

The Tifereth Bachurim.

An Organisation to Interest the Jewish Youth in the Synagogue.

Some three years ago, there was formed in Mayfair and Fordsburg, an organisation called the "Tifereth Bachurim," which devotes itself to interest the Jewish youth in these neighbourhoods in Judaism. The organisation set out to help the Jewish youth to a deeper understanding of the religion of our forefathers and a deeper respect for Jewish traditions. It was felt that the present youth is losing regard for our national and traditional possessions, and it was found that the only way to interest the Jewish youth is to bring them into a Jewish atmosphere. Young people were to be brought back to the Synagogue and the idea was to inculcate in the younger generation a love for Synagogue worship.

For this purpose, the young people were encouraged to attend Synagogue and were assisted in the understanding of the prayers and the Sidur. The movement was formed in connection with the Fordsburg Synagogue and a Minyan was started. The services still continue to attract the young people attending high schools and universities and also some of whom go to work. Services are held every day at 6.30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

For the last three years a Minyan has been held every morning at 6.30 a.m. and has always attracted quite a large number of young people who *daven* with enthusiasm and earnestness. As a result, a love for Jewish worship and attendance at services has been inculcated in a large group of Jewish youth residing in Mayfair and Fordsburg. Mr. S. Chaitowitz, of 97, Tenth Avenue, Mayfair, is the President of this activity and strongly advocates that groups of "Tifereth Bachurim" be established in other centres of Johannesburg and throughout South Africa.

Mr. Chaitowitz claims that facilities should be afforded by Synagogue authorities for the youth to attend Synagogue worship, under the proper guidance of the older people, and every effort should be made that the youth understand the prayers. Many of the young people of this organisation have learned to conduct services—acting as *chazonim*—and they are also able to act as *baal Kereahs*. The organisers of the movement claim that in this way a safeguard is being built for the future of Judaism in Johannesburg. Mr. Chaitowitz has expressed his readiness to give an address on the subject of the *Tifereth Bachurim* to any organisation interested in the movement.

UNION OF JEWISH WOMEN.

A meeting of the Johannesburg Branch of the above organisation will be held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at 10.15 a.m. at the Jewish Guild.

Mrs. A. Berman, the newly chosen Chairlady, will preside, and a Committee will be elected at the meeting. After the election of the Committee, a discussion will ensue upon the contemplated work of the newly-organised body. All Jewish women are eligible for membership and anyone interested is cordially invited to be present.

BERTRAMS JUDEAN SOCIETY.

A number of functions for the above Society are to be held during November. On the 12th inst., the Society intends holding a Gallery night at the Empire Theatre and there will be a club night on the 21st inst., which will take the form of a Hobo Dance at the Hebrew High School. On the 29th inst., Dr. Birnbaum will lecture on "Sabbati Zwi." The lecture will be followed by an informal dance. The Bertrams Judean Society has cultural, dramatic and tennis sections in active operation.

SUCCESSFUL OPERA AT HIS MAJESTYS.

The return of the Gonsalez Italian Opera Company is again drawing large audiences of music lovers to His Majesty's Theatre. Excellent performances are given each night and the old—as well as entirely new opera, as far as South Africa is concerned—is being produced. The leading players sing and act in brilliant fashion and all the operas are of a very high character. The settings are delightful and the orchestra, under the direction of Signor Gonsalez is excellent.

A new programme of opera is due for production all next week and large audiences are again anticipated.

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BOOK AT THE PLAZA.

Rabbi Berlin in Capetown.

(From Our Capetown Correspondent.)

There has been a fair amount of activity in Jewish circles in Capetown during the past week due to the presence of Rabbi Meir Berlin. Rabbi Berlin addressed a large number of meetings—in fact one has been led to marvel at the energy he has shown in this direction—and he has undoubtedly caused a stir in the community.

On Thursday afternoon this distinguished visitor addressed a meeting of the Bnoth Zion Association held in the Zionist Hall. There was a fair attendance of ladies to whom Rabbi Berlin spoke on the duty of the Jewish woman. The Jewish woman, he pointed out, had to help create a Jewish atmosphere in the home and had to see that her children were educated in the true Jewish spirit.

On Saturday afternoon Rabbi Berlin delivered an address at the Oneg Shabbos, and on Saturday evening he addressed a youth meeting held under the auspices of the Judean Central Council. He urged the young people to take an interest in their Judaism, to imbibe the spirit of the Torah, and to help bring about a national renaissance. On them, he said, rested the heavy responsibility of finding leaders for the coming generation.

Immediately after the youth meeting Rabbi Berlin delivered a lecture to the Capetown Hebrew Circle on "Halacha Ve-Hagadah."

During the week he paid visits to the United Hebrew Schools, the Bnoth Zion Hebrew Kindergarten, and the Cape Jewish Orphanage.

SECOND EPSTEIN MUSICALE.

There was a large audience present at the Grand National Hotel on Monday evening on the occasion of the second Isador Epstein Musicale. The trio consisting of three fine players—Mr. Epstein (piano), Mr. Otto Menge (violin) and Mr. Hermann Becker ('cello)—were heard to fine advantage in Mendelssohn's "D Minor Trio" as well as in the Beethoven Trio, Op 97.

Mr. Epstein and Mr. Menge played a composition which was heard for the first time in South Africa. This was a piano and violin sonata by Philip Scharwenka. The programme was additionally interesting by the singing of Mrs. Harold Fraser of a composition by Mr. Epstein, entitled "The Song of the Night." Mrs. Fraser's rich voice was heard to great advantage in this fine song.

NORTH EASTERN SYNAGOGUE (NORWOOD).

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