

IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

The J.N.F. Pesach Concert.

The Zionist Hall was filled to capacity on Sunday night when the Pesach concert in aid of the Jewish National Fund took place. The programme was an outstanding one from every point of view and was very much appreciated by the large audience.

The first part consisted of the following items each of which met with a great deal of applause: piano solo (Miss Rose Kessel), song (Mr. Harry Bloom), Biblical reading (Miss Hannah Oblowitz); song—"Hebrew Melodies" (Miss Lily Blumenthal) with violin obbligato by Mr. Ch. Kreitzer.

After a short interval, the well-known play by Miles Malleon, "Michael" (based on Tolstoy's "What Men Live By") was staged. The beauty and simplicity of this play in three scenes was most effectively conveyed while the moral which it is intended to point left a deep impression. The production was in the capable hands of Mr. Leon Burman and the cast consisted of the following: Misses M. Gorfinkel, A. Gell, H. Schwartz, L. Jaffe, and Messrs. N. Jacobsen, N. Kaye, M. Lazarow. The two children were Zea Lurie and Ethel Rosenzweig.

The climax of the programme was the twelve tableaux based on the Hagadah Shel Pesach, produced by Miss Nancy Watson-Morris, Mr. Leon Burman and Dr. H. W. Altschul.

Each tableau was a finished and beautiful work of art and evoked round upon round of applause. The lighting effects and the general setting were most artistic and praise is due to each one of the numerous participants for their collaboration in an undoubtedly difficult task. Before each tableau Dr. J. Mibashan gave an introduction in Hebrew and Mr. C. K. Friedlander in English.

During the second interval Dr. H. W. Altschul proposed a vote of thanks to the artists and to all those who had helped to make the concert the great success it proved.

Seder Nights at the Orphanage.

Seder evenings at the Cape Jewish Orphanage are essentially gala nights for our Orphanage children. The committee recognise that these Pesach gatherings should remain pleasant memories for all time in the plastic minds of the little ones and everything possible is done to emphasise the Jewishness and family-gathering feeling of these annual festivities.

Many kind country folk and not a few of our local Orphanage friends add to their own Pesach happiness by sending gifts of poultry, nuts and fruits, etc., so that at least on these evenings the festive board in the Home, owing to these generous gifts, compares very favourably with similar Seder celebrations in the best types of Jewish homes.

Members of the committee and other prominent Jewish well-wishers visited the

children during and after Seder and assisted by their own gifts and cheerful association with the children both past and present, to make the evenings bright and happy.

All past inmates, single and married, had been invited to these annual reunions and most of them availed themselves of the opportunity to spend an evening in their old Home. Messrs. Emdin Bros. kindly lent a number of additional tables, chairs, etc., and although the dining hall was somewhat crowded, the Principal, Mr. Beresinsky, who conducted the full Seder services with all the beautiful ancient ritual and ceremonial, presided over a remarkably happy gathering. The decorations were beautifully arranged by the Matron, Mrs. Beresinsky, and her assistants and many of the senior girls ably waited on the children and guests both during the Seder and at supper.

Many kind folk visited the Home during the evenings and thus added the personal contact touch that distinguishes our Orphanage from similar places and makes of it a real Home rather than an institution.

Among the visitors we noted:—

The Mayor and Mayoress, Mr. and Mrs. L. Gradner and family, Adv. M. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. I. Ochberg and family, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Crasnow, Mr. and Mrs. H. Allschwang, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Weinreich, Mr. M. Pevsner, Mr. and Mrs. Davidowitz, of Muizenberg, Mr. J. Kadish, Mr. J. Zadik, Miss Berliner, Dr. and Mrs. Mibashan, etc.

Hithadrut Ivrit (Hebrew Circle).

A Pesach social was held at the Zionist Hall on Monday night. Mr. J. Gitlin was in the chair.

Dr. J. Mibashan gave a short lecture on the significance of Pesach, and showed how it was of the greatest importance both from a religious and a national point of view. There was nothing that could take the place of the Seder in Jewish life and throughout the ages it had been one of the strongest links uniting the Jewish people. Pesach was a beautiful festival, and appealed to writers and poets. To-day religious feeling, said Dr. Mibashan, was on the wane, and it was only in Palestine in years to come that Pesach would continue to have the great value it has always had for the Jewish people.

The following contributed to the programme: Miss Kessel and Messrs. Katzin, Losman, Lifshitz and Ladin.

The Chairman announced that the Congress of the Brit Ivrit Olamit was shortly to take place in Palestine and proposed Mrs. Gordon, Miss M. Gitlin and Mr. Lehrman as delegates. This was unanimously agreed to.

It was decided that the proceeds of the evening be sent as a contribution to the Congress.

The evening closed with the singing of Hatikvah.

Hebrew Kindergartens Pesach Chagigah.

There was a joyous atmosphere at the Zionist Hall on the Tuesday before Pesach when the tiny tots of the Bnoth Zion Kindergartens gathered together to celebrate the coming of Pesach, the Yomtov most beloved by children, "Chag Choviv" as they call it.

First they sang their joy at the coming of Pesach, telling of the new clothes they would get, and the lovely dishes they would eat, and the happy games they would play with the nuts. They also showed how the grapes had been picked so as to make wine for the Seder.

Then they acted the ever-new story of the finding of Moses. They were all there, the motherly Jochabed, the watchful Miriam, Pharaoh's officer, a stately Princess with her beautiful attendant, even a very realistic River Nile assisted in reliving that famous and historic incident.

Then the "Bnei Israel" left Eretz Mizraim with an energetic Moses leading the way.

Finally they had a Seder.

The memory of these tiny little one lighting the Yomtov candles, making Kiddush singing "Mah Nishtanah," and singing to Elijah Hanavi, is something that those parents and friends who had gathered there to share with the children in the "Chagiga" will always cherish.

Those children who grow up in the Kindergartens will never ask the question that the Rosh asks, because the environment of the Kindergarten makes them Chachamim.

The thanks of the parents and the committee are due to the teachers, Mrs. Mibashan at Monteno Road, and Miss Reading at the Zionist Hall, and their assistants for the work they are doing in leading our children in the paths we wish them to go.

Green and Sea Point Hebrew Congregation.

A Floral Fete in aid of the Building Fund will be held at the Sea Point Town Hall on Tuesday, April 30th, and on Wednesday, May 1st., 1935.

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor L. Gradner, will perform the opening ceremony on the first day, and Mr. A. Sacks, President of the Congregation, on the second.

Admission will be free and there will be numerous attractions.

United Hebrew Schools Annual Ball.

The annual ball in aid of the United Hebrew Schools will take place at the Zionist Hall on Thursday, May 2nd.

Mrs. A. Stodel is the Hon. Organiser and is assisted by a large committee of ladies.

Zionist Conversazione.

The next fortnightly Conversazione will take place at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday, 30th inst., at 8.15 p.m. Councillor A. Z. Berman will lecture on "The History of Jewish Migration from East to West."

Oneg Shabbos at Claremont.

Oneg Shabbos was celebrated on Saturday, 13th April, in the Talmud Toral Hall, Grove Avenue, Claremont.

There was a large gathering, Mr. R. Newstead presiding. The Chairman made a

few remarks expressing his thanks to the committee and especially to Rabbi A. R. Abrahamson for endeavouring to see that the institution of Oneg Shabbos was carried on.

Rabbi A. R. Abrahamson delivered a very instructive and interesting address on the "Rambam, His Life and His Philosophy." Speaking with great conviction on the subject, he contrasted the philosophies of the Rambam and previous thinkers such as Yehudi Halevi and Rabbi Shlomo Ben Gwriel. The Rambam elucidated religion to such an extent as to make it compatible with philosophy, in no wise damaging the accepted principles of religion, but on the contrary consolidating and clarifying the same.

Continuing, the speaker referred to the celebrations which were held at Cordova (Spain) by the high State officials, who appealed to the brothers of Rambam, and his fellow Jews, to extend forgiveness to them for their sufferings and pain during the days of the Inquisition.

Such an act on the part of the Spanish authorities spoke more eloquently for the Jewish race than any reward or honour which could be bestowed upon them. The speaker hoped that the time would soon arrive when the German people would also ask for forgiveness for the sufferings imposed upon the Jewish citizens.

The speaker was heartily thanked for his interesting address.

The proceedings terminated with a few Hebrew songs and the Hatikvah.

South Peninsula Zionist Society.

Rabbi M. Ch. Mirvish and Mr. B. L. Rubik will address a meeting in connection with the Rambam celebrations on Tuesday, 30th inst., in the Talmud Torah Hall, Muizenberg, at 8.15 p.m.

C.T. Maccabee Organisation.

On Thursday, 11th inst., a general meeting of members of the recently launched Cape Province Maccabee Association was held in the Minor Zionist Hall. The meeting was well attended and included several well-known local sportsmen.

The Acting Chairman, Mr. T. H. Snitcher, moved a vote of condolence to the memory of the late Max Ben-Arie, who had done so much, in his great-hearted manner, in the launching and support of the Hatikvah movement. The meeting rose in silence as a token of respect.

Mr. Snitcher, in his forty-minutes' address, dwelt on the past history of the Maccabee and Hatikvah movements in Cape Town, outlined the reasons for the necessity of having a strong united Jewish sports body, explained the aims and the preliminary progress made by the present organisation, and stressed the need for Cape Town Jewry to give their full support to the Maccabee movement.

Mr. Snitcher referred to the Constitution of the Association, and again emphasised the fact that the success of the movement could only eventuate if members gave their assistance in true South African sporting manner.

The results of the election for the Executive Committee were:—

Chairman, Mr. A. Feitelberg; Vice-Chairman, Mr. T. H. Snitcher; Treasurer, Dr. E. E. Lazarus; Assist.-Treasurer, Mr. M. Kahn; Secretary, Mr. H. R. Baker; Asst.-Secretary, Mr. J. Yankelowitz. Appointed leaders of the various sections to be added to this list.

Mr. Feitelberg, in thanking the meeting for his election, stated that the recent South African successes at the Word Maccabiah Games, had proved that there was a great deal of latent sporting talent among the South African Jewish youth, and said that the splendid results should be followed up. Mention was made that branches would be formed in all towns of the Cape Province, and that arrangements would be made to welcome the S.A. Maccabiah team on their return from Palestine.

It was announced that the following sections are in process of formation:—Physical Culture, Football (Soccer), Table Tennis, Wrestling and Boxing, Swimming and a Culture section.

Mr. Harry Getz, the prominent swimmer, acceded to the request of the gathering to coach the swimming section.

The meeting, which was most enthusiastic, showed that Cape Town Jewish sportsmen have the right spirit of co-operation, and the Executive can look forward to having a strong backing of willing supporters.

Applications for membership are invited from members of the Jewish community, and should be addressed to the Assistant Hon. Secretary, J. Jankelowitz, Esq., Empire Buildings, Plein Street, Cape Town.

Maimonides Celebration Committee.

The last lecture of the series will be delivered by Mr. Rubik, LL.B., on Sunday, 28th inst., at the Zionist Hall, at 8.15 p.m. Adv. M. Alexander, K.C., M.P., will be in the chair. The lecture will be delivered in English, and promises to be most interesting as it is understood Mr. Rubik, who has lately done a tremendous amount of original research on the subject, will deal with some very controversial matter in the Rambam's life, and will throw a new light on many obscure points.

The children's meeting will be held on the 5th May at 10 a.m. Mrs. Mibashan and Mr. Alexander Levin will be the speakers; a musical programme has been arranged. Souvenirs will be distributed.

Dr. I. M. Hurwitz will lecture on Maimonides at the Strand on Sunday, 28th inst., at 8.15 p.m.

Oneg Shabbos at Wynberg.

On Saturday, the 13th inst., an Oneg Shabbos function took place in the Wynberg Synagogue Hall.

Mr. D. Gelfand presided and Mr. S. Galloon, the Chairman of the local Talmud Torah, gave an interesting talk on the development of the Oneg Shabbos movement. He stressed the fact that the Oneg Shabbos was more important in the Galuth than even in Palestine where "Sabbath" was an integral part of the national life. The Chairman of the meeting then supplemented the lecture by speaking on the significance of Jewish holidays in general and the Pesach holiday in particular.

May Chait, a pupil of the local Hebrew School, gave an really excellent Hebrew recitation and community singing followed.

The next Oneg Shabbos takes place on Saturday, 4th May.

Orangezicht Boys' Own Zionist Society.

Another Young Israel Society has been formed in Oranjezicht to be known as the "Boys' Own Zionist Society" (B.O.Z.S.) with P. Zuckerman as President, H. Press, Vice-President, and O. Rechtman as Secretary and Treasurer. A very successful meeting was held on Friday, 19th inst., at the

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The engagement is announced of Sadi, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Schock of Wynberg, and Ruben, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Loon, of Moorreesburg.

Mr. J. Abitz, of Cape Town, and Mr. J. Bahr, of Johannesburg, returned last week in the "Duilio" from a visit to Palestine.

Mr. Archie Sacks, of Sea Point, is leaving for Europe to-day in the "Warwick Castle."

Miss M. Rabinowitz is leaving to-day in the "Warwick Caslet" on a visit to England.

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residence of Mr. and Mrs. P. Press. Short lecturettes were given by H. Press and L. Friedman; the debate was exceedingly interesting, provoking much discussion.

Cape Town Herzlia.

The next meeting will take place on Sunday, 28th inst., at the residence of Miss J. Cohen, 71, Hofmeyr Street, Cape Town, at 8.15 p.m.

Dr. H. W. Altschul will lecture on "Revisionism."

Worcester Hebrew Congregation.

Under the auspices of the Worcester Hebrew Congregation, a mass meeting was held in the Zionist Hall on Sunday, 7th April, 1935, to commemorate the eighth centenary of the birth of Maimonides.

The speakers were: Rev. E. Stein—"Maimonides—His Work"; Mr. L. Goodman—"Life of Maimonides"; Mr. J. Friedman—"Influence of Maimonides on the Gentile World."

Cordial votes of thanks were expressed to the speakers for their very interesting addresses.

Seder on the "Duilio."

(Communicated).

On the Wednesday night before the "Duilio" reached Cape Town, a Seder was held on board for the Jewish passengers from all classes.

A special kitchen had been set aside and two Jewish ladies supervised the cooking which was strictly Kosher. The Menu (in Hebrew and English) contained all the dishes necessary for Seder.

The Ladies' Lounge was converted into the Seder Dining Room and the tables were placed in horseshoe fashion.

The Seder was a great success and special thanks are due to Mr. Banhero, the Chief Steward of the Tourist Class, for the great trouble he took in seeing to the arrangements.

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THE NEXT

Fortnightly Conversazione

will take place at the ZIONIST HALL, HOPE ST., CAPE TOWN, on TUESDAY, 30th APRIL, at 8.15 p.m.

Lecturer: Councillor A. Z. BERMAN.
Subject: "The History of Jewish Migration from East to West."

ALL WELCOME.