

## IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

Secretaries of Societies are kindly asked to send in reports of functions the same week as they occur. Late reports will not be inserted in future.—Editor.

### *Chanukah Services.*

In commemoration of the festival of Chanukah services were held last Sunday evening in most of the Synagogues in the Peninsula, and were well attended.

At the Gardens Synagogue a choral service was held under the leadership of Mr. Boris Rome. Rev. A. P. Bender delivered a sermon.

At the Sea Point Synagogue a special service was held. Cantor Konwiser, assisted by the Sea Point Synagogue Choir (augmented by the Hazomir Choir under the leadership of Mr. W. Sher) officiated. Rev. P. Rosenberg delivered a sermon.

At the Muizenberg Synagogue a service was held, Obercantor Katzin officiating. Rabbi Gervis delivered a sermon.

### *The Mayor and Mayoress Entertain Inmates of Cape Jewish Aged Home.*

It was a happy thought that prompted His Worship the Mayor and Mrs. Gardner to give the inmates of the Cape Jewish Aged Home a Chanukah "treat" on Sunday night, and judging by the reception which greeted them they can be assured of a warm place in the hearts of the old folk. Mr. and Mrs. Gradner were welcomed by the President, Mr. H. Rosen, who referred to their life-long interest in all charitable movements, particularly so far as the Aged Home was concerned. Through their generosity, an excellent evening's entertainment had been provided, and on behalf of the inmates the committee and the Matron and staff, he thanked them most sincerely. Incidentally, Mr. Rosen said he understood it was Mr. Gradner's birthday that day, and he therefore wished him "many happy returns of the day."

Both Mr. and Mrs. Gradner responded and at the close of their speeches rousing cheers were given in their honour.

Very tasty refreshments, arranged by the Mayoress, were served, and each inmate was also given appropriate gifts.

A fine and varied programme of musical and other items had been arranged to which the following contributed:—

Al Roberts and his Bronx Club Band, Mr. Jack Ryder, Little Ronnie Pinn, Mr. Rodeigues (conjurer), Mr. Boris Rome, Miss Freda Marks, Miss Olive Rosen, Mr. Phil Moss, Little Rosemary Fisher, Miss Freda Fernandez, Mr. Benjamin Gorfinkel. By special request the Mayoress sang "Eli, Eli," and she received a tremendous ovation. Mr. Rosen thanked the artists and a happy evening ended with Hatikvah and the National Anthem.

### *Dorshei Zion Chanukah Concert.*

The Chanukah concert held last Sunday night under the auspices of the Dorshei Zion Association was a great success. The programme opened with the Dedication of the Candles by Cantor B. Konwiser, and the "Hazomir" Choir, under the direction of Mr. W. Sher, who immediately became very popular. The other items contributed by this choir to the programme were greatly applauded and the members of the choir were recalled time after time. The choir is certainly a great asset to the Cape Town Jewish community and will, we trust, often be heard on concert platforms.

Mr. M. Losman gave a number of recitations in Yiddish and received a tremendous ovation as did Miss D. Radowsky for her recitations from the works of Bialik and Peretz.

Songs by Mr. Joshua Herison and Mr. Israel Lipshitz were very much appreciated. Mr. H. Rabinowitz, who also acted as accompanist, rendered a pianoforte solo, and the programme ended with duets by Cantor Konwiser and Mr. H. Bloom which were very much enjoyed by the audience.

During the evening Rabbi Z. Schwartz delivered an interesting address on Chanukah.

### *Maitland-Brooklyn Talmud Torah.*

The annual prize distribution and a special Chanukah service was held at the Maitland Synagogue on Monday evening. After the impressive service which was conducted by Cantor B. Konwiser assisted by Mr. H. Bloom and the Hazomir Choir under the direction of Mr. W. Sher, the pupils of the Talmud Torah gave a number of Hebrew items which were of a very high standard and enjoyed by the large gathering of parents and visitors.

Mr. A. Kaufman, Chairman of the Talmud Torah, in introducing Dr. C. Resnekov, Chairman of the local Board of Jewish Education voiced his appreciation of the valuable work being done by this body, and particularly by its Chairman who was devoting so much of his valuable time for the improvement of Hebrew education.

Dr. Resnekov congratulated the Congregation on having so fine a Talmud Torah to which he referred as the "Jewel in the Crown of the local Board of Education," and such excellent teachers as Messrs. M. Natas and H. Lederman. He stressed the great importance of giving our children a sound Hebrew education and instilling in them a fine Jewish spirit such as helped the Maccabees; he urged the community to make an effort to erect a suitable building to house the school as the present conditions left much to be desired.

The Hebrew Teachers' Association was represented by Messrs. Ch. Berezinsky and A. Levin. The latter, in his address, spoke highly of the work done and the fine progress shown by the pupils.

Mr. Natas, the Principal of the Talmud Torah, then thanked the speakers for their encouraging words, and voiced his appreciation to the local committee, the Board of Education and Mr. Kaufman for valuable assistance given him and Mr. Lederman, wherever possible. He expressed his pleasure that the work of the Talmud Torah had met with so much satisfaction.

Mr. Kaufman, before presenting the prizes, spoke on the significance of Chanukah, pointing out that the beneficial results of this event were only realised after the actual happening, and in the same way he hoped that the pupils would reap the benefits of their sound Hebrew education in the years to come. He expressed his thanks to the teachers and to the committee.

Mr. W. Samson, Chairman of the Congregation, proposed a vote of thanks to the visitors, the teachers, and particularly to Mr. Kaufman.

### *Union of Jewish Women.*

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 11th inst., at 3.15 p.m. at the Zionist Hall. Miss Emilie Solomon will deliver an address on "Women and Peace." Mrs. L. Burman will review "Solal of the Solals," and Mrs. P. M. Clouts will talk on "The Introduction of Hebrew in a School Curriculum." Mrs. L. H. Lewis will report on the monthly meeting of the National Council of Women.

### *Hebrew Kindergartens Concert.*

Those who intend to be present at the Chanukah concert to be given by the pupils of the Hebrew Kindergartens next Sunday morning at the Zionist Hall have a great treat in store for them. The Kindergartens concerts are always delightful, but this one promises to eclipse all previous records. The teachers have not spared themselves in their efforts to make the concert a huge success, and the little tots will convey the true spirit of Chanukah through the medium of Hebrew song and play. A very enjoyable morning is assured.

### *Hebrew Teachers' Association.*

A farewell reception to Mr. J. Abitz before his departure on a visit to Europe and Palestine and to Mr. M. Lazar, Principal of Paarl Hebrew School, who is leaving to take up a position in Johannesburg, was held at the Zionist Hall on Wednesday evening.

Mr. Ch. Berezinsky was in the chair.

Dr. C. Resnekov, representing the Board of Hebrew Education, wished Mr. Abitz a pleasant and enjoyable holiday, which he fully deserved after seven years hard work. He was sorry that the Cape was losing the services of such a fine teacher as Mr. Lazar who had achieved excellent results.

Mr. J. Gitlin, on behalf of the Cape Town Hebrew Circle, also extended best wishes to Mr. Abitz and Mr. Lazar, and said that he considered it to the benefit of Hebrew education that teachers should not always remain in the same position. He would like to see a Teachers' Exchange system established between South Africa and Eretz Israel.

Mr. Z. Avin gave a short talk on Chanukah.

