

In and Around the Peninsula.

Farewell to Dr. and Mrs. Weizmann

Tickets for the farewell reception being given to Dr. and Mrs. Chaim Weizmann in the Zionist Hall on Thursday evening, 12th inst., are selling rapidly. A limited number of tickets is being issued, and those who intend being present at this function and of hearing both Dr. and Mrs. Weizmann deliver their last public speeches in South Africa will be well advised to secure their tickets immediately.

Dr. and Mrs. Weizmann arrive in the Peninsula on Wednesday, 11th inst., and leave South Africa on Friday, 13th inst., by the "Windsor Castle."

Dr. A. Goldstein will also arrive on the 11th but will stay in South Africa for yet another few months, during which period he will visit various centres where the Keren Hayesod campaign has not yet been launched.

The Zionist Conversazione.

An animated discussion was provoked by Mr. A. Shacksnovis at the Zionist conversazione last Tuesday night, when he delivered an address in defence of Hitlerism.

Hitlerism, stated Mr. Shacksnovis, was started as an anti-Government, anti-war reparations movement and was stimulated by the example of Fascism. As such its main object was by no means anti-Semitism. Those who identified themselves with the government forces ran the risk of having anti-government forces working against them, and if the Hitlerist threats of terror and massacre ever materialised, as many full-dyed, blue-blooded Prussians would fall as Jews.

Hitlerism was both an economic movement and a movement of extreme nationalism. Anti-Semitism was just a byplay and a catchword of the Hitlerists and not of Hitlerism. A popular method of gaining the vote of the ignorant man was to tell him that the Jew was to blame for all that was wrong, whilst those in power gained the votes of the Jews by pointing out what might happen under a Hitlerist regime. Actually, if Hitler were in power, the extreme Right of to-day might in all likelihood use his present methods of cadging for votes, such as stressing the evil of the Jew, whilst he ventured to prophesy, said the speaker, that Hitler's own administration would be a very different thing from that which he to-day indicated it would be.

As far as the nationalism of Hitlerism was concerned, we Zionists were such extreme nationalists ourselves that we had to respect the nationalism of others and acknowledge that in itself it was not a bad thing.

One excellent result Hitlerism had had in Germany as far as the Jewish community was concerned. It had strengthened Jewish consciousness, had united Jews as Jews and not as German politicians, and had stimulated Zionism in Germany. Its good effects were probably worth all the sacrifices which it entailed. Previously Germany had not been a stronghold of Jewry.

Those who took part in the discussion were: Messrs. J. Weinreich, D. Getz, J.

Sachs, B. Mirvish, O. Basson, H. Snitcher and H. M. Bloch, and Mr. Shacksnovis summed up the debate.

Mr. Bloch acted as host and during the course of the evening Mr. Beinart gave a song and Miss F. Rogoff a pianoforte solo. The Jewish news was read as usual.

Orphanage Twenty-first Anniversary Fete.

The ladies who have undertaken responsibility for stalls at the Orphanage Twenty-first Anniversary Fete, which is to be held in the Zionist Hall, Hope Street, on August 23rd and 24th, are becoming very active, now that Passover holidays are over. A full meeting of stall-holders and assistants is being held to-day. Meanwhile a number of functions in connection with the Fete have been held.

Last Sunday evening Mrs. H. Kruyer entertained a large gathering at her house in Tamboers Kloof, and we understand that the function was a huge success, socially and financially.

On Saturday evening Mrs. H. Marks, of Sea Point, received over seventy guests at her residence. It says much for Mrs. Marks' competence as a hostess that everybody had a splendid time and that the financial result was eminently satisfactory.

On Tuesday afternoon a very successful afternoon tea-party was given by Mrs. J. W. Golding at her residence in Roseberry Avenue, and on Wednesday afternoon an "At Home" given by Mrs. B. Joseph was equally successful.

Mrs. Marks' two sisters, the Misses Annie and Peggy Goodman, are organising a dance to be held at the Clifton-on-Sea Hotel on Saturday evening, the 14th inst. Over two hundred tickets (3/6 gentlemen and 2/6 ladies) have already been taken up. Applications for further tickets may be phoned to Mrs. Marks, Sea Point 660.

Mrs. H. Stodel is organising a dance to be held at the Queen's Hotel, on Saturday even-

ing, the 23th inst., and this promises to be a very fine function.

Many other ladies are organising special efforts in preparation for this Fete, and competition between them as to who can raise the largest amount before the Fete is very keen.

Mr. Morgenstern gives Sabbath Lecture.

A large gathering assembled at the Roeland Street Synagogue Hall last Saturday afternoon when Mr. M. Morgenstern delivered a lecture on "Pirke Avoth." Mr. M. Gurland presided.

The speaker dealt with the importance of the Jewish customs and the idea of a distinction between oral and written law. He spoke of his ideal of a Jewish nation built upon pure traditional lines. He divided his subject into sections. The customs had taken a place which bound the individual to the group and which beautified the life of the nation. They were in accordance with practical life. We need only adapt ourselves to them.

Owing to the lateness of the hour the discussion was adjourned to the next Sabbath lecture.

Cape Jewish Aged Home.

Passover was spent very pleasantly by the inmates of the Cape Jewish Aged Home. The *Sedorim* on the first two evenings were conducted by Rev. S. Kibel, who was present with Mrs. Kibel, and a number of members of the Aged Home Committee attended.

On Sunday evening, 24th April, the Young Jewish Aid Society held a film entertainment at the Home for the benefit of the inmates. A number of musical items were rendered during the evening, Miss Levin contributing a recitation, Miss Charness singing, and Miss Belle Satz reciting. The evening proved a very enjoyable one.

Zionist Socialist Party.

Under the auspices of the Zionist Socialist Party a dance will be held in the Minor Zionist Hall on Saturday evening, 7th May, at 8 p.m.

A lecture by Mr. P. Barsky on "The Attitude of Social Democracy towards Russia," will be delivered on Wednesday evening, 11th May, at 8.30 p.m. in the Zionist Hall.

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