

IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

The Mayoress Visits the Aged Home.

A very pleasing little function took place this week at the Jewish Old Aged Home when the Mayoress, Mrs. H. J. C. Stephan, provided a special tea for the inmates. The Mayoress herself attended the function and she was received at the institution by the Chairlady, Mrs. M. Rosen, the Vice-Chairlady, Mrs. E. Lewis, by Mrs. H. Rosen, by the Acting Matron, Mrs. Hoffman, and by the Secretary, Mr. J. Carasov.

After tea had been served, Mrs. Lewis expressed the appreciation and pleasure of all at the visit of the Mayoress. She added the hope that they would often be honoured in similar fashion.

The Acting Matron associated herself with the remarks of Mrs. Lewis, after which the Mayoress, in a brief speech, very suitably replied. She expressed great satisfaction in the care and attention which were given the inmates, all of whom looked pleased and contented.

Dr. Zuckerman's Success.

News has been received that Dr. Solly Zuckerman, D.Sc. (Lond.), M.R.C.S., son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Zuckerman, of Cape Town, has been awarded a travelling Fellowship for the Academic Year 1933-34. The award has been made by the Medical Research Council acting on behalf of the Rockefeller Foundation.

The travelling Fellowships are awarded to graduates who have had some training in research work, either in the primary sciences of medicine or in clinical medicine or surgery, and who are likely to profit by a period of work at a chosen centre in America or, in special cases, in Europe, before taking up positions for higher teaching or research in the British Isles.

Dr. Zuckerman, who was attached to the Department of Anatomy at University College, London, has for the last six months been associated with Yale University, America.

Brith Trumpeldor Memorial Meetings.

A Herzl Memorial Meeting was held at the Brith Trumpeldor Hall last Saturday. Messrs. Kotlowitz, Rogoff and Rosenthal spoke on the life, work and ideals of Herzl.

The Woodstock Brith Trumpeldor also held a Memorial meeting which took place at the Talmud Torah Hall on Sunday at 11 a.m. Messrs Snitcher and Rogoff spoke at the meeting.

Lecture on "Pirkei Avoth."

Dr. C. Resnekov presided over the monthly meeting of the Woodstock and Salt River Jewish Cultural Circle, held at his residence on Wednesday, the 12th inst., when Mr. M. Wolozinsky lectured on "Pirkei Avoth."

The lecturer gave a historical survey of the period, and a description of the contents of the "Prakim." He dwelt at some length on the different names with which this gem of literature had been crowned from time

to time. No other book besides the Bible, he said, had gathered around it so many commentaries and interpretations. Over sixty names of "Tana'im" were mentioned in the five original chapters and in the sixth. The date may be taken as from 200 B.C. until 200 A.D.

Besides its place as a "Tractat" in "Seder Nesikin," the "Prakim" occupy a very prominent place in the Hebrew Prayer Book, the reading of which takes place on Saturday afternoon between Passover and Rosh Hashona. This custom dates back as far as 500 A.D.

The lecturer gave instances of modern interpretations of different paragraphs in "Avoth." He quoted views of great men like the Gaon of Wilna, Chaim of Wolozin, Chaim of Brisk, Rabbi Israel Salanter and many others, as well as Gentile scholars like Professor Ch. Taylor, of Cambridge University. Several of the interpretations were very humorous and all of them kept the audience greatly interested.

After the lecture, Rev. S. Kassel added a few remarks and Mr. M. N. Marks expressed a vote of thanks to the lecturer.

Woodstock and Salt River Junior Zionists.

A new Committee was elected recently as follows: Chairman, Mr. M. Kapelus; Vice-Chairman, Mr. M. Lazarow; Secretaries, Miss T. Ruskin and Mr. D. Lunn; Treasurer, Mr. M. Weintraub; Committee members, Misses T. Bosher, A. Gross and L. Levy, Messrs. D. Lazarow, S. J. Linde, A. Kalmenowitz and G. Baigel; Council representative, Mr. N. Kapelus.

The first entirely new innovation in the annals of the Society is that it now has its own National Fund Box and that a National Fund Day in every month has been introduced. Among the other institutions is a circulating library, for which a beautiful bookcase has been purchased by the Society. Every member subscribes to the library.

At all general meetings a news-reel is read out, which is a collected summary of all news of interest to Zionist workers. This has found very great favour, as it is a simple way of expounding the needs of Zionism through actual facts which crop up daily.

A course of lessons on the theory and practice of Zionism has commenced.

Another innovation has been the changing of the venue of the meetings and the holding of same in members' houses. A successful function of this nature was held at the residence of the Secretary recently and was attended by a large gathering. A paper on the "Origin and History of Zionism" was read, and a number of members participated in the discussion which ensued.

On the 6th July, Adv. A. Shacksnovis delivered a lecture on "Israel Zangwill" at the Talmud Torah Hall, Woodstock. Over a hundred and forty people, composed of both seniors and juniors, were present. Adv. Shacksnovis gave his audience an insight into Zangwill's character in all its varied phases.

Helping Poverty-stricken School Children.

We have been asked by the Association to Relieve Poor Children in the Jewish Schools of Poland to announce that this Association has existed but a short time and has done a great deal of useful work.

Its membership now numbers more than two hundred, the support of Cape Town Jewry having been very substantial.

During the short period of its existence the Association has remitted to Poland a fair sum of money and has received receipts from the various towns which have benefited.

Wynberg Jewish Youth Circle.

The Bi-Annual General Meeting of the Wynberg Jewish Youth Circle was held on Sunday last. At the outset Dr. H. W. Altschul addressed the gathering on the proposed formation of a J.N.F. sub-Committee, and a sub-Committee consisting of Messrs. Gelfand, Braude and Mendelsohn was formed.

A motion for the payment of subscriptions on the half-yearly system was shelved for the present. It was decided to hold the next general meeting in March.

The Society announces that it has formed a Hebrew Teaching Circle which holds its meetings on Tuesday nights at the Zionist Hall. All residents of Wynberg who are interested are asked to attend. It has also been decided that the Society should participate in a library scheme.

The election of officers took place after a general discussion. The new Committee consists of: Mr. A. L. Roberts, convener; Mr. L. M. Mendelsohn, hon. secretary; Miss H. Toyk, hon. treasurer; Mr. L. Cohen, additional member.

A Yiddish Play.

On Saturday night, the 23rd July, the drama "Moshke Chazir" will be staged at the Zionist Hall. The author of this play is J. D. Berkowitz (son-in-law of the late Sholom Aleichem) who is at present residing in Palestine. He was awarded a prize for this drama.

"Moshke Chazir" depicts the dramatic problem of the converted Jew, which is—in the light of happenings in Germany—the most vital problem of present times. The climax of the drama is in the third act, the action of which takes place in post-war Russia.

Special scenery is being prepared for this play. The stage management and the whole production of the drama are in the able hands of Mr. Herman Kovarsky, who will also act as the hero of the play. An enjoyable evening is assured for all Yiddish playgoers.

Oneg Shabbos.

Mr. Alexander Lewin, the official representative of the S.A. Zionist Federation, who is at present in Cape Town, will deliver a lecture at the Oneg Shabbos to-morrow afternoon on "Judaism and Orthodoxy." The function will be held in the Zionist Hall and will commence at 5 p.m. sharp. All are welcome.

Hebrew Teachers' Association.

The annual meeting of the above Association will take place on Sunday, the 23rd inst., at 3.30 p.m., in the Talmud Torah Hall, Cape Town. Agenda: Hebrew Teachers' Salaries; Election of a new Committee. All members are requested to attend.

Muizenberg Young Israel Society.

The first of a series of Study Circles was held on Friday evening, 14th inst., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. Guinsberg.

The news service was read by the convenor, Mr. H. McCarthy, after which Mr. H. L. Stern gave an interesting talk on "Literature." This gave rise to much discussion. Two articles were then read as contributions to an "Oral Magazine." Suitable extracts from the S.A. Zionist Youth Council's booklet on Herzl were read out and this was followed by a debate on points arising out of Herzl's theories. A most instructive evening ended with the singing of Hebrew songs. The next gathering takes place on Friday, July 21st.

On Sunday, 16th inst., there were about two hundred people present at the Society's Herzl Memorial function, which was held in the Talmud Torah Main Hall.

Mr. S. M. Levin presided and gave a short address. Mr. H. L. Stern read a selection of Herzl's sayings, and Rabbi I. M. Gervis gave an interesting address, drawing attention to the various phases of Herzl's life and outlook.

Special mention must be made of the impressive manner in which Rev. I. Frank intoned the Haskorah.

Mr. M. Jankelowitz, Chairman of the Congregation, proposed a vote of thanks. Mr. W. Satusky, Chairman of the Senior Zionist Society, seconded it. The singing of Hatikvah concluded the meeting.

South Peninsula Jewish Club.

A very interesting lecture on "Auto-suggestion and Hypnotism" was delivered by Mr. S. Winer recently. Dr. A. Gordon was in the chair, and Mr. D. Getz also spoke during the evening.

Mr. A. R. Matzi delivered a provocative and highly controversial address on the 15th inst. on "The Great Migration." He set forth the theory that the Exodus of the Jews and their Forty Years' Wandering actually took place from Mexico and not from Egypt. After keen discussion a vote of thanks to the lecturer was moved by Rabbi I. M. Gervis. Mr. J. L. Pineus was in the chair.

On the 22nd inst., Mr. R. K. Sieradzki will talk on "George Bernard Shaw," and on the 29th inst., there will be an inter-debate with the Wynberg Jewish Circle.

Preparations for "Patchwork," the revue to be presented by the Club in aid of Hall Funds on August 12th, are well advanced. Prominent artists will participate, including Murielle Kadish, Molly Short, Ruth Kadish, Bertie Stern, Felix de Cola, Bobby Lawrence, Eddie Gawronsky and others. The revue, which will be a non-stop one, will be followed by a dance.

In Brief.

Cable news has been received by Mr. and Mrs. P. Policansky, of Cape Town, that their son, Max, has passed with honours the Architects Examination at the Liverpool University.

The next Zionist Conversazione will be held in the Zionist Hall on Tuesday evening, 25th inst., at 8.15 p.m.

A Herzl evening, under the auspices of the Cape Town Revisionist Association, will be held in the Minor Zionist Hall on Wednesday evening, 26th inst. All welcome.

Congratulations are extended to Cantor and Mrs. F. Spektor on the birth of a son.

Mr. Alexander Lewin, the official representative of the S.A. Zionist Federation, arrived in Cape Town this week.

Mr. Benzion S. Hersch arrived in Cape Town on Monday on a short visit.

Mr. B. Weinronk, of Port Elizabeth, is at present in Cape Town.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Trupin are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. Woolf Davis returned to Cape Town on Wednesday from Johannesburg.

The Barmitzvah of David, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Barenblatt, of the Strand, took place last Saturday. A reception was held at the residence of the parents on Sunday and was well attended. A number of congratulatory speeches were delivered and during the course of the function a collection for the Jewish National Fund was held. The amount of £5 18s. was subscribed.

CONSECRATION.

CHESLER.—The consecration of the tombstone of the late Mr. A. Chesler (beloved husband of Mrs. A. Chesler and father of Mrs. B. Berold and Mr. S. Chesler) will take place on Sunday, 23rd inst., at Woltemade No. 3 (8th Gate), at 11 a.m.

THE DEPUTIES CONGRESS.

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effective reply to the subtle propaganda which has been carried on in this country, the Board has remained silent and inactive.

The English Board of Deputies conceived its functions differently, and those who are familiar with the splendid work which the London body has done in educating public opinion, will the better appreciate the value of the criticism which we feel it our duty to express. We are concerned with the errors of the past, but still more are we anxious less the Board should continue silent and passive in the future when it is clear a great deal will have to be done to answer the Nazi propaganda which seems to have entered a new phase in this country. We are convinced that an open, active watchfulness and a readiness to answer immediately any Nazi perversion of the truth which may be put into circulation is of more importance than tracing the origin of obscure and anonymous leaflets, which now and then engage the Board's attention. It is clear to all those who know anything of the position that the need for dealing with the propaganda in question will increase, and the Congress ought to make arrangements for this to be done in co-operation with such other agencies as may be available for the purpose.

We have felt it our duty to draw attention to a shortcoming on the part of the Board; that does not, however, detract from our appreciation of the Board's useful work, nor does it minimise our good wishes for a successful Congress, which we hope will be as representative and as successful as any of its predecessors.

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