

IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

Shakespearean Evening at the Orphanage.

The second of the winter fortnightly Saturday evening Educational talks was held at the Orphanage last Saturday night.

Miss Gladys Lazarus is to be congratulated on having arranged a fine treat for the children and particularly on the pains she and her pupils took to make their display suitable for children of all ages.

There was a good sprinkling of adults—both interested visitors and members of the Committee. Mr. B. A. Crasnow, the Chairman of the Education Committee, briefly welcomed the visitors and introduced the chairman, Dr. Louis Herrman, Principal of the Cape Town High School.

Dr. L. Herrman introduced Miss Lazarus to the children, emphasizing that she would show them that Shakespeare was a writer who had received less education than they themselves were getting and yet had produced masterpieces.

Miss Lazarus addressed the gathering for about twenty minutes in a simple manner. Then followed scenes from "Twelfth Night," "Midsummer Night's Dream," "Merry Wives of Windsor," "Julius Caesar" and "The Merchant of Venice," all excellently portrayed by Miss Lazarus's pupils.

Before each scene Miss Lazarus explained in simple language the theme and character to be acted.

At the conclusion of the acting a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, chairman and performers was moved by Mr. J. M. Weinreich, the Vice-President, and warmly supported by Miss Nancy Stoller and Master Adolph Ellis, two of the senior children.

Miss Lazarus, in responding, promised two prizes to the children who would be able to recite certain Shakespearean passages which would be selected for them to prepare before her next visit.

Tea was served at the conclusion of this really splendid evening's gathering.

The next lecturer will be Mr. H. V. Meyerowitz who will on Saturday evening the 19th inst., talk on his recent visit to Basutoland. The lecturer will illustrate his talk by drawings on the blackboard.

Union of Jewish Women.

The second annual general meeting of the Union of Jewish Women of South Africa (Cape Town Branch) was held at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday afternoon.

In moving the adoption of the annual report and balance sheet, the President, Mrs. B. Nussbaum, commented on the work of the Union within the past year, especially in connection with the relief of German Jewry, and pointed out how much there was still to be done. She stressed the need for a united front of women in order to achieve the aims of the Union.

Mrs. P. M. Clouts seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mrs. L. Raphaely commented favourably on the work done during the past year.

The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year: Hon. President, Mrs. T. Saphra; Hon. Vice-President, Mrs. B. Nussbaum; President, Mrs. B. Berezowski; Vice-President, Mrs. P. M. Clouts; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. L. Blumberg; Joint Hon. Secretaries, Mrs. J. Gottlieb and Mrs. P. Marcus.

Mrs. Clouts moved a vote of thanks to the outgoing President, Mrs. B. Nussbaum, and the Secretary, Miss M. Oblowitz.

Mrs. B. Nussbaum and Mrs. L. H. Lewis were elected as representatives for the ensuing year on the National Council of Women.

Junior Zionists at Woodstock.

There was a good attendance at the Palestine evening held by the Woodstock and Salt River Junior Zionist Society on Thursday, the 26th April, at the Talmud Torah Hall, Woodstock. An Exhibition Stall displaying Palestinian goods created much interest.

Mr. L. Cooper, a representative of the Judean Central Council, gave an illuminating address on Zionism generally, and Mr. V. Resnekov, who has recently returned from Palestine, gave a very vivid and intimate account of developments there.

An enlightening talk by Mr. Charloff on the work of the Jewish National Fund followed the speeches.

Refreshments were served and the evening concluded with the singing of the Hatikvah.

On Thursday, the 17th instant, a general debate on "To-day's Greatest Menace to Zionism" will take place at the Talmud Torah Hall, Woodstock, and on the following Thursday, the 24th instant, a Novelty Dance will be held at the hall at the usual popular prices.

Board of Guardians Executive.

At the first meeting of the newly-elected committee of the Cape Jewish Board of Guardians, Mr. L. Segal was elected President, Mr. H. Bashew and Mrs. E. Lewis, Vice-Presidents, Mr. A. Thal, Hon. Treasurer and Mr. L. Suritz, Assistant Hon. Treasurer.

Oneg Shabbos.

The Oneg Shabbos in the Zionist Hall to-morrow will commence at 4 o'clock sharp with the Mincha Service. During the course of the afternoon a lecture will be delivered by Mr. Z. Avin on "The Sabbath in Eretz Israel and in Galuth."

Wynberg Jewish Circle.

An interesting debate on the "Essentiality of Wars in the Past and their Effect on Civilization" was held at the Wynberg Jewish Circle on Monday evening last.

The subject was introduced by Messrs. D. and M. Gelfand, H. Rifkin and M. Ticktin.

Several of the speakers were at pains to prove that all civilisations, whether past or present, carried in themselves the germs of self-destruction and war.

In the lively discussion that ensued the following speakers from the floor participated: Miss S. Benjamin, Mr. H. Dubow and Messrs. L. and R. Goldberg.

The Chairlady, Miss F. Goldberg, called on Miss C. Goldberg to propose a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Kaplan in whose residence the function took place.

Muizenberg.

In order to celebrate Lag B'Omer in a fitting manner, Mr. B. P. Phillips, of the Balmoral Hotel, President of the local Talmud Torah Committee, invited the pupils to afternoon tea on Thursday, May 3rd. All spent a very pleasant afternoon.

During the proceedings, Master Baraey Fisher rendered several beautiful Hebrew songs. Master Sidney Rifkin proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Phillips for his kind hospitality.

The Cabaret.

The arrangements for the J.N.F. Cabaret Ball in the Zionist Hall on Wednesday next are in full swing. Mrs. Leon Burman, the convenor, has worked ceaselessly for the last few weeks and it seems that her efforts will be rewarded by an unprecedented success. Tables are being booked up rapidly and most people are looking forward to the function with a great deal of eagerness. All sorts of novelties and surprises are in store and the evening promises to be hectic. Tables may be reserved at the Zionist Office, 147a, Plein Street, Cape Town.

South Peninsula Jewish Club.

The above Club was "At Home" to its friends on Thursday evening last in the Talmud Torah Hall. Among those present were Rev. and Mrs. Isaacs.

Mr. M. Barnett, the Chairman, welcomed the guests and made reference to the Club's activities. Rabbi Gervis, in congratulating the Club on their achievements, laid stress on the fact that youth could no longer be blind to national problems, and strongly advised them to cease being impartial to Zionist activities. Mr. L. Pincus, a past chairman, also pleaded for increased cultural endeavour.

During the evening Miss Stella Myers rendered a pianoforte solo, Mrs. Satusky recited and Mr. B. Garfinkel obliged with a song. Mr. S. Frank proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers and artists, and after refreshments were served, dancing was indulged in.

Judean Central Council.

Under the auspices of the Sports Subcommittee of the Judean Central Council a Knock-out Table Tennis tournament has been arranged, the finals to be decided at the Zionist Hall on Sunday, the 27th inst., at 9 a.m.

A complete list of fixtures for the First Round appears below. These will take place on Sunday, the 13th inst.

Woodstock B vs. Wynberg, at Claremont T.T. Hall, 2 p.m.

Green & Sea Point vs. Claremont B, at Claremont T.T. Hall, 2 p.m.

Herzlia B vs. Claremont A, at Claremont T.T. Hall, 4 p.m.

Herzlia B vs. Woodstock A, at Claremont T.T. Hall, 4 p.m.

Macabee A vs. Maitland, at Roeland Street Synagogue, 2 p.m.

Boys' Own Zionist Society vs. C.T. Young Judeans, Roeland St. Synagogue, 4 p.m.

Paarl vs. Bellville, at place and time to be fixed by them.

Muizenberg vs. Macabee B at Roeland Street Synagogue, 2 p.m.

Cape Town Maccabee Organisation

There will be a collection for the Jewish National Fund on Sunday, the 13th inst. All those who belong to the J.N.F. (Maccabee) Circle and all others interested are asked to meet outside the Zionist Hall at 9 a.m. sharp on Sunday morning.

Maccabee blazers are now available; inquiries should be made from the Secretary, 18, Hope Street, Cape Town.

Hebrew Teachers' Association.

A meeting of the Hebrew Teachers' Association took place on Sunday last in the Talmud Torah Hall, Cape Town.

Mr. Z. Avin, who was welcomed by the Chairman, Mr. A. Levin, addressed a large gathering of teachers on "The Hebrew Teachers in Palestine and Galuth."

Mr. Avin spoke first on the Hebrew teachers in Lithuania and Poland, who succeeded in raising the standard of Hebrew education and who had made a whole generation of young people Hebrew speaking.

The teacher in Eastern Europe occupied a very prominent place in social life, and the compensation for the hard struggle for existence was the respect and general recognition paid him.

Mr. Avin then proceeded to describe the life of the Hebrew teacher in Palestine, who was much happier than his colleague in the Galuth.

The teachers in Palestine are united by a strong organisation which publishes several pedagogical journals of special interest to kindergarten teachers. They also publish many books and assist greatly in spreading new educational methods among the teachers.

They have their own educational library which contains the newest publications, and helps the members to advance their knowledge and inspires them with new ideas and educational values.

The organisation, which was based in the beginning on purely educational lines, was changed recently into a professional organisation as well, which does much to improve the material position of the teacher and to provide for his future.

The teacher in Palestine is dominated by the feeling that his work will not be futile, and he feels firm ground under his feet.

Many teachers have their own homes which the communities build for them in order to provide a peaceful and quiet existence for them.

The well-established buildings, airy rooms, the frequent teaching out of doors, the work in the garden and fields, create a common interest and mutual understanding between teacher and pupil, and both indulge in a happy and creative work.

The members listened eagerly to Mr. Avin's vivid lecture and are looking forward to his second lecture, which will be given on Sunday, 27th May.

At the same time there will be an exhibition of Hebrew books and journals which will illustrate the newest methods and movements in Hebrew education.

Before the lecture, Mr. A. Levin opened a discussion on the question of the *Havarah* with regard to introducing the *Havarah Hasfardi'h* in our schools according to the decision of the Educational Conference. He also gave a brief survey of the historical development of the *Havarah*.

A lively discussion followed in which Mr. Levite, Rev. Isaacson, Messrs. Ch. Berezhinsky, M. Natas and M. Lazar took part.

The discussion will be continued and a resolution passed.

At the conclusion, the chairman paid a tribute to the late teacher, Mr. Zaslansky, of Bloemfontein, who was an outstanding personality amongst the teachers, and who did much to further the cause of Hebrew education in this country.

Woodstock and Salt River.

The monthly meeting of the Woodstock and Salt River Jewish Cultural Circle will be held at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. C. Resnekov on Monday, 14th inst., at 8 p.m.

Dr. C. Resnekov will continue his lecture on "Jewish Life under the Influence of the Popes." Members and friends are cordially invited to attend.

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by Passover. Shifts of workers are constantly engaged on the building in order to hasten its completion. The buildings of the Vaad Leumi (the Palestine National Council) and the Hadassah Organisation will also eventually stand on the same site. In the meantime both these institutions occupy rented quarters. Not far from the Jewish National Fund building, and built on land belonging to the J.N.F. stands the Gymnasium (Secondary School) of Rehavia; negotiations are already in progress for the building of a Synagogue in the same vicinity. The fact that all the important Jewish institutions have been concentrated in this part of the city is having the effect of increasing the importance of Rehavia and conducing to its further expansion.

Under the name of Me'Onot Ovdim (Workers' Houses) a new quarter of some twenty-six dwellings has recently begun to flourish on J.N.F. land, on the western side of Rehavia. Similar quarters of workers' dwellings are now springing up in other parts of the city.

High on the hills above Jerusalem, near Talpioth, two large structures may be seen facing one another. One of these is Ramat Rachel, a pioneer settlement of workers, and the other is the "Meshek Hapoalot," where the new Girls' Farm School has been established. Both of these buildings are within short range of the stately residence of the High Commissioner, who has on more than one occasion entered the Farm School informally to have a chat with the workers and drink a glass of tea with them. Ramat Rachel extends over an area of ninety dunams, and the Meshek Hapoalot occupies forty-five dunams, the land in each case being the property of the Jewish National Fund. Each are considering further developments in buildings, as their present holdings have been crowded beyond their capacity by unexpected additions from the recent immigration. Ramat Rachel plans to erect a large school on its land for the

children of the new Workers' Quarter of one hundred and thirty families which is shortly to be founded in the vicinity.

Not the least of its points of interest, the Hebrew University overlooks Jerusalem from Mount Scopus, unfolding from its high promontory a panorama which is among the most beautiful and certainly the most moving in the world. The University is built on J.N.F. land, and embraces an area of 128 dunams. Of late, intensive building has been in progress for the completion of various laboratories. The botanical gardens have been extended. Trees of many species are being planted and added to year by year. The steady, almost visible growth of the University delights the heart of all Jews who have the good fortune to witness it. Distinguished professors from Germany are already concerned with a plan for the erection of a Health Institute on the hills of Jerusalem, and in Talpioth the building of a sanatorium has already been begun. In medical circles Jerusalem with its healthful climate, its mild summer, and its beautiful natural surroundings, is considered to be ideally suited for a health resort, with particular reference to certain ills.

The revival of activity and movement in Jerusalem is at the same time a blessing to the Old City. Stimulated by the new German immigration, and heartened by the preparations for a proper water supply, business in Old Jerusalem has experienced a great evolution. New enterprises are being opened and old shops are assuming a modern European aspect. They are being made more attractive to the new type of immigrant. New hotels, cafes and restaurants, with modern equipment and comfortable accommodation, are to be seen in the business centres, which have been brightened and improved by the innovations.

From day to day Jerusalem becomes more beautiful. It seems to have been infused with a new spirit of vitality and radiance. The city of our great historic past wakes again and promises to become the city of our great future.