

Cape Zionist Youth Activities.

Cape Zionist Youth Executive.

This week-end all sections of Zionist Youth will be "en fete." At Worcester the Cape Zionist Youth Executive are having a Town and Country Rally. In Cape Town, the first Western Province Habonim Hagigah is taking place. The Hagigah is in two sections, sporting and athletic, and cultural. On Sunday morning at 9.30 a.m. sharp, at Ackermans Football Field, Belvedere Road, Claremont, Mr. H. L. Stern, the Ba-Koach, will formally open the Hagigah. Thereafter numerous inter-Gedud and championship athletic events for both Bonim and Bonot will be held. After lunch, there will be inter-Gedudim Soccer matches for the Bonim and hockey matches for the Bonot. At seven o'clock, Habonim will assemble for supper at the Claremont Talmud Torah Hall, and thereafter, a social will be held.

The Cultural Hagigah takes place at the Zionist Hall, on Monday, commencing 9.30 a.m. sharp. There will be numerous competitions in the cultural sphere of Habonim activity, e.g., singing, reciting, hora dancing, play-acting and individual and orchestral musical items. The essays, Levenim (bricks) and hobbies will be exhibited. Everybody interested is cordially invited to be present at all sessions.

At Worcester, town and country societies' representatives will participate in a "World Jewish Congress." A representative of the British Government will deliver a report on the Mandate for the year, after which a motion of no confidence in the Mandatory Power will be moved. Another report on the activities of the Jewish Agency will be moved and discussed by Congress. Everybody interested is cordially invited to attend all sessions. On Monday (weather permitting) delegates will be entertained out of doors.

A Tree Drive was held last Sunday by the Youth in the Peninsula and about £40 worth of trees were sold.

C.T. Maccabi Cultural Group.

A meeting took place on Wednesday, 22nd July, at the residence of Miss L. Symons. Mrs. Ch. Maissel was in the chair. Mr. A. Gordon read a news-sheet, and report on the J.N.F. Study Circle of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive. He made an appeal for members to assist in the tree drive. Mr. M. Woloizinsky, M.A., then delivered an interesting and informative address on the "Life and Works of Bialik," which was very much appreciated by all. Mr. M. Shewlew passed the vote of thanks to the speaker.

Hottentots Holland Young Israel Society.

The Society entertained members of the Muizenberg, Sea Point and False Bay societies to a dance at the Victoria Hotel on Saturday, 11th inst. On Sunday the visitors spent the morning at Somerset West, and in the afternoon, motored out to the Faure Marine Drive. In the evening, the local members and visitors listened to an address at Somerset West, delivered by Mr. A. Roberts and Miss P. Salber, the former speaking on the "Life of Theodor Herzl," and the latter on "Chaim Nachman Bialik." From the audience, Mr. Resnekov gave an address on the "Present Position of Jewry in Eretz Israel." It was stressed that societies should pay more attention to cultural work.

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Zionist Conversazione.

Adv. H. M. BLOCH ON "RACEOLOGY."

The fortnightly Conversazione took place at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday night.

Dr. S. E. Kark was in the chair.

Adv. H. M. Bloch gave a very interesting lecture on "Raceology," giving an analysis of Dr. Julian Huxley's book "We Europeans." The term "race," he said, was difficult to define and had no exact connotation. In the popular sense it was used in different ways, e.g., to characterise an imaginary, hypothetical group of which the present group are the descendants; hence the Nordic theory. Sometimes the term race was used to describe a group using the same language, e.g., Aryan.

Analysing the Nordic theory, Mr. Bloch said that it was the Scandinavian people mainly who belonged to the Nordic type having certain physical characteristics. It had been proved difficult to trace the descent of the Germans of to-day back to their remote Germanic ancestors. Assuming even a hypothetical Nordic or Alpine race, it was difficult to trace direct descent back. Under modern conditions it was difficult to establish a chain of descent. Amongst German-speaking peoples the proportion of illegitimate births was the highest. It was very difficult to trace racial purity.

With regard to the term "Aryan," Mr. Bloch said, this was connected only with language and not with race. A large number of languages were included in the term "Aryan" or Indo-Germanic.

Referring to the Jews, Mr. Bloch said there was as much variation in physical type amongst them as amongst other peoples. All characteristics usually attributed to Jews were variable, although as a people the Jews had the greatest possibility of breeding true to type.

The group sentiment of the Jews was due to certain cultural, historical and geographical factors; to living a similar mode of life, to the existence of common traditions and to external pressure.

The Jews were not a race but a nation which depends on common language, traditions, troubles, etc. It was this that made up the group sentiment we know in modern life to-day.

A discussion followed in which Mr. Witebsky, Adv. G. Gordon, Dr. I. M. Hurwitz and Dr. Kark took part. Mr. Bloch replied.

Miss Skoll gave a pianoforte solo.



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spoke of the success of Jewish colonisation in the Argentine for the last forty years and of the work done in Brazil, building up of schools and communities, and in Eastern Europe, where Jewish agriculturists were trained and prepared for a future life overseas. He was very grateful for the assistance given by the social workers to the Ica everywhere.

The next speaker was Dr. Karpf, who spoke of the social and constructive work in the Jewish community.

It should be the task of the conference, Dr. Karpf concluded, to learn from the experience of all countries and to co-ordinate that experience without fear or favour. The great aim of the conference was to win the help of those who were willing to help their neighbours.

Mr. Girmounski next spoke on behalf of M. Louis Oungre, of Paris, on the present problems of economic assistance. He said that never before was help for Jews needed more urgently. However necessary it was to further immigration and to give assistance in the immigration countries, there was also that necessity to give help where it was needed. An important factor of the Jewish distress might be found in the wrong professional diversions. Recent trends to shorten the way from production to consumption had led the Jews to experience a severe economic crisis, for the Jews were mostly tradesmen. A readjustment had, therefore, to be undertaken by planned vocational guidance and training in other professional groups. As the need was very urgent, one should try to avoid too expensive and extensive training. One of the most important professions was, in spite of the great difficulties of the present situation, agriculture. Great numbers of Jews ought to be trained for agricultural pursuits.

By means of loans, Mr. Girmounski said, farmers ought to be assisted to rebuild their homesteads. Such economic aid should be given mostly in immigration countries. A warning, however, ought to be issued against exaggerated notions in training Jews for agricultural pursuits and settling them on the land. The personality of those who desired to take up agriculture had to be carefully examined, and that examination should be extended also to his family.

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