

In and Around the Peninsula.

Joseph Baratz.

We bid farewell this week to Joseph Baratz, who arrives in Cape Town from Rhodesia this morning and embarks immediately on the mail boat en route for Palestine.

Joseph Baratz came out to South Africa with his fellow Chalutz Abraham Harzfeld in November last to conduct the 1932 Dunam Drive in this country—primarily to collaborate with South African Jewry in concluding the redemption of the South African Tract in the Sharon, and the success of their efforts in spite of difficulties which beset them, is in no small measure due to their personality.

Joseph Baratz inspired all those with whom he came into contact (making a great impression on the youth of this country) by his stirring words, excellent example of self-sacrificing service for the welfare of his people and country and by his cultured personality.

Oneg Shabbos.

A very successful function of the Oneg-Shabos was held in the Major Zionist Hall last Saturday afternoon. Mr. A. Levin presided over a large gathering which included a number of young delegates to the Young Israel Conference.

Advocate J. Herbstein spoke on "Our Generation" and outlined the attitude of the various generations of Jewish settlers in South Africa towards Judaism. The first settlers who hailed from Western Europe were lost to Judaism because they were swallowed by assimilation. The immigrants from Eastern Europe have kept the torch of Judaism aloft and have maintained and developed the Jewish community in this country to the state in which it is now. The coming young generation, however, is drifting away from Judaism and therefore it is imperative that every effort should be made to turn this tide of assimilation of the young generation.

Mr. I. Dunsky, the Organising Secretary of the South African Youth Council, spoke inspiringly about the importance of national work among our young generation. A very enjoyable solo was rendered by Cantor F. Spektor and Dr. Mibashan proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers.

The next function of the Oneg-Shabos will be held on Saturday, Chol-hamoed Pesach.

Cape Town Jewish Youth Circle.

The monthly conversazione of the above Circle will be held in the Minor Zionist Hall on Sunday, April 9th, at 8.15 p.m. sharp.

Dr. C. Resnekov will address the gathering.

All interested are welcome.

Cape Town Maccabee Organisation

The general meeting of the Cape Town Maccabee Organisation will be held in the Roeland Street Synagogue on Sunday, April 9th, at 8 p.m.

All are welcome.

Zionist Conversazione.

The next Zionist Conversazione which is due on April 11th will not take place on that date as it is the second Seder night of Passover, but instead it will be held in the Zionist Hall at 8.15 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18th. All are welcome.

Bequests.

The Secretary of the Jewish Sick Relief Society acknowledges the receipt of £50 from the estate of the late Mrs. Helena Leve, and £12 10s. from the estate of the late Mrs. C. D. Eberlin, Troyeville, Johannesburg.

The Committee of the Cape Jewish Orphanage acknowledge gratefully receipt of £50 from the estate of the late Mrs. Helena Leve and £10 from the estate of the late Mrs. C. D. Eberlin, of Johannesburg.

Bnoth Zion Concert.

A grand concert will take place in the Zionist Hall on Saturday, 15th April—Cholmoed Pesach, in aid of the Hebrew Kindergarten.

An excellent programme has been arranged. Boris Rome and his Choir will give numerous numbers. These will be enjoyed by all. And there will also be Jewish Dramatic entertainment.

A most enjoyable evening is promised. Secure your tickets now.

South Peninsula Zionist Association

A large and very representative gathering was present at the Hotel Rio Grande on Sunday evening last to celebrate the sixtieth birthday of Bialik. Advocate Alexander was in the chair and spoke a few words on the Hebrew language.

The lecturer of the evening was Dr. Mibashan who gave a stirring and eloquent address. He briefly sketched the poverty and squalor of the poet's early childhood. He suffered for his ideals and was an incorrigible dreamer and optimist—the personification of Israel. His optimism is displayed in his songs. Bialik is regarded as the Poet Laureate of the Jewish people.

The lecturer described the different types of poems Bialik wrote giving examples as illustrations.

Dr. Mibashan showed what a versatile man Bialik is—an orator, poet, narrator, editor, and what a remarkable personality he possesses. The lecturer concluded by hoping that Bialik will derive comfort from the realisation of his divine visions and that his name will be immortalised.

The musical programme added to the enjoyment of the evening. Miss Ruth Emdin recited "The Marching Song of the Judeans," Miss Lilian Gelb gave a cello solo accompanied by Miss P. Marcus and Master Friedgood recited two of Bialik's poems in Hebrew. Cantor Katzin sang several songs. He was accompanied by Mrs. Guttwoch.

After a short interval Rabbi Gervis delivered an interesting address on the great poet, in Yiddish.

Mr. Satusky proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Emdin for the use of the hall, to the speakers, performers and all those who helped towards the great success of the evening.

Dr. Krikler seconded the vote of thanks and the meeting concluded with the singing of Hatikvah and God Save the King.

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Worcester Jewish Ladies' Society.

The annual general election of the above Society was held on 30th March. The balance sheet was duly adopted, while the Chairlady briefly thanked the out-going committee for their splendid support and co-operation.

The following members were elected to office for the ensuing year:—

Chairlady, Mrs. L. Sadman; Vice-Chairlady, Mrs. N. Donin; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. J. J. Wilk; Hon. Secretary, Miss H. Leven; Committee: Mesdames I. Jaffe, A. J. Goss, J. Friedman, H. Simon; D. Sandler, J. Rabinowitz, Misses A. Cohen, S. Broudie and B. Glasser.

The committee are now making arrangements for the annual ball, which will be held some time in May.

Students' Jewish Association.

The first meeting for 1933 of the Students' Jewish Association at the University of Cape Town was held on Tuesday, April 4th, at 8.15 p.m., when Mr. Israel Dunsky was the guest of honour. There were 110 members present.

The earlier portion of the evening was devoted to the presentation of various annual reports. The new committee elected for the ensuing year are as follows:—Chairman, Mr. S. N. Herman; Vice-Chairman, Mr. D. Adler; Secretary, Mr. S. M. Levin; Treasurer, Mr. J. Bobrov. Additional members: Misses V. Berman and V. Sarif and Messrs. M. Wolozinsky, L. Duveen and A. Palley. Mr. Herman then took over from the outgoing chairman, Mr. D. Adler, and called upon Mr. Dunsky to address the gathering.

Mr. Dunsky chose as his subject "Zionism and the Jewish Student," and in eloquent terms stressed the importance of Zionism to the Jewish race and to the world in general. He condemned the attitude of the student who was content to reason abstractly and not take any action. He pointed out that the German position to-day showed that the Jews could rely on themselves alone. He appealed for a genuine consideration of the lot of the Jew and of Zionism as the possible solution.

Mr. Dunsky's remarks were received with great enthusiasm. He provoked much discussion to which he subsequently replied.

Mr. A. M. Levin proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker and thanked him for devoting a night in a very short stay at the Cape to the S.J.A.

Mr. S. M. Herman paid a tribute to the work done by Mr. Dunsky for the South African Zionist Youth Council and to the vigour and ability of his oratory.

This concluded a most successful gathering.

Wellington Hebrew Congregation.

A Bialik evening has been arranged by the Wellington Hebrew Congregation to take place on Thursday, April 13th. The speakers of the evening will be Rev. Strelitz, of Paarl, and Mr. Z. Avin, of Cape Town. All are welcome.

In Brief.

Mr. L. Gradner, accompanied by Mrs. Gradner, left for Port Elizabeth by boat this week, to attend the conference of the Municipal Association, of which he is vice-president.

Miss Marcia Gitlin arrived in Palestine on Tuesday.

Mr. A. M. Abrahams, Hon. Life President of the Zionist Federation, leaves on the "Llangibby Castle" on Tuesday next on an extensive visit to Europe. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Abrahams.

The engagement is announced of Anne, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Averbuch to David, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Rabie.

Mr. Joseph Baratz arrives in Cape Town this morning and sails by the "Balmoral Castle" this afternoon en route for Palestine.

J. Cohen.—No address given. Consider time inopportune for publishing this.—Ed.

THE WELL-KNOWN

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WILL ADDRESS THE CONGREGATION

IN THE

Roeland Street Synagogue on
Saturday, 8th April at 5 p.m.
(MINCHA SERVICE).

Obituary.

RUTH OCHBERG.

Cape Town Jewry was deeply shocked this week at the news of the sudden death of Ruth Ochberg, aged fifteen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Ochberg.

The suddenness of this tragedy comes as a shock to everyone. Ruth collapsed without warning of any illness at school and was gone almost immediately.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ochberg and family sincerest condolences and heartfelt sympathy are extended in their tragic bereavement.

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