

# The Festival of Chanukah

## Celebrations in Various Centres

### CLAREMONT.

A Chanukah service was held in the local synagogue on Sunday afternoon, the 6th inst., in celebration of the Chanukah festival. There was a good attendance, and Rabbi A. R. Abrahamson officiated. Several items were rendered by the pupils of the Claremont Hebrew Schools, including Hebrew songs and recitations, which were much appreciated.

Captain A. Friedman, Chairman of the Claremont Talmud Torah, spoke on the significance of Chanukah, in which he called upon the children to follow the noble example of the brave Maccabees, and to be staunch and loyal Jews and Jewesses. He then paid tribute to Rabbi Abrahamson's work in preparing the pupils for the occasion, which had met with well-deserved success. Mr. H. Gorfinkel, the Chairman of the Hebrew congregation, urged upon pupils to attend to their studies and to become acquainted with the history of the Jewish nation. Mr. A. Katz, Vice-Chairman of the Hebrew congregation, thanking Rabbi Abrahamson for his endeavours in connection with the celebrations, delivered an address in which he traced the importance of Jerusalem in ancient times up to the present age, and touched upon the wonderful progress and improvements in the Holy Land.

### GERMISTON.

The Chanukah concert and prize distribution of the Hebrew School pupils was held under the auspices of the United Hebrew Institutions of Germiston on Wednesday evening, 9th inst., at the Synagogue Hall, in the presence of a large gathering. Mr. B. Cohen, President of the United Hebrew Institutions of Germiston, opened the function, and Rev. W. H. Wyscheik performed the ceremony of kindling the lights. The pupils of the Hebrew School rendered a few songs and recitations. Miss S. Hareven and Mrs. P. Ordman rendered piano soli, and Mr. I. Mirvish sang. Miss Rose Carmel recited and the musical monologue, the music of which was composed and accompanied by Miss Julia Carmel, was much appreciated by the audience.

Speeches were delivered by Rev. Wyscheik, Mr. D. Mierowsky, director of the S.A. Board of Jewish Education, and Mr. Z. Hareven.

Mr. N. Segal, Chairman of the School Committee, distributed the prizes to the pupils, after which Mr. A. Zion, the Hon. Treasurer of the United Hebrew Institutions of Germiston, presented tokens of appreciation to the boys who served as members of the Synagogue Choir during the recent High Festivals. Mr. H. Benjamin, a member of the Hebrew School Committee, acted as Cashier of the evening. Mr. M. L. Goodman, Chairman of the Chevra Kadisha and Gemiles Chasodim Section, proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers, the artists, the teachers and all those who helped to make the function the success it was.

Thanks are due to Mesdames B. Cohen, K. Maloon and A. Zion, who were in charge of the refreshments.

### PAROW.

On Sunday, the second day of Chanukah, the local Cheder children, in the presence of their parents and other members of the congregation, were examined by Rabbi B. Lipschitz. The progress achieved by the children under Rabbi Lipschitz's tuition was indeed surprising.

The same evening, a Chanukah Concert was held in the Talmud Torah Hall in aid of the local Hebrew Helping Hand Society. After the Chanukah candles had been lit by one of the children of the Hebrew School and a number of songs rendered, Rabbi Lipschitz delivered an interesting address on "The Jewish Tradition and Chanukah." Some Hebrew songs and recitations were then rendered by the children and altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent.

### VAN RHYNSDORP.

A Chanukah celebration organised by the local Young Israel Society was held on the 7th inst. at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. I. Frank, Rev. B. Wulf, Chairman, presiding. After Hebrew songs had been rendered, the Chanukah lights were kindled by Master Neville Binder, assisted by the cheder choir. The story of Chanukah was then told by Master Solomon Galombik. The address on the Maccabees delivered by Mr. David Minde proved most interesting.

During the evening musical items were rendered by Dr. B. Berolsky, Misses Charlotte Gelb, Rosalyn Binder, Mavis and Jeanne Frank, Ch. and Ada Gelb, and J. Frank, and Masters N. Binder, Philip Joffe, Basil Frank and Aaron Galombik.

A vote of thanks to the host and hostess was proposed by Miss Doreen Geib and a vote of thanks to Mr. Minde was proposed by the Chairman.

### WINDHOEK.

There was a large gathering present at the Chanukah concert and prize distribution of the Windhoek Hebrew School, which was organised by Rev. L. Goldberg and held in the Cafe Zoo Hall on the 3rd inst. The concert was a very bright and successful one, and the children who participated demonstrated the possession of an appreciable understanding of the Hebrew language.

The prizes were distributed by Mr. Ch. Shar, Chairman of the Windhoek Hebrew Congregation, to the following:—Milly Binnes, Doris Newman, Nora Sachs, Ray Goldberg, Saucy Ettman, Queenie Lentin, Stella Kaplan, Ruth Kornblum, Kate Handel, Bau Brenner, Sicillie Handel, Julius Pupkewitz, Willie Gluck, Sydney Lentin, Abe Goldberg, Jack Cohen, Louis Sternberg, Effie Lentin, Sammy Zinn, Meyer Rozenkowitz, Morris Finkelstein and Stanley Reichmann.

Rev. Goldberg proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for their assistance and to the donors of the prizes for their kindly action.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to Rev. L. Goldberg and the pupils. Thanks were also accorded to Mesdames de Jong, D. Lentin and H. Beemer, and to Miss Meltzer for her piano contributions.

### WORCESTER.

After the Chanukah service, held on Sunday, 6th inst., the Community adjourned to the Zionist Hall, where a social under the auspices of the Jewish Ladies' Society was held. Musical items were contributed by the Juniors. Annual Cheder prizes, which were distributed by Mrs. I. J. Sennett, were given to the enthusiastic youngsters. Rev. E. Stein, Messrs. Rabinowitz and Volks then delivered short speeches. Refreshments were served during the interval, and altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent.

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