

IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

Cape Town Young Judeans.

On Saturday, 8th inst., a Herzl Memorial Evening was held in the Zionist Hall. The attendance was not too large, but the meeting was nevertheless most impressive.

In an address, Adv. S. Kovalsky outlined briefly the life and work of Theodor Herzl, laying special stress upon his magnetic personality and upon his manner of approaching foreign monarchs—not as a supplicant, but as the Ambassador of the Jewish people. Adv. Kovalsky painted an admirable picture of the man, and his address was much appreciated by all present.

A short debate on the subject: "That Herzl's task was more difficult than that of Moses," was also held. The speakers were Mr. R. Kotlowitz, for, and Mr. L. Jochelson, against. On being put to the vote, the motion was carried by a large majority.

At the conclusion of the debate, Mr. H. Zuckerman outlined the scheme adopted by the S.A. Zionist Youth Council for the raising of the necessary amount of money for the Chalutz scheme. Every member of a Young Israel Society was to pledge to pay a certain amount every month till the end of the year. An appeal was made at the meeting, the response being extremely satisfactory.

After this appeal the meeting closed with the singing of the Hatikvah.

On Sunday, 9th inst., a picnic was held at Slanguli Caves, the weather being too wet for a hike to Kirstenbosch. The attendance was small, but the few people who did turn up spent a thoroughly enjoyable day.

Muizenberg Young Israel Society.

The next function of the above Society will be a Herzl Memorial Evening, to be held at 8.15 p.m. on Sunday, 16th inst., in the local Talmud Torah Hall.

The first meeting of the new session was a Bioscope Evening held on Sunday, 9th inst., at the Talmud Torah Hall. After a most enjoyable performance dancing was indulged in.

The first of a series of fortnightly Study Circles will be held on Friday, 14th inst. The special feature will be "Herzl."

The Committee hereby wish to appeal to the public—especially those who are aware of the invaluable services rendered by the late Mr. I. H. Guinsberg—for donations of books and periodicals (Hebrew and English) to the "Isaac Harold Guinsberg Library," which is soon to be opened to the public. Books may be sent to Mr. S. Gross, Alexandra Road, Muizenberg.

A Dance.

To-morrow, Saturday, 15th inst., at 8 p.m., in the Minor Zionist Hall, the Cape Town Hebrew Circle (Talmide Ezra) will hold a dance in aid of the Zionist Hall Building Fund. Orchestra of four. Tickets: Double 3s., Single, 2s. Refreshments free.

Oneg Shabbos.

The function of this Society held last Saturday afternoon was attended by an unusually large gathering.

Dr. J. Mibashan delivered a lecture on "Jewish Doctors and Medicine." Even in ancient times, he pointed out, Jews had distinguished themselves in the science of medicine. The names of Jews who had done pioneer research work in this science were legion.

Many important facts about infectious diseases, their symptoms and development and prophylactic measures against them, were to be found in the Bible. The Talmud too, contained a rich fund of medical and hygienic hints. There was also to be found important information on pathology.

The speaker then enumerated a list of outstanding Jews who had occupied the posts of medical consultants to the Popes, royal courts, and sultans, throughout the ages. It was difficult to say why Jews had always shown such an inclination towards studying medicine, but it had to be clear that they have contributed towards this branch of science comparatively more than any other nation and more than to any other branch of science.

Rev. P. Rosenberg, Rev. Konviser and Master Konviser contributed towards the enjoyment of the function by rendering Jewish songs. Mr. Ch. B. Levinsohn was in the chair.

Revisionist Association Reorganised.

A very well attended general meeting of the Cape Town Revisionist Organisation was held in the Zionist Hall on Monday, the 10th instant, at 8.15 p.m.

The meeting was called specifically for the purpose of reorganising the Revisionist forces in Cape Town, and as a result a very strong working committee was elected. It is anticipated by the Revisionist Association that Revisionism in the Cape will now be established on a sound basis.

After the Chairman had tendered his resignation, the following were elected to hold office for the ensuing year: Dr. W. Altschul, Chairman; Mr. Max Ben Arie, Vice-Chairman; Mr. T. H. Snitcher, Secretary; Mr. R. Kotlowitz, Assistant Secretary; Mr. E. Sandler, Treasurer; Messrs. E. Kluk, H. Zuckerman, P. Rogoff and Miss B. Lewis Committee Members.

Mr. R. Kotlowitz was elected as "The Jewish Tribune" commissioner, and sixty-two new members were enrolled.

All communications in future must be addressed to the Secretary, Kimberley House, Greenmarket Square, Cape Town.

The Zionist Conversazione.

The chief speaker at the Zionist conversazione last Tuesday night was Mr. M. Lazar, of Paarl, who spoke on "The Jews in the Light of Modern Race Theory." Mr. and Mrs. B. Berold acted as host and hostess.

Mr. Lazar said that the race theory in Germany to-day was in a state of confusion. Many German anti-Semites used this theory as an excuse for spreading anti-Jew hatred. Until recently there had existed only one conception of race. According to this conception the Jews were the chosen race. The Jews did not claim any privileges in connection with their mission—on the contrary they had been subjected to great sufferings on account of it.

Most of those who investigated race problems in Germany were anti-Semitically inclined. An outstanding exponent was Mr. Houston L. Chamberlain who attempted to prove that the Jews had never contributed anything valuable to humanity, and its culture. King David and Jesus of Nazareth, for instance, were undoubtedly great people, but they were Aryans.

It was a great pity that German Jewry had not reacted in more certain manner to this false theory. They were indifferent to Jewish culture and Jewish life and had thus worsened their position. It was not surprising that they were to-day suffering more than any other Jewish community in the world. The best reply to anti-Semitism was a return to our own culture.

Those who participated in the discussion which followed were Dr. S. E. Kark, Mr. A. Levin and Mr. B. Mirvish.

A recitation by Mr. Alec Natas and the reading of the news completed the programme.

Barmitzvah Party at the Orphanage.

A very pleasant "At Home" was held at the Cape Jewish Orphanage last Saturday afternoon to celebrate the occasion of Israel Ellman's becoming Barmitzvah. The Barmitzvah was one of unique interest in that Israel was the youngest of the pogrom orphans brought over from the Ukraine by Mr. Ochberg.

A large gathering of Orphanage friends and patrons was present. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. H. Stodel, the President, Mr. J. Weinreich, the Vice-President, took the chair and congratulated the Barmitzvah on this happy occasion.

Mr. L. Gradner, Deputy-Mayor of Cape Town, also added his congratulations and he was followed by Dr. J. Mibashan.

Israel suitably replied.

In Brief.

The engagement is announced of Miss Becky Barenblatt, only daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. R. Barenblatt, of the Strand, to Dr. Wilfred Kohn, of Rhodes, Barkly East. Miss Barenblatt is on the Committee of the Strand-Somerset West Zionist Association and is also a foundation member of the local Young Israel Society, of which she was the Secretary for many years.

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Congratulations are extended to Mr. C. Barnett who has been adopted as the official South African Party candidate for Salt River in the forthcoming Provincial Council elections. Mr. Barnett scored a heavy victory over the other two candidates, having a clear lead of four votes over their combined total.