

## In and Around the Peninsula.

### Bnoth Zion Purim Festival.

The Purim Festival held under the auspices of the Bnoth Zion Association in the Zionist Hall on Tuesday evening of this week was a very entertaining affair. There was a fair attendance and a most enjoyable evening had been provided.

The programme was headed by Miss Stella Myers, who gave a pianoforte solo and who won general appreciation. Mrs. D. Cohen, who sang next, proved very popular and was encored enthusiastically. There followed recitations by Miss Ruth Cohen, who is a reciter of no mean merit, violin solos by Mr. Eberlin, very creditably executed, and dances by the pupils of the Miriam and Elvira Kirsch School of Dancing, who were as graceful and charming as one has been led by now to expect from those who have been trained in this academy. The next item was a Yiddish recitation by Mr. M. Losman—a gentleman who needs no introduction to Cape Town Jewish audiences and who did himself justice on this occasion.

The function was held in aid of the Bnoth Zion Hebrew Kindergartens, and this no doubt explained the very charming item by several pupils of the Kindergartens. At the conclusion of this item, Mrs. F. Clouts delivered a short address, in which she stressed the need for supporting the Kindergartens. She emphasised that it was even more imperative to do this to-day, when economic conditions were as bad as they were, because it was during such periods of depression we had more than ever to exert ourselves to maintain our spiritual possessions.

A short interval followed, during which, very appropriately, tea and *hamantaschen* were served. After the interval there were more musical items to which Miss Stella Myers, the pupils of the Miriam and Elvira Kirsch School of Dancing, Mrs. D. Cohen and Mr. M. Losman contributed. Mr. G. Laden gave a humorous reading, and the function was concluded with the singing of the *Hatikvah*.

### Purim Festival at Maitland.

The Maitland Town Hall was packed to capacity on Tuesday evening when a Purim Festival arranged by the pupils of the Maitland-Brooklyn Talmud Torah took place. Among the audience were numerous visitors from Cape Town and the suburbs, whilst a very large number of the pupils and teachers of the Woodstock-Salt River Talmud Torah were present.

The programme was a varied and interesting one. The first half consisted of items by the pupils of the Maitland Talmud Torah, and in this connection one must express admiration for the excellent manner in which the children had been trained. They were perfectly at ease on the stage, and their

Hebrew pronunciation left little to be desired. They were all word perfect.

Outstanding on this half of the programme were a number of sketches: "In Dreamland" was a particularly beautiful little sketch and was charmingly staged. "Cheder Koten" was a very telling sketch showing the difference between the pupil of to-day and yesterday. "Chalutzim," a sketch depicting Chalutzim at work in Palestine, was well acted, and the "Purim Sketch" was entertaining and amusing.

Other items on the first half of the programme was a Purim March by the pupils of Standard II., a number of recitations and an action song. Miss R. Kaufman acted as accompanist.

A very pleasing event which took place just before the interval was a presentation to the teachers of the Talmud Torah, Messrs. M. Natas (principal) and M. Melamed, by one of the pupils on behalf of his fellow-pupils. This was followed by the presentation to all the *cheder* children of *shalachmones*. The presentation was made by Mr. A. Kaufman, chairman of the Talmud Torah, who in doing so laid stress on the achievements of the pupils and paid a tribute to the teachers.

After an interval, during which tea and *hamantaschen* were served, a pianoforte solo was given by Miss Frieda Rogoff, a well-known Cape Town artist; songs were given by Miss B. Cohen, who has also frequently obliged at Cape Town Jewish functions, and the contributions of Master Kreitzer, a young Cape Town violinist, were much appreciated. Mr. Kavarsky sang with his usual vigour, and the last item, a humorous recitation by Mr. A. Natas, provoked a great deal of mirth.

The singing of *Hatikvah* concluded a very successful function.

### Orphanage Anniversary Fete.

The first meeting in connection with the proposed fete to celebrate the twenty-first anniversary of the establishment of the Cape Jewish Orphanage was held in the City Hall on Tuesday afternoon. Mesdames H. Stodel and L. Gradner are the joint organisers, and Mrs. Stodel presided over a representative gathering of ladies.

The President, Mr. B. A. Crasnow, and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. Weinreich, were present, and both explained the reasons for organising this celebration.

The ladies set to work speedily, and after they had formed themselves into an organising committee, a large number of stalls were allotted and each convenor is arranging to form her own committee to begin the good work.

The date of the fete and the place at which it is to be held will be decided by a special sub-committee.

All ladies willing to assist are asked to communicate with the Secretary, Phone Central 2220 or at Room 107, Boston House, Strand Street.

### Kindergarten Purim Concert.

Readers are reminded of the Purim Concert by the pupils of the Bnoth Zion Hebrew Kindergartens which takes place in the Zionist Hall on Friday morning, 25th inst., at 10.30 a.m. The Kindergarten Festival Concerts are always delightful affairs, both for children and grown-ups alike, and Friday's one will no doubt be just as delightful. A very pleasant morning is assured for those who attend.

### A Sabbath Lecture.

There was a very large attendance at the Roeland Street Synagogue Hall on Saturday afternoon last when Mr. M. Pogrund delivered the first of a series of Sabbath Lectures to be held under the auspices of the Cape Mizrahi Association. Mr. Pogrund chose as his subject "Nationalism and Patriotism," and his discourse provoked a fair amount of discussion.

### A Trumpeldor Evening.

There was a very large attendance at a meeting held in memory of Joseph Trumpeldor in the Zionist Hall last Sunday night. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Brith Trumpeldor, and was presided over by Mr. T. Snitcher.

Addresses on Trumpeldor were delivered during the evening by Mr. I. Gersternkorn, Mr. J. Rubik and Mr. B. L. Rubik. Rev. S. Kassel intoned the *Hazkorah*.

### Helping Hand Executive.

The Executive of the Cape Jewish Helping Hand Association, elected at the first meeting of the newly-elected Committee consists of Mr. Isaac Ochberg as President, Mr. J. Frank as Vice-president, and Mr. R. Lewis as Treasurer.

### Oneg Shabbos.

A special Oneg Shabbos in honour of Purim will be held in the Zionist Hall on Saturday afternoon, 26th inst., at 5 p.m. Mr. Z. Avin will deliver an address on the Festival, and there will be a special Purim programme.

### Trumpeldor Memorial Meeting.

Under the auspices of the Zionist Socialist Party (Poale Zion-Zeirei Zion) a meeting will be held in memory of Joseph Trumpeldor on Monday, 28th inst., at 8.15 p.m., at the Zionist Hall. Speeches will be delivered in Yiddish and English. All are welcome.

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