

## Stellenbosch Jewish Community.

### FAREWELL TO CAPT. A. J. VAN DER BYL.

Last Monday night the local Jewish community gave a farewell at the Talmud Torah Hall to Cape Van der Byl, R.M., who is retiring on pension.

The Chairman, Mr. A. Gelb, and Mrs. Gelb, received the guests. A piano solo was rendered by Miss Lorna Friedman after which Mr. Gelb welcomed the guests. Mr. H. M. Jaffe, Mayor of Somerset West, replied.

On behalf of the local Jewish community Mr. Gelb then presented Captain Van der Byl with a canteen of cutlery. In expressing his thanks and appreciation, Captain Van der Byl pointed out that the local Jewish community were good and law-abiding citizens and he emphasised how much he deprecated the Grey Shirt movement and how he had always been opposed to their meetings locally.

The Mayor, Dr. D. F. du Toit, expressed himself highly satisfied with the fact that there had been no rupture between Jews and Gentiles in Stellenbosch and said that he as Mayor would do all in his power to prevent hurting the feelings of the Jewish community.

Mr. W. B. de Villiers, M.P. for Stellenbosch, asserted that racialism was definitely dead, except for newspaper talk. He assured the Jewish community that under no circumstances would the people of this country tolerate another racial issue against the Jews or any other section of the community and that consequently the anti-Semitic movement was definitely doomed to failure. He himself would positively oppose any anti-Semitic movement.

Mr. Charles Neethling, ex-Mayor of Stellenbosch, expressed his pleasure at being present and said that throughout his fourteen years as Mayor he had made it his special work to see that all sections of the community lived in peace and harmony, and that one of his last actions as Mayor was to see that the anti-Semitic movement was prevented from acquiring any hall for the purpose of setting forward their iniquitous propaganda. As a Councillor he would fight tooth and nail against any attempt to persecute the Jewish or any other section of the people.

After Mr. J. P. (Koos) Louw, M.P., had said a few words, Councillor L. Hofmeyr replied on behalf of the visitors. He assured the audience that every right thinking Gentile was definitely deprecating the anti-Semitic movement, and was prepared in word and deed to come to the assistance of the Jews, who were undoubtedly the most law-abiding section of the community.

Mr. Aburthnot, Assistant Magistrate, then spoke, after which Mr. Jack Segal thanked the guests for attending.

During the evening Miss Annie Stein gave a recitation and Miss Lilian Gelb, accompanied by Miss P. Marcus, a cello solo.

Mr. R. Gelb proposed a vote of thanks to the Ladies' Committee for the excellent arrangements, and the proceedings closed with the singing of the Hatikvah and the National Anthem.

## Paarl Junior Zionist Society.

An event of great importance was the staging of the four act Yiddish drama "Der Fremder," which took place on Sunday, the 18th inst., at 8 p.m. in the Talmud Torah Hall, Paarl.

In spite of the heavy rain, a record crowd from Paarl, Wellington, Stellenbosch, Ceres and other places turned up. The play was an outstanding success and from the point of view of dramatic art, surpassed all the plays staged at Paarl before. It would be no exaggeration to say that every one of the actors was near accomplishment in interpreting his or her part.

Mr. H. Kowarsky in the part of "Der Fremder," and Mr. Alec Natas as Kalmen-Moishe, played their parts admirably, whilst the former in his dramatic part moved the audience to tears, the latter provoked an outburst of laughter. Misses Evelyn Green, Sarah Katz and Milly Klitzner, the three ladies who took part as Soreh-Henne, Blume, and Lily respectively, proved to be very talented, having played their parts excellently. Mr. Jacob Levinsohn, as always, had a responsible part in the play and acted extremely well as did also Mr. Ephraim Levinsohn from Stellenbosch, and Mr. Philip Katz.

The play was organised and directed by Mr. M. Lazar, and produced jointly by Mr. H. Kawarsky and Mr. Lazar. The lady actresses were presented with three beautiful bouquets of flowers by Miss Fanny Gross, after a vote of thanks to the actors had been proposed. Mr. J. Levinsohn, Chairman of the Paarl Junior Zionist Society, under whose auspices the play was staged took the opportunity of thanking Mr. Lazar for the production of the play and congratulating him on his appointment at Johannesburg, wished him the best of luck in his new sphere of life.

The evening terminated with the singing of Hatikvah.

We understand that the play will be produced at Cape Town, on the 9th December in the Zionist Hall under the auspices of the League for Working Palestine.

## Malmesbury Zionist Society.

Dr. C. Resnekov will be the speaker at a conversazione which will take place on Sunday evening, 25th inst., at the residence of Dr. H. Myers, Malmesbury.

## Worcester B'nei Ubenoth Zion Society.

A well-attended Conversazione took place under the auspices of the above Society in the Zionist Hall on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Friedman acted as host and hostess.

The news service was read by Mr. M. Rabinowitz, and Mesdames Sally Broudie and Joyce Volks rendered musical items. Rev. E. Stein delivered a lecturette on the significance of the Balfour Declaration and also paid tribute to the memory of the late Baron Edmond de Rothschild.

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## Adv. M. Alexander's Visit to Australia.

The English-Jewish newspapers of Australia have for the last few weeks had long notices about Mr. Alexander's forthcoming visit.

"The Jewish Weekly News" of October 12th contained a long article (with a photograph) about Mr. Alexander, pointing out that "it was the first time that one of the outstanding leaders of South African Jewry was visiting Australia," and ending: "Mr. Alexander occupies a well-earned position; loved, honoured, respected, and looked up to as a natural leader by the Jewish community in South Africa, he is returning this confidence and trust by an ever-ready interest in, and watchfulness over, Jewish interests."

On October 15th Mr. Alexander passed through Perth on his way to Melbourne. "The Westralian Judean" of November 1st gives a record of Mr. Alexander's career, and also the report of an interview which a representative of this journal had with him and in which Mr. Alexander spoke about present-day conditions in South Africa.

## Obituary.

### THE Rev. L. ORNSTEIN (Gwelo).

We have been asked by the Honorary Secretary of the Gwelo Hebrew Congregation to insert the following:—

The sudden demise of the Rev. L. Ornstein came as a great shock to the Jewish community of Gwelo, of which he had been minister for the past twelve years. The reverend gentleman had been about his duties until late on Monday afternoon, and at seven o'clock that evening was taken to the Gwelo Hospital in an unconscious condition, in which he passed away at five the following morning. He was sixty-five years of age.

Of a very retiring disposition, he was well liked by all with whom he came in contact. He was a Hebrew scholar of a high order, and his studious nature kept him much to himself. He has left a gap in Jewish circles in the Midlands which will be greatly felt and extremely hard to fill.

The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, being preceded by a special service at the Synagogue with the Scrolls of the Law held at the head of the coffin. Grateful tribute to his memory was paid by Rabbi Nevjasky, of Que Que, who officiated at the service and at the cemetery. The whole of the deceased's congregants were present at the burial, also the Rev. W. W. Hitchings, Dr. Ingle, Mr. J. Antoniadis and Mr. Stoffberg.

The late Mr. Ornstein leaves a wife and six children at present resident in the United States to mourn his loss.

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After the tea interval the subject, "That industry more than Agriculture should be the background of Palestine" was debated. Mr. J. J. Wilk moved and Mr. I. Shirken opposed. Messrs. Sacks, M. Rabinowitz, A. Volks and J. Rabinowitz joined in the discussion.

The function concluded with the singing of Hatikvah.

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