piece, Dr. Schwartz, well sustained by Mr. B. Zimmerman, confesses to her husband, David (Mr. A. Sarnak), who divorces her.

The surprise of the evening, however, was Miss Anne Gottlieb, who met with sustained applause as the child torn between two loyalties. Miss Koppman and Mr. B. Bloch were well suited as the father and mother of Esther, while Miss L. Lutrin added to the evening's pleasure by her piano accompaniment to the vocal items. The musical score was by the Rev. Mr. Altshuler.

The furnishing was kindly lent by the Oxford Furnishing Co. The proceeds of the evening were devoted to the Jewish Library.

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