

In and Around the Peninsula.

Judean Central Council of the Cape Province.

On Sunday, the 12th inst., the first Council meeting of the year took place. Owing to the absence of the Chairman the Treasurer presided over a fairly large attendance of members. He, in opening the meeting, welcomed the large number of new representatives and expressed the hope that they would co-operate with the Executive in making the various schemes, to be undertaken in the coming session successful.

The election of the Executive then took place, the results being as follows:—President, Mr. H. Zuckerman; Vice-President, Miss H. Suchedowitz; Treasurer, Mr. E. Miller; Joint Hon. Secretaries, the Misses D. Segal and R. Simenhoff; Publicity Agent, Mr. E. Kluk, and additional member Mr. Sol Cohen. Mr. S. Levin was elected Acting Convener of the Cultural Sub-Committee and Mr. S. Cohen Convener of the Camp Sub-Committee. Mr. S. Kovalsky was re-elected Associate Editor of the "Judean" for the Cape and Mr. S. Frank additional member of the Judean Sub-Committee.

The Jewish "Pop" Concert.

The special Jewish concert given in the City Hall on Saturday evening last attracted a large audience, the greater portion of whom were members of the Jewish Community.

Oberkantor Katzin contributed a considerable share of the programme and proved a very great attraction. Both in the operatic arias as well as in Jewish songs, his voice showed up to great advantage; the Jewish songs, by virtue of their familiarity, proving the more popular. Time and again Mr. Katzin had to respond with encores to the vociferous applause. His voice is very clear and pure in tone and well controlled. There appeared at times a tendency to take things at a rather slow tempo, but this did not detract from the enjoyment of all his numbers. He was ably accompanied by Mr. Miller.

Mr. Ralph Koorland, mention of whom we inadvertently omitted in our last week's notice, gave a violin solo in most excellent manner and gained a well deserved double encore.

The delightful playing of Mr. I. Chossack on the Xylophone also received double encores, and he, too, responded with Jewish melodies. His rendering of Kol Nidrei perhaps being rather unsuitable for his instrument.

Mr. Pickerill directed his "Fantasia on Jewish Folk Tunes," which he had written

for the occasion. The orchestration was very interesting and the audience applauded it in fitting manner.

This concert proved a great success and the audience, who were very insistent for encores, were lucky in receiving so many. As we surmised last week, the evening proved a gala night for Jewish concert goers.

Rev. A. P. Bender.

We take this opportunity of extending to Mr. Bender our heartiest good wishes and felicitations on this his sixty-eighth birthday, which falls on Thursday of this week. We hope that he may be spared amongst us for a long life of health and happiness and continue his good work for many years to come.

Young Judeans Debate.

The meeting of the Cape Town Young Judeans on Saturday, April 11th, took the form of a debate. Mr. S. M. Levin presided. The subject under discussion was "That Palestine is the only possible Jewish National Home." Mr. S. Wyner, seconded by Miss F. Joffe, moved the motion, which was opposed by Mr. L. Cooper and Mr. L. Jochelson. Various members of the Society participated in the debate which proved brisk and interesting.

The motion, when put to the vote, was carried by a large majority.

The latter part of the evening took the form of a Society Newspaper and provided both humorous and serious articles, read by their respective authors.

After a vote of thanks by Mr. H. Zuckerman the meeting concluded with the singing of *Hatikvah*.

"Library" Concert.

There will be a concert in the Zionist Hall on Sunday evening, April 19th, in aid of the Zionist Hall Library.

We drew your attention in our issue before last to the fact that the library caters for all tastes and has a varied collection of books and papers in Hebrew, Yiddish and English.

It acts, too, as a reading room for many who spend a quiet hour reading the books and newspapers, which otherwise might be inaccessible to them. Visit the library any evening or on Sunday, in fact whenever it is open, and you will have difficulty in procuring a seat or even a copy of a paper. It is always full.

The library is in need of funds. Consequently the Committee has decided to have

this concert to try and raise some money. They promise a very attractive programme. Come on Sunday evening to the Zionist Hall and serve a double purpose—namely enjoy yourselves and help the library.

The Zionist Conversazione.

There was a good attendance at the Zionist conversazione at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday evening. The host was Mr. J. Weinreich, who apologised for the absence of Mrs. Weinreich. Unfortunately she was detained at home because of illness.

The usual news bulletin was read by Mr. Getz, after which a paper dealing with the lack of religious practice amongst the youth of to-day was read by Advocate M. Barnett. Amongst the reasons for this lack, he suggested that the services did not hold the attention of the younger members of the community and should be more inspiring and impressive.

The discussion which followed was animated and Messrs. M. Horwitz, M. Jaffe, D. Getz, Rev. S. Kassel and Dr. C. Resnekov took part.

Advocate P. Clouts and Mr. Benzion S. Hersch, of Johannesburg, spoke on the "Problems of the Next Congress at Basle."

Mr. Hersch participated as a guest and appealed to those present to vote for South African representatives, when the time for the choice of delegates came.

During the course of the evening Dr. S. E. Kark took the opportunity of the occasion to wish Mr. J. Zuckerman Godspeed. He is leaving this week for Europe and intends visiting Palestine and being present at the Seventeenth Zionist Congress. Dr. Kark enlarged on the useful work Mr. Zuckerman had done in the cause of Zionism. He had worked unceasingly for the cause since the inception of the Dorshei Zion Association some thirty years ago. He would be greatly missed during his absence, but was sure to return from his trip rejuvenated by his experiences, and with renewed vigour to continue his work in the noble cause.

Mr. Zuckerman replied suitably.

Miss P. Cosay, accompanied by Mr. Boris Rome, supplied the musical items.

"Sabbatai Zevi" Trial.

On Sunday evening last at the Zionist Hall, the Kadimah Association acted as a Court of Trial on Sabbatai Zevi, the self-styled Messiah of the Seventeenth Century.

Before the trial commenced, Mr. Z. Avin, the President, expressed their sympathy with the relatives of the late Morris Rabinowitz, a former comrade, who had met his death in a tragic manner. As a mark of respect all present stood up in their places.

There were the tribunal witnesses, advocates and the full paraphernalia of a court of trial.

The proceedings throughout were exceedingly interesting and were much appreciated by all present.

A successful evening concluded in the usual manner.

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Impressions of Life Overseas.

Mr. Julius Lewin, who has recently returned from a Students' Debating Tour overseas, addressed a large gathering in the Zionist Hall last Monday evening under the auspices of the Cape Town Maccabean Guild, on "Experiences and Impressions."

Mr. Lewin said that he had not been a Guide Book Tourist, he had not seen the architectural sights of London, but that he had met a large number of prominent and interesting people. As regards the various Universities in Britain, he was impressed by the fact that politics take up a great deal of the students' time, and that it is studied as a matter of course, which is quite different from what occurs at the local Universities. There were various South African Students' Clubs which tended to isolation and did not participate in the general student life. He was further impressed by the adult classes at various Universities. These classes were for men and women who had not had the opportunity for studying in their youth, but who now wished to further their education. The classes were held mainly in the evenings and there is one College in London only for working men.

In London he had seen the famous Habimah Players performing the Dybbuk.

While staying with Sir Herbert and Lady Samuel, he was approached by the latter with a request that he should attempt to introduce in South Africa a branch of the Womens' International Zionist Organisation, which existed for the development and training of women for every aspect and branch of domestic life in Palestine.

Mr. Lewin was considerably impressed by the efficiency of the women overseas. Wherever there was an Association which required organising ability, women would be found at the head of it. At the Zionist Headquarters in London women did most of the organising work and he considers that women in South Africa should take a more active part in Zionist and Communal life, because of their organising ability.

In England there is a definite policy to educate the Gentiles to Zionism, and he deplored that nothing was being done in this direction in South Africa.

He is of the opinion that Zionism is stagnating in this country, as compared with Europe, but that the need for Zionism on sound economic lines, is becoming more felt.

South African Zionism needed more dissent within its own ranks in order to make it more alive than it is.

Mr. M. Horwitz presided, and Mr. S. Nell moved a vote of thanks to the lecturer. At the above function the election of a Treasurer took place. Mr. N. Lurie was elected.

A "Living Newspaper."

There was a very good attendance at a "Living Newspaper" evening which was the form of the Kadimah Association evening on Sunday last. Apart from an editorial being reading there were humorous and serious articles dealing with a variety of subjects, read by their respective authors. The names of all who took part are too numerous to mention, but all acquitted themselves ably.

A vote of thanks to all contributors was proposed by Mr. Z. Avin, who stressed the importance of such an evening.

Social Items.

The marriage took place on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the Berea Synagogue, Johannesburg, of Edith, second daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. Shaffer, of Berea, Johannesburg, and Maurice John, younger son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Samuel Zackon, of Muizenberg.

The engagement is announced between Dolly, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Altschul, of Cape Town, and Eli Woolf, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Woolf, of Breede River, C.P.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Suritz, of Main Road, Sea Point, leave to-day on the "Arundel Castle" for Europe and the Continent to pay a visit to Mrs. Suritz's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Getz of Cape Town, left on Tuesday for Vryburg, to attend the wedding of their son, Dr. Marcus Getz to Miss Tilly Satisfsky.

The engagement is announced of Roma, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harris, to Julius, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Gottlieb, of East London.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Futeran on the birth of a son.

The birth is announced of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Buchbut, of Tel-Aviv. Congratulations are extended to the parents and to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ch. Joffe, now of Tel-Aviv, formerly of Cape Town.

Mr. J. Zuckerman leaves for Europe this Friday on an extensive trip.

Mr. Benzion S. Hersch left on Wednesday on his return to Johannesburg after a short visit to Cape Town.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Rubin returned this week from a short visit overseas.

Mr. I. Ochberg returned to Cape Town on Monday from a visit to Johannesburg, and left on Tuesday for Port Elizabeth.

Dr. L. Blumberg left on Friday for Pretoria as the Administrator's representative at the Nursing Conference, which opened on April 13th.

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