

Our Children's Circle.

Conducted by **COUSIN HELEN.**

My dear little Cousins,

David the shepherd king used to wander about in the desert of Judah, which stretches to the east of Bethlehem, his native town. The days of his childhood were spent in following his flock through valleys of the wilderness and over the heights of the mountains of Judea. His nights he spent in the many caves of the hills.

The Lord saw that David was an excellent shepherd for he used to range his flocks according to their age. In the early morning he would set the young kids to pasture so that they could eat the tender tops of the grass, then he took the goats to feed on the blades and lastly the rams, who were strong and able to feed on the stocks of the grass.

The shepherd David once watched a spider spinning its web, and he said: "Lord of the Universe, what is the purpose of the things Thou has created? What is the use of the spider which spins all the year round to no purpose or end? The Lord said: "David! You mock at My creatures now, but a time will come when you will have need of them and then you will see why they were created."

The time came when David fled before Saul and hid in a cave. The Lord sent a spider, which spun a web across the entrance closing it. When Saul saw the web he said: "He could not have gone in here, for he would have broken the web," and he passed by. When David came forth he kissed the spider, crying: "Blessed art thou and blessed is thy Maker! Thou alone hast saved my life."

The Harp of Faith.

At midnight, so the rabbis tell,
When David slept profound,
A harp suspended on his couch
Gave forth a trembling sound.
Up sprang the royal bard inspired,
His finger touched the chord
And with strange gladness in his soul,
In psalms he praised the Lord.
At midnight, when the doubts assail,
And anxious fear surround,
O Soul of mine amid all gloom,
Give forth a joyous sound.
O bid me seize the harp of faith,
And sing a holy strain,
Until each day my life and thought,
Resound in glad refrain.

ABRAHAM S. ISAACS.

Correspondence.

Leah Newman.—Thank you very much for your interesting letter. Please write again soon.

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Joyce Volks.—Many thanks for your letter. I am glad you are taking such a keen interest in the Habonim. I hope the Orchestra will be a success.

Your loving,

COUSIN HELEN.

Cape Zionist Youth Activities

The Executive has pleasure in announcing that the S.A. Zionist Federation intends publishing a leaflet of essential statistical information about Jewish work in Eretz Israel. Requests from Societies for various information would be welcome.

Cape Town Herzlia.

On Tuesday, 1st June at 8.15 p.m., in the Zionist Hall, Mr. Solly Friedman will address the Society on "Eretz Israel." The speaker who has made his home there for the past two years will detail some of his impressions of the land, its people, its life, the riots etc. and the audience may rest assured of listening to the true facts of the position at the moment.

Bialik Study Circle. The next meeting takes place on next Friday night at the residence of Mr. M. Saacks, 52, Wandel Street, at 8.15 p.m. when Dr. Scher will initiate the discussion with an interesting paper. All welcome.

Hebrew Classes. All who intend joining should do so without delay as the class is progressing to a more difficult stage. Beginners are especially catered for and details may be obtained from Mr. H. Pupkowitz. Fees are 5/- per month.

Camera Competition. All lists must be handed in by the next meeting, as this competition definitely closes on Tuesday night.

Annual Dance. The Queen's Hotel, Sea Point, is the venue for the Society's celebration this year on Saturday, June 5th. This function gives promise of being an outstanding social success, and the Committee makes an earnest appeal to members to do their utmost in helping to dispose of tickets, Double 7/6. If members fail in this respect then they will be shirking their obligations to their Society. Dorothy Dymond and Don Wersenger are giving an exhibition, whilst Freda Fernandez in her interlude is bound to prove a popular favourite with the crowd. Music is by Jack Goldstein and his Ambassadors.

B.O.Z. Society, Orangezicht. A meeting was held at the residence of Chaver B. Sender on Friday, 21st inst. Chaver A. Walt was in the chair.

After the minutes were read by the secretary, Chaver J. Wolpe, the news was delivered.

Lectures were delivered by Chaver R. Abrahamson and Chaver I. Rachmann, the subjects being, Keren Kayemeth, and Dr. Herman Shapiro.

The remainder of the evening took the form of a Hat Debate.

The next meeting will be a Balloon Evening which will be held on June 4th. Members are urged to attend.

Stellenbosch Y.I. Society. The next meeting of the Society takes place on Sunday 30th May, at the Talmud Torah Hall at 11.30 a.m. Members are urged to attend.

Maitland J.Z. Society. The next meeting will take the form of a Mock Trial, to be held in the Talmud Torah Hall, St. Annes Road, Maitland on the 30th May, 1937 at 8 p.m. sharp.

United Hebrew Schools.

VISIT BY RABBI MEIR BERLIN.

Rabbi Meir Berlin visited the United Hebrew Schools last week and the following is the translation of a letter in Hebrew sent by him to the Principal:—

"Since my first visit to this esteemed institution some years ago I was glad to find excellent progress both in the number of pupils and in the standard of the studies.

"It is my fervent hope that the institution will be enlarged and extended in every way, that more time will be given to study, with an increased number of pupils, and that it will become the centre for implanting a profound consciousness of the Torah, its language, and Jewish life on the lines of true Judaism.

"It is encouraging to see the endeavours of those who are occupied with the new building, where greater scope for study will be possible, and stimulating to find the spiritual builders, a devoted teaching staff, with Mr. A. Levin, the principal, at the head, who have carried the institution thus far.

"May they carry on the successful work so that in this country, too, there will be educated a generation, faithful, able to study and observe the dictates of true Judaism, standing ready to foster its continuance in the Diaspora and to build it up in the land of our fathers and our children—Our Holy Land."

GOLDBERG—SACKS.

The marriage of Gertie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Sacks of Muizenberg, and Alfred, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Goldberg of Kimberley, took place at the Muizenberg Synagogue on Thursday evening, 20th inst. Rev. Frank and Cantor Goldwasser officiated.

Miss Blanche Drusinsky acted as maid-of-honour, while the bridesmaids were the Misses Hilda Berman, Mildred Freedman, Helen Berman, and Tilly Samson.

Mr. Sidney Sacks was bestman, and the four groomsmen were Mr. Ralph Cohen, Mr. Seymour Goldberg, Mr. Herman Shein, and Dr. Hymie Katz.

Messrs. Maurice Sacks, Issie Sacks, Frank Drusinsky and Bertie Shore acted as poleholders.

After the ceremony in the synagogue, a reception was held at the Hotel Rio Grande, where the hall was beautifully decorated in blue and white. Some 400 guests were present, and Mr. Harry Nahan proposed the health of the bride and bridegroom, while that of their parents was proposed by Mr. Abrahams.