

Cape Zionist Youth Activities

Cape Zionist Youth Executive.

Scavenging Party. — On Saturday, 19th instant, all Young Israel members and others are invited to be present at the Zionist Hall, a 8.15 p.m., from where a Scavenging Party, organised by the Green and Sea Point Jewish Guild, in aid of Executive Funds takes place. Scavenging, which will be most enjoyable and entertaining, will last till about 10.15 p.m. and will be followed by a dance.

Muizenberg Young Israel Week. — The official opening of the Week takes place at the Talmud Torah Hall, on Saturday, 26th instant, at 8.15 p.m. Every following evening until the 3rd January there will be various entertainment evenings including a grand dance and a water-melon feast, and during the day outings and sports matters, including a ping-pong tournament and cricket match and ladies' sports.

Young Israel Camp. — The official opening at the Camp takes place on December 31st at the Strand. Various prominent Camp Town and Strand citizens will be present, and visitors are invited. Among the features not yet mentioned are a library and book-stall at Camp.

Matriculation Social. — A function both novel and popular was the social given by this Executive to those students who had just finished writing their matriculation examinations. The object of the function was two-fold; (1) to provide a musical and social evening, and (2) to enlighten the students as to the aims, objects and activities of the Zionist Youth Movement in this province and in the country as a whole. Mr. A. Meyerowitz was in the chair. A thoroughly enjoyable musical programme was supplied by the following: Mr. M. Myerson (accordion solos), Mss. K. Kawarsky (songs), I. Rabie (tap-dance), Mr. S. M. Levin (humorous songs), Mr. R. Press (entertainment), Miss L. Gelfand (piano solos) and Mr. A. Kally (piano solos). The thanks of the Executive are due to these people. Addresses were delivered by Mr. A. L. Roberts and Mr. S. M. Levin. The former dealt with the structure and necessity of the Zionist Youth Movement in this country, and impressed upon the audience the necessity of belonging to the Movement. Mr. Levin dealt with the world position of Jewry and especially of anti-Semitism, and developments in Eretz Israel and Chalutzuth. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Arnold Katz, and all those present voted the social an outstanding success. It is hoped that those who attended will become active members in the Youth Movement.

Muizenberg Young Israel Society.

The above Society held a Chanukah evening at the Talmud Torah Hall, on Sunday evening, the 13th instant. Mr. I. J. Cohen was in the chair, and after reminding the audience that this was the last meeting of the session, he introduced Mr. M. Sacks, who gave an interesting lecture on the various aspects of Chanukah. This was followed by the singing of Hebrew songs, after which the meeting concluded with the singing of Hatikvah.

Paarl Junior Zionist Society.

The tennis tournament and dance which took place on the 6th instant proved an outstanding success. In spite of the fact that Peninsula societies could not participate, members from various country societies took

part in the tournament, and were present at the dance in the evening. The prize-winners were Messrs. J. Rosenthal (Wellington), R. Sacks, M. Hendler, I. Cohen, Miss S. Hendler (Paarl). The dance was a social success, and the funds of the tennis court benefited. The Society's thanks and appreciation are due to the Tennis Sub-committee, specially Misses C. Fisher, S. Hendler, T. Schapiro and Mr. H. Hendler.

Oneg Shabbath. — On Saturday, the 12th instant (Shabbath Chanukah) a very interesting and enjoyable Oneg Shabbath was held under the auspices of our Society, commencing with the Mincha Service in the Shul. Mr. Lulu Rabinowitz was in the chair. Hebrew songs and recitations by the Habonoth, and various solo songs and recitations were the items by individual members of the Gedud. The lecturer was Rev. S. Gulis, who chose as his subject the "History of Chanukah," and traced in a very able manner the important part played by the Maccabees, who fought to free the Jews from the influence of Greek assimilation.

Observatory-Mowbray Jewish Guild.

A Chanukah evening was held on Wednesday, 9th instant, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. Jaffe, Rosebank. Mr. R. Jaffe was in the chair. He briefly explained the significance of Chanukah. After the Secretary had read the minutes and correspondence, Miss E. Gamsu recited "Hannah in the Dungeon." Miss M. Kaplan entertained with piano solos and Miss H. Hodes recited "The Banner of the Jews." Mr. S. M. Levin, Chairman of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive, then gave a short address on the workings of the Executive. The Hatikvah ended one of our most successful evenings for some time.

Oudtshoorn Young Israel Society.

A meeting was held on Sunday, 6th December, in the Hebrew School Hall. The Chairman, Mr. Arenstein presided, and as this was the last meeting of the session, he announced that Miss F. Noll, the present chairlady, and Miss E. Sladen were leaving for Johannesburg, and wished them every success. The first item was an account of General Smuts' speech read from one of the local papers by Mr. T. Newman. Then followed a sing-song conducted by Mr. Alexander Levin. Miss H. Sladen gave a piano solo. Mr. Solomon Weinstein an ex-chairman delivered a lecture. He fully discussed, among others, the Jewish problem, assimilation and inter-nationalism. The evening ended with votes of thanks to the artists and speakers.

3rd Cape Town Jewish Brownies.

This year has proved an exceptionally successful one for the Jewish Brownies.

During the summer months the Pack won the Royal Life Saving Society's trophy for swimming. This is the third successive year that the Pack has won this cup.

Early in the year a general competition based on Brownie work was held for the Cape Town Brownies. This was the first year this competition was held. The Pack came first and won a dear little "Brown Owl" for a prize.

The Jewish Pack entered for the annual Cape Town competition and won this event for the fifth successive year. Having won this they had to compete in the Divisional (Peninsula) competition against other Packs in the Cape Peninsula. They came second in this competition, and thus were unable

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Worcester Hebrew School.

A very fine function was held in the Zionist Hall at Worcester on Sunday, the 13th December, 1936, on the occasion of the annual prize-giving in connection with the Worcester Hebrew School.

A one act Chanukah play was enacted throughout in Hebrew by the pupils of the school, the title being "Hannah and Her Seven Sons." The play was written and adapted for the stage by the Principal of the School, Mr. L. Goodman. Thereafter a number of variety items, such as songs and recitations, were rendered by the various pupils, providing excellent entertainment and a striking proof of the progress of the pupils in Hebrew education.

The prizes were distributed by Mrs. L. Sacks, and various speeches were made congratulating Mr. Goodman and Rev. Stein on the progress made by the pupils.

Novel Calendar Issued by Keren Hayesod.

More than fifty striking photographic reproductions of scenes in Eretz Israel are contained in the calendar for 5697 issued by the Keren Hayesod in Jerusalem. The illustrations (9½ in. x 5 in. in size) vividly depict life and endeavour in the Yishuv. The dates of the Jewish calendar are clearly recorded and alongside them appear the corresponding Christian dates, while the "sedrah" of the week is also indicated. A separate page is devoted to each week—the dates appear on the top margin while the rest of the page is occupied by a photographic study.

The calendar, which at one and the same time is a serviceable "luach" and a Palestine picture album, is undoubtedly the finest production of its kind yet issued in Eretz Israel.

A limited supply of calendars are obtainable from the Book Department of the S.A. Zionist Federation, P.O. Box 18, Johannesburg, or from the Sub-Department supervised by the Cape Zionist Youth Executive, 35, Plein Street, Cape Town, at 2s. each, post free.

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25th, 26th December, 1936:		
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24th, 25th, 26th and 31st December, 1936:		
To HERMANUS	22/6	—
(By Rail and Motor)		
25th, 26th December, 1936:		
To HOUT BAY	3/6	—

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

From CAPE TOWN:

1st Class. 3rd Class.

1st, 2nd January, 1937:		
To STRAND	4/-	2/8
1st January, 1936:		
To CERES	7/6	5/-
2nd January, 1937:		
To FRANSCH HOEK	4/-	3/-
1st, 2nd January, 1937:		
To HOUT BAY	3/6	—
1st, 2nd January, 1937:		
To HERMANUS	22/6	—
(By Rail and Motor)		

See leaflets and posters for full particulars.

W. F. VEARY,

Cape Town. System Manager.

OUR CHILDREN'S CIRCLE

Conducted by **COUSIN HELEN.**

Our Motto:

"Do not unto others, what you would not have others do unto you."

"A little child shall lead them."—Isaiah xi., 6.

My Dear Little Cousins,

This week I shall tell you the story of Hannah and her seven sons.

While the Maccabees were battling bravely for their homes and all Palestine was a scene of war, this Jewish mother and her seven sons were brought before the tyrant Antiochus. Without pity he compelled them all to suffer the severest torture because they refused to obey his orders and despise what God had commanded them and their ancestors.

"Why dost thou ask us?" the eldest son said amidst dreadful torments, "We are ready to die rather than break the laws of our fathers which God commanded us to obey." And he died in sight of his brothers.

The second son refused to eat forbidden food though threatened with tortures similar to those he had witnessed. In the agony of death he cried out, "Thou like a fury takest us out of this life, but God shall raise us up who have died for His laws into life everlasting."

Of his own accord the third son stretched forth his limbs for the torture saying, "These I had from God and for His law. I despise them, for from Him I expect to receive them again."

With similar bravery the fourth and fifth sons suffered torment at the hands of the tyrant's soldiers. With their dying breath they assured him that though he had power over men, he had no lasting power over Israel and at the last God's great power would torment him and his successors. In the same heroic spirit the sixth son met a lingering death.

The youngest alone survived and upon him, perhaps, the mother's love was centred most of all. Yet she addressed him calmly at this moment urging him not to fear the tormentor but to die as worthily as his brothers. While she was speaking, the son said to the tyrant's men: "For whom are you waiting? I will not obey the king's commands but the Law given to our fathers. Think not that thou, the author of all this mischief against Israel shalt escape the hands of God. Thou shalt receive just punishment for all thy sins and under torture thou thyself shalt confess that our God alone is God."

Enraged at his words, the king made him suffer the severest torments of all, but he died with his last breath repeating: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One." All around marvelled at his bravery.

And now it was Hannah's turn, the heroic mother of heroic sons. She had witnessed her sons' suffering, but bore all with courage. She had urged each of them to endure torture rather than abandon the faith of his fathers. With clear voice she bade

them be strong and full of hope in God's goodness and wisdom. Then she submitted willingly to the tyrant's cruel orders, until death eased her sufferings.

Correspondence.

A. Bloch.—Thank you for your letter. I shall send you another certificate. I hope you will enjoy your holidays.

Sybil Fay Shaskolsky.—Welcome to the Circle. Thank you for the 2s. for the Seaside Fund. Please write often.

Miriam Malamed.—Welcome to the Circle. Please write often.

Rachel Kottlowitz.—Thank you very much for your letter. Please write again soon.

Joyce Volks.—Thank you for your interesting letter. I hope the concert was a success. Please tell me all about it.

Marie Block.—Thank you for your letter and the 6s. for the tree in the Dizengoff Forest. I have sent the money to the Jewish National Fund and you will get a certificate for the tree later on. It was very sweet of you to arrange the concert.

Your loving,

COUSIN HELEN.

[To become a member of Our Circle write down your name, age, address and anything else you choose, and send it to Cousin Helen.]

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to keep the coveted "Totem," which is the Divisional Blue Ribbon, and which they won last year. However, they gained over eighty per cent. in this competition and were thus awarded a Certificate of Merit. This is the second successive year that they have received such a certificate.

A Handcraft competition was also held this year, and the Pack came first in the Brownie section. Here again they received a Certificate of Merit as well as a cash prize. The Pack secured two first and three second prizes in the five sections of this competition.

The Jewish Pack has thus proved itself efficient in both the work section and the handcraft section of their work.

Nor has the Pack been occupied only with competitions, as it has had its fair share of enjoyable outings, and a short while ago spent a picnic in the Wynberg Park.

Synagogue Parades have been regularly attended on the first Saturday in each month. Here they would like to express sincere thanks to the Secretary of the Synagogue for the loan of the Old Synagogue Hall for weekly meetings, without which it would be extremely difficult to carry on.

At present the numbers are not yet full for 1937, therefore if there are any young children (girls) between the ages of eight and eleven years, who are interested and whose parents are agreeable to their joining, they should come along to the Old Synagogue Hall, Cape Town, on either this Sunday, 6th inst., or next Sunday, 13th inst. Meetings take place between 9.30 and 11 a.m. Prospective Brownies can then become acclimatized and start fresh and ready in 1937. Brown Owl (Captain) and Tawny (Vice-Captain) are always ready to welcome new recruits and assure them of an interesting and instructive time as well as happy



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