

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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