

In and Around the Peninsula.

Board of Guardians Ball.

There was a very large gathering indeed present at the annual ball in aid of the Cape Jewish Board of Guardians held at the Queen's Hotel, Sea Point, on Wednesday evening of this week. It is a pity that the rain should have made dancing in the open-air courtyard an impossibility, for the result was a slight overcrowding in the dining-room, which made dancing a little difficult. This, however, was an unavoidable circumstance and not so important as to detract from the success of the function.

Norrie Sowman and his Revellers supplied the music which was in every way satisfactory, and a buffet supper was served in the dining room and adjoining lounges and verandahs.

During the evening a very charming pair of black satin beach pyjamas were put up for auction and the sum of about £40 was realised.

Mrs. H. J. Stodel and Mrs. H. Bashew were the organisers of the ball and they put in an enormous amount of hard work and energy in order to make the function a success. They had a large band of hard-working ladies to assist them, chief among whom were Mrs. A. Cohen, Miss O. Chall, Mrs. S. Feitelson, Mrs. J. Frank, Mrs. Sam Goldstein, Mrs. L. Gradner, Mrs. M. Kleinman, Mrs. E. Lewis, Mrs. P. Policansky, Mrs. Soboil, Mrs. S. Stoller, Mrs. E. Sarembock, Mrs. B. Schneider, Mrs. M. Schach, Mrs. Leon Segal, Mrs. J. Willenberg and Mrs. S. Zuckerman. Mr. J. Carasov acted as secretary of the Ball Committee.

Jewish Successes in Elocution Examinations.

The following is a list of successful Jewish candidates at the elocution examinations held recently in the Cape Province:—

Gloria Leon, Primary, honours; Junior Cowen, Elementary, first-class; Frida Fernandes, Intermediate, honours; Becky Levinsohn, Intermediate, honours; Annie Stein, senior, honours; Miriam Stein, associate, pass; Lilian Gelb, teacher's diploma practical, pass; Anita Athalie Gottschalk, Intermediate, first-class.

A Hyman Liberman Prize.

The Hyman Liberman Prize for Hebrew of the value of £10 in books has been established in the University of Cape Town and will be awarded at the end of the present academical year on the result of the examinations for the B.A. Degree.

Junior Mizrachi.

Under the auspices of the above organisation, the first of a series of addresses to the Jewish youth of the Cape Peninsula will be delivered on Sunday, 28th February, at 8 p.m. in the Zionist Hall.

Mr. Rubik, B.A., LL.B., will speak on "Judaism and Jewish Youth," and a cordial invitation is extended to Peninsular young Jewry, and all Young Israel Societies, to attend.

Orphanage Cubs and Boy Scouts.

Last Wednesday evening there was a demonstration of the work of the Orphanage Pack of Cubs and Boy Scouts. The hall was arranged in real jungle fashion and the boys enjoyed themselves thoroughly in their games as at work. The "Grand Hallow" was given to Cousin Helen of the "S.A. Jewish Chronicle," who visited them that evening and to the Committee members present. Among these were Mr. and Mrs. J. Weinreich, Mr. B. A. Crasnow and Mr. A. Friedlander.

Cousin Helen addressed the children and congratulated Miss Annie E. Charloff, the Lady Cubmaster, Mr. Arthur Tennenbaum, the Scoutmaster, and Mr. Hillel Faber, the Assistant Cub Instructor, on the good work they were doing. She hoped that there would soon be a similar organisation for the girls at the Orphanage.

Oneg Shabbos.

An Oneg Shabbos is being held in the Zionist Hall to-morrow afternoon at 5 p.m. sharp.

Mr. I. Gerstenkorn, the founder of the Bnei Brak Colony in Palestine, who is at present in Cape Town, has kindly consented to deliver an address on the upbuilding of Palestine and of the Bnei Brak in particular.

Members and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Social Items.

Ephraim Herzl, second son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Genussow, Barkly West, will read a portion of the Law and Maftir at the Kimberley Synagogue on Saturday, February 27th.

The following boys have recently celebrated their Barmitzvahs at Paarl: Jack Silbert, Reuben Sachs and Aubrey Schwartz. The heartiest congratulations are extended to all.

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Schlesinger left on Monday for Johannesburg.

Mr. M. Kentridge, M.P., left on Tuesday for Johannesburg.

Mr. C. P. Robinson, M.P., arrived on Tuesday from Johannesburg.

The engagement is announced of Judith, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Sarkin, of Johannesburg, to Harry, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Basson, of Cape Town.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan H. Haarburger, of Bleemfontein, are at present in Cape Town.

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matters were at present brought before these gentlemen individually by people who wanted Rabbinical law expounded, and it was felt that a Beth Din should be established to officially deal with these matters.

Mr. A. Dirmeik said that in view of the prevailing bad times the matter should be deferred for a time. He put forward a motion to that effect.

Mr. Basson supported the Committee's recommendation and suggested that the Congregation's contribution should be £50 per annum.

In response to a question from Mr. A. Jacobs, Mr. Rosen said that the Roeland Street Synagogue would also, no doubt, contribute to the Beth Din.

Mr. I. J. Honikman wanted to know how many weddings there were on an average a year. He also wanted to know what expenditure was likely to be incurred through the Beth Din.

The Expenditure

Mr. Rosen replied that the number of weddings was about eighty a year. The expenditure of the Beth Din would amount to about £400 to £500 a year. In response to further questions he said that this amount would be expended on paying salaries to certain members of the Beth Din, to a secretary, on the hire of an office, etc. The Beth Din was to consist of not less than three rabbis, and laymen would be eligible as far as the other members were concerned. The members were to be appointed by the United Council of Congregations. Efforts would be made to prevent outsiders from interfering in the work of the Beth Din.

Mr. Getz drew attention to the "illogical" nature of the agenda. At the outset there was a motion to discontinue payment of affiliation fees to the Board of Education because the Congregation could not afford same, now the Congregation was prepared to impose upon itself an entirely new burden. He wished to emphasise, however, that he was not opposed to the Beth Din as such. He objected to the manner in which it was proposed to raise funds for it, stating that it was unfair that a meeting composed wholly of married men should shift the burden of paying for what they wanted onto the shoulders of bachelors.

Mr. Goldstein was in favour of the motion subject to the following amendments:—

"That the warden of the Congregation should be given power to reduce the wedding fee where necessary, and that the Congregation's annual contribution should not exceed £50."

Mr. Jackson objected to the taxing of bachelors and of excluding the married men. The necessary funds, he said, should be raised in another way.

Mr. Dirmeik's motion was then put to the vote and was lost.

Mr. Goldstein's amendment was put and carried unanimously.

The last item on the agenda was to confirm the expenditure of £235 incurred by the purchase of a new motor car. The expenditure was confirmed unanimously and the meeting was brought to a close.