

## IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

Secretaries of Societies are reminded that reports for publication in this page must be sent in immediately after the function takes place. Late reports will not be inserted in future.  
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### *Sium Hatorah at the Orphanage.*

A Sium Hatorah took place at the Cape Jewish Orphanage on Sunday afternoon when the new Sefer Torah presented to the Orphanage Shul by Mr. S. Derman was publicly completed with full ancient ceremonial.

After Mincha Service in the Shul conducted by Rev. S. Kassel, the large gathering adjourned to the Hall where a reception was held.

Rabbi M. Ch. Mirvish delivered an address on the significance of the occasion, showing what a great part the Torah had played in the life of the Jewish people.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Rev. A. P. Bender and Mr. Harry Harris.

The Mayor (Mr. L. Gradner) said it was the first time he had taken part in so important and holy a function. We were passing through difficult times but as long as the Torah was with us we would be protected. He thanked the donor, Mr. S. Derman, and also expressed thanks to Mr. Glass who had for years conducted the services in the Orphanage. He also referred to the presence of Mr. Wittenberg, who had been the first to suggest the building of an Orphanage in Cape Town.

The auctioning of the letters was then proceeded with, the Mayor, Mr. J. Weinreich and Mr. B. A. Crasnow acting as auctioneers. Rev. S. Kassel and Mr. A. P. Melmed were the scribes. When all the letters had been sold the new Sefer Torah was carried to the Chupah at the back of the hall by the Mayor. An adjournment was then made to the Shul, where the service was conducted by Cantor M. Katzin.

Four scrolls were taken out of the ark and borne to meet the new scroll under the Chupah. Cantor Katzin sang Psalm 24 and there was general rejoicing.

An adjournment was again made to the Shul, where Rabbi Kramer and Rabbi Grawitsky delivered inspiring addresses.

After Maariv Service Cantor Katzin gave some very beautiful renderings.

The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks by Mr. J. Weinreich to the Mayor, the Rabbonim and all those who had helped to make the function a success.

### *Bickur Cholim-Dorshei Zion Minyan.*

The Bickur Cholim-Dorshei Zion Minyan have been successful in obtaining the services of Cantor J. Handelson for the forthcoming High Festivals. We are informed that Cantor Handelson is the possessor of a fine tenor voice, and he should prove a great attraction.

### *S.A. Hebrew Dividing Benefit Society.*

The thirty-second annual installation of officers and dance took place at the Zionist Hall on Saturday evening. There was a large attendance of members and friends.

Mr. F. Gordon, the Director of Ceremonies, opened the function with the toast of "The King." A letter of apology for absence was received from Rev. A. P. Bender, the Hon. President.

Mr. E. A. Anthony, Registrar of Friendly Societies, who was present with Mrs. Anthony, proposed the toast of "The Society." In his reply, the Mayor, Mr. L. Gradner, said that he hoped to see the amalgamation of all the Hebrew Benefit Societies in the city. He spoke of the early days of the Society when its members had no money, no motor cars, and were better off. They Mayor then installed Mr P. Gordon as President for the fourth year. The following office-bearers were installed by the Director of Ceremonies: Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. Benson; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. B. I. Gradner; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Chas. Maissel; Trustees, Messrs. L. Gradner, A. Lipman, J. Rubinstein; Auditors, Messrs. J. Zabow, A. Press, M. Kapelus; Cash Stewards, S. Sovinsky and H. Winnett; Guardian, B. Sher. Committee: L. Spivak, R. Shnaps, L. Edstine, S. Valbene, S. Wolman, M. Kahn, S. Ezra, B. Zuck, J. Yeller, B. Rosine, H. Kapelus.

The toast of "The Guests" was proposed by Mr. A. Lipman and was replied to by Mr. A. Friedlander, the Society's Hon. Solicitor, Mr. N. Winnett on behalf of the H.O.D., Dr. Lazarus on behalf of the Sons of Israel Benevolent Society, and the Mayress, Mrs. L. Gradner, on behalf of the ladies present.

Dancing was enjoyed till midnight to the music of Alex Shuman and his Orchestra. An exhibition tap dance by little Lew Tankle was very much appreciated.

### *Muizenberg Young Israel Society.*

On Sunday, 11th August, a wireless evening took place and was very well attended. Mr. C. K. Friendlander acted as announcer of the "M.Y.I.S. Station."

Among the various items was a piano duet by Miss Ruby Shirere and Miss Ethel Tucker, and a news service by Mr. Zimmerman. Miss N. Apter gave a number of very enjoyable piano solos which were followed by three delightful songs sung by Mr. L. Horwitz. Messrs. C. K. Friendlander and Sol Cohen presented a "Melodrama" which was greatly enjoyed by the large audience. Following these items, dancing took place and the meeting concluded with the singing of Hatikvah.

### *Union of Jewish Women.*

A most enjoyable meeting took place at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday afternoon, about ninety member being present. Mrs. Beresowski presided.

A particularly interesting report on the monthly meeting of the National Council of Women was given by Mrs. B. Nussbaum. Mrs. Sloman read two delightful sketches, dealing with aspects of Palestinian life and types, and Mrs. Gottlieb gave a brief resumé of her visit to the Union of Jewish Women in London and the Haddassah in New York. After tea Dr. Felix Gross gave a most amusing and informative talk entitled "The Saga of the Saucepan" which was greatly appreciated by all present.

Mrs. Gottlieb proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Gross for his excellent lecture.

### *Zionist Conversazione.*

Tuesday, 20th inst., being the actual date of the opening of the nineteenth Zionist Congress at Lucerne, the next fortnightly Conversazione will take the form of a celebration in honour of this event. Adv. H. M. Bloch and Mr. Z. Avin will be the speakers and an excellent musical programme has been arranged.

### *Wynberg Jewish Youth Circle.*

A meeting took place on Sunday, 11th inst. at Wynberg. Mr. S. Roberts delivered the news service. Miss D. Myers read a very interesting paper on the First Congress.

The Chairman, Mr. L. Mendelsohn, introduced Mr. M. Meirowitz, of Claremont, who gave an historical survey on the origin of Tisha B'ay, giving a great deal of cultural interest to the members.

The Chairman introduced a discussion on the subject "Does South Africa Contribute enough towards the Building of a National Home."

Several members took part in this discussion, and after the Chairman had thanked Mr. Meirowitz, the meeting concluded with the singing of Hatikvah.

### *Bnoth Zion Association (Wynberg Kenilworth Branch).*

The monthly meeting will take place at the residence of Miss L. Rifkin, "Rosmead," Piers Road, Wynberg, on Monday, 19th inst., at 3.15 p.m. Mrs. H. Lieberman will speak on "Some Jews in Modern Literature."

### *Habonim.*

The public is to have an early opportunity of witnessing the progress of Habonim in the Western Province. There are now seven fully-functioning Gedudim and two recently-formed ones with a total strength of about 150. Some delay occurred till officers could be trained, but this essential step now being completed, it is hoped to double the strength of the movement by the end of the year.

A concert is being put on by Habonim at the Zionist Hall on 1st September. Its purpose is dual: to provide a first-class entertainment in a thoroughly Jewish atmosphere, and to display the type of training, both cultural and physical, which Habonim provides, neglecting neither the serious nor the pleasurable side of the children's development.

Early booking of seats (Habonim Office, 136 Adderley Street, Monday to Friday, from 2 to 6 p.m.) is recommended as the reserved plan is filling rapidly.