

AMONG OURSELVES

By SHULAMITH

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Wednesday's Ceremony at Sea Point.

Brilliant sunshine favoured the ceremony of the laying of the corner-stone of the Green and Sea Point Synagogue on Wednesday afternoon, which was attended by a large and representative number of people.

Though not yet completed, the lovely simplicity of the synagogue building is very evident. Studied effects of proportion and the piling up of masses, give to the octagonal shaped building the dignified appearance and austerity of a house of worship. Mr. Julius Lonstein, who designed the building, was busy being congratulated by many of those present.

After the actual ceremony was performed in the trying heat at the site, everyone was glad to rest in the coolness of the Sea Point Town Hall, where tea tables had been laid and the catering done by the Ladies' Committee under the energetic chairmanship of Mrs. H. Wolff, who was looking very smart in a black and white ensemble.

It was somewhat strange seeing so many of the men present during the afternoon, and their dark suits contrasted unenviably with the summery attire of the women folk.

The Mayor, Mr. L. Gradner, whose rose buttonhole withstood bravely the heat of the day, was accompanied by Mrs. Gradner, looking smart in an ensemble of fawn and brown. Mrs. A. M. Jackson's red figured silk frock was worn with a red hat to match. Mrs. P. Rosenberg chose a grey georgette and lace worn with a blue hat. Mrs. I. Mauerberger's navy and white costume was worn with a small navy hat, while Mrs. L. Raphaely looked cool in a gown of powder blue with a shady hat to match. Among the many guests present were Sir David Harris, whom I was pleased to see looking so fit, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Stodel, Mr. and Mrs. H. Herman, Sir Harry Grauman, Rabbi M. Ch. Mirvish, Mr. Rosen, Mr. M. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. L. Segal, Mr. M. Kentridge, Dr. H. Kramer, Mr. and Mrs. I. Cohen, Mr. S. Gesundheit, Mr. M. Sonnenberg, Mr. and Mrs. A. Friedlander, Rev. and Mrs. Kirschner, Mr. and Mrs. N. Wittenberg, Mr. I. Ochberg, Rev. and Mrs. S. Kibel, Mr. and Mrs. W. Harris, Mr. S. Goldstein, Mrs. H. Bashew, Mr. and Mrs. I. Gutman, Mr. and Mrs. L. Suritz, Mr. and Mrs. M. Schach, Adv. J. Herbstein, Mrs. J. Lonstein (looking summery in daffodil yellow), Mr. and Mrs. M. Joffe, Mrs. J. Heneck, Adv. P. M. Clouts, Mr. and Mrs. P. Myers, Mr. I. Hirschsohn, Mr. and Mrs. L. Tuchten, Rev. and Mrs. S. H. Michelsen, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lieberman, Mr. R. Rosenthal, Dr. and Mrs. I. M. Hurwitz, Mrs. R. Oblowitz, Dr. W. Altschul, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lurie, Mr. and Mrs. M. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. L. Pachter, Mr. H. Aronson, Mrs. H. Spiro, Mr. and Mrs. I. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. I. Wittenberg, Rabbi Gervis, Cantor Katzen, Mr. C. Levinson and Mr. A. E. Abrahams.

A Perfect Hostess.

In addition to many other qualities Mrs. L. Raphaely has the enviable gift of being the perfect hostess. One expects to find an accomplished hostess at the usual social "at homes," but the test of the born hostess, lies, I think, in being able to keep the interest of a large group of persons, and it is in this direction that Mrs. Raphaely excels. The Jewish Girl Guides have on many occasions been entertained by her, and on Saturday night she was "At Home" to the Cape Town Jewish Girls' Association, at her charming residence at Claremont.

The evening was a grand success from start to finish. Mrs. Raphaely had arranged a series of indoor games with prizes for the winners and delicious refreshments, and she was assisted by her daughter Ruth, her sons Meir and Fritz (who was down on holiday from Harrismith), and by Miss Celia Harris. During the course of the evening Mrs. J. Weinreich, accompanied by Miss E. Feinhols sang, and Miss H. Oblowitz, who is the speech training instructress of the Association, recited. Mrs. Raphaely presented the prizes and handed a lovely box of chocolates to Mrs. Weinreich, the President of the Association, and a picture to Miss G. Gerber who is the physical



Mr. A. M. Jackson, President of the Green and Sea Point Hebrew Congregation which has figured so prominently in the news this week, on account of the laying of the corner-stone of the Synagogue in Sea Point by General Smuts.

culture instructress. The most exciting prize of the evening was the offer of an aeroplane flip, to be piloted by Mr. Ernst Persicaner, who was one of Mrs. Raphaely's helpful assistants.

Mrs. Raphaely is a well-known figure in Jewish life, charming, vivacious and sympathetic. Her influence and kindness have been evinced in many spheres. She is one of the first three women to be elected to the Committee of the Cape Town Hebrew Congregation, in which she has always shown a keen pride. She is also an active member of the women's section of the South African Party.

Cabaret at Zionist Hall.

The Jewish National Fund Ball, to be held at the Zionist Hall on the 16th May, promises to be one of the gayest and most enjoyable functions of the season.

Mrs. L. Burman, whom I met during the week-end and who is Convener of the Ball Committee, was most enthusiastic about the plans for the Ball, which is to be in real cabaret style. A temporary bar licence has been obtained for the evening, and dancers will be able to reserve their tables. During the courses of a full supper, popular cabaret turns will be presented by a number of well-known artists. The arrangements for the orchestra are distinctly novel and unusual and a card room is being prepared for those who do not wish to dance.

Knowing Mrs. Burman as I do, and the enthusiasm of her energetic committee, I am confident that the Ball will meet with the success it merits.

V.A.D.'s.

The scarlet, grey and blue uniforms of the Cape Province Detachments of the South African Red Cross Society presented a colourful scene on the occasion of the annual inspection, held at the Zionist Hall on Saturday night. Mrs. Kane Berman, Chief Commandant of the Union, inspected the detachments.

Several efficient and interesting demonstrations of first-aid were given by the various detachments and Mrs. Rose Kottler's fine voice was heard to advantage in announcing instructions to her detachment.

The Waynick Cup for first-aid was won by the Green Point detachment under Commandant Mrs. I. Waynick, who looked most attractive in her scarlet uniform. Miss Centner, of Sea Point, was the winner of the Efficiency Cup.

The V.A.D. movement has attracted many members of the community, and among those present in uniform were Mrs. A. Liberman, Mrs. J. Kossuth, Mrs. L. Blumberg, Mrs. H. Abrahams, Mrs. M. Wynick, Miss Cecily Harris, Mrs. E. Liberman, Mrs. J. Gottlieb, Mrs. H. Slood, Miss G. Klein, Mrs. M. Futeran, Mrs. H. Gurland, Miss Cora Levinstein and Mrs. J. Hochschild.

Among the many distinguished visitors were the Rev. A. P. Bender, who was one of the speakers of the evening, the Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. L. Gradner), Dr. L. Blumberg, Mrs. H. J. Stodel, Dr. I. Waynick, Miss I. Tyfield and Dr. E. Liberman.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Weigert.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Weigert have, during their short stay in Cape Town, already made for themselves an important niche in the musical life of the community. The Symphony concert at the City Hall last night, at which Mr. Weigert was the guest conductor, was honoured by the presence of His Excellency the Governor-General.

Madame Rita Weigert, whose charming voice has become well known to us both on the stage and over the air, also appeared.

Unfortunately owing to our having gone to press early yesterday morning, I am unable to comment on the concert itself, but from the programme arranged, which opened with the Overture "The Magic Flute" (Mozart), and from my previous experience of the masterly conducting of Mr. Weigert, I have no doubt about the success of the concert.