

Communal Hall and Talmud Torah at Ceres.

INAUGURAL FUNCTION.

The Ceres Jewish community is now the proud owner of a Communal Hall and Talmud Torah. This building, which is the result of many months hard work in the way of fund-raising, particularly on the part of the Jewish Ladies' Benevolent Society, was recently completed, and the inaugural function took place last Sunday.

The main feature of the evening was an address by Dr. J. Mibashan, who had come out specially from Cape Town. Dr. Mibashan congratulated the community on the hall which, he said, was a great credit to them. He hoped it would bring them much joy and that it would help to further Jewish interests and stimulate Jewish solidarity in Ceres.

Dr. Mibashan went on to speak of the Zionist movement which he described as the expression of the Jewish people of their will to live. There were three aspects to Zionism—the financial, the cultural, and the political, and of these he dealt only with the first two. He emphasised the impossibility of Palestine's ever becoming the Jewish national home without the financial aid of the Jews in the Galuth. But contributions to the national funds had of late been considerably diminished and the position was serious. Jewry had to realise the urgent need for them to contribute generously to the Jewish national cause.

The cultural aspect of Zionism had been until recently the Cinderella of the movement. Yet Hebrew education was part and parcel of Zionism and without it there was no future for Judaism. Jewish children in the Diaspora were strangers to their own history and culture. Such a state of affairs was impossible.

Dr. Mibashan concluded by describing some of the Zionist achievements in Palestine—achievements which, he said, had impressed the whole of the civilised world.

During the evening a musical programme was rendered. Pianoforte soli were given by Miss Freda Baris and Miss M. Sax, Miss Sylvia Kirsch sang a number of songs and several very humorous items were given by Messrs. M. and A. Natas. The programme also included items by children of the Talmud Torah, all of whom acquitted themselves very ably. A vote of thanks to the speakers and artists was proposed by Mr. M. Jaffe and seconded by Mr. Kleinman.

Appeal for Federation Kitchens in the Ukraine.

HOW THREEPENCE MAY SAVE A JEWISH LIFE.

For the sake of threepence, would you allow any little child to go hungry? Would you let him suffer the pangs and agonies

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The Rainbow Fete.

Intense Activity Among Workers.

The activity which has prevailed among a large section of men and women in Cape Town during the last several months in connection with the Rainbow Fete has been considerably intensified within the last few weeks in view of the near approach of this function. The Fete takes place at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday, 31st October, and Wednesday 1st November, and the committee and their numerous assistants have spared neither time nor energy in working for the success of this undertaking.

Only one more function is due to take place in aid of the Fete before it comes off. It will take the form of a dance at the Hotel Bordeaux on Saturday evening, 28th inst., and it promises to be a very jolly affair.

Meanwhile workers have made unlimited efforts to collect as wide a range of material as possible for sale at the Fete. There is little that will not be obtainable at it, and the charges in all cases will be moderate. In addition to the usual Stalls there will be fortune-telling, sideshows, games and novelty dips, and light refreshments will be served in the Minor Hall throughout both days. A welcome piece of news to those who attend should be the fact that only a limited number of articles will be raffled.

The Fete will be officially opened by His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Louis Gradner, on Tuesday, 31st October, at 3.30 p.m. The opening ceremony on the second day will be performed by Mr. Morris Alexander, K.C., M.P., at 2.30 p.m.

Why the Rainbow Fete Should be Supported.

BECAUSE it is in aid of the Zionist Hall, the home and centre of all communal activity in the Peninsula, which acts as a binding force between the various elements of the community.

BECAUSE the Zionist Hall is the one Jewish centre in Cape Town where Jewish institutions of every sort and colour may meet in comfortable circumstances and with a minimum of expense.

BECAUSE in concentrating all Zionist activity within its walls, the Zionist Hall has helped to strengthen the Zionist movement in the Western Province and to propagate its ideals. It has particularly

done much to prevent the younger generation from drifting into alien movements.

BECAUSE in providing a meeting place for many charitable institutions the Zionist Hall has helped the cause of Jewish charitable endeavour in this city and beyond.

BECAUSE in these times of stress particularly, Jewry dare not give up its own home and centre where it may concentrate its forces.

BECAUSE the Zionist Hall, belonging as it does to you, is your responsibility, and you dare not stand aside when it needs your help.

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of slow starvation—the day-by-day gnawing hunger which kills, as surely as a deadly weapon—if threepence would save him?

There are thousands of Jewish children in the Ukraine to-day to whom the sum of threepence is of vital moment, for it means a meal in the food kitchens which the Federation is opening in the congested Jewish centres. How these unhappy mites have managed to survive is a modern miracle. To allay the pains of hunger, they have been reduced to making a meal of potato-scrappings, and their daily struggle for existence is a sight to evoke the deepest compassion.

Threepence will provide a meal for them in the Federation kitchens, and all will agree that this is a small price for the saving of a human life. Threepence will keep a child alive for a day; 1s. 9d. will provide him with ample food for a week; for a month the cost is but 7s. 6d.; and for £4 10s. a little boy or girl can be maintained in happiness for a year.

Most moving reports are daily reaching the Federation regarding the misery of these

afflicted children, who have never known a gleam of sunshine in their brief lives. Hungry and ragged, they fight incessantly to keep alive, and only the charity of Jews abroad can ultimately save them. Are they worth the price? Threepence a day will give a child the means and the heart to fight on, and the knowledge that the kindly Jews of other lands are watching their pitiful struggle with the utmost sympathy will give them courage to face the dreary realities of their everyday life.

The smallest silver coin in England means a Jewish life in the Ukraine to-day. Do you ever pause to consider this when you so carelessly spend this small sum many times a week? Often, the threepence is literally thrown away, and it is hard indeed to realise that this tiny coin may mean life or death to a Jewish child.

It is the fact, however. A satisfying vegetable meal can be provided at the kitchens in Kiev, Odessa, Charkov and other centres for this pitifully small sum, and it rests with you to say how many meals the Federation will be able to supply.