

**THE YISHUV—PARTNERS WITH BRITAIN**

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full co-operation between Arabs and Jews in many directions.

“Another indication of this growing friendship,” remarked Rabbi Weiler, “has been the exchange of school visits — Arab and Jewish children visit each other’s schools. As a result of one such visit to the Herzlia Gymnasia in Tel-Aviv, a well-known Arab school in Jaffa has decided to introduce Hebrew into its curriculum.

“My visit has proved a spiritual tonic,” said Rabbi Weiler finally. “I am deeply impressed by the vital activity in all directions. In spite of the nightly blackouts, the people attend meetings, lectures, theatres and functions. There is no pessimism. The air is full of an undying courage and a conviction that victory for the Jewish people will prevail in our own time.”

Prior to Rabbi Weiler’s departure for South Africa, a function in his honour was held at the home of Dr. D. W. Senator, Administrator of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, at which were present a number of the heads of important institutions in the Yishuv, including the Hebrew University, Keren Hayesod, Keren Kayemeth, the Hadassah and the Vaad Leumi.

**A CONCERT FOR SOLDIERS**

Arranged by Polliacks and Mackays

At the Jewish Guild Rest Room on Sunday, 30th March, at 5 p.m., a concert for soldiers is being organised by the famous music firm of Polliacks and Mackays.

The show will be compered by Mr. Eric Egan and the following artists have consented to appear: Charlie Macrow’s Banjo Orchestra, Madame Hooper-Reece and her Ladies Choir, Miss Poppins Solomon and her Pupil Dancers, Mr. Bertie Nafte, piano accordionist; Mr. Walter Reece, tenor; Miss Barbara Cowan, crooner; Corporal Brickman, saxophonist, and Miss Y. Grober, soprano.

**UNITED HEBREW SCHOOLS**

Further Prize Distributions

Hundreds of parents and children filled the Alhambra Theatre, Beit Street, Doornfontein, on Sunday evening last, when the combined prize distribution of the Doornfontein Hebrew School, the L. K. Hurwitz Hebrew School (Bertrams), and the Hebrew High School took place.

The programme commenced with a concert by the school children, which included a number of songs beautifully rendered by the pupils of the Hebrew High School, action songs by the pupils of the Doornfontein Hebrew Kindergarten and a Hebrew play excellently executed by pupils of the Doornfontein and L. K. Hurwitz Schools.

Mr. B. I. Joffe, President of the United Hebrew Schools, who was in the chair, said the large gathering spelt a renewed interest in Jewish education. He hoped that from amongst those present a number of people would volunteer to act on the governing bodies of the several schools represented there that evening.

Mr. D. Mierowsky, Director of the United Hebrew Schools, gave a detailed report on the work done by these schools during the past year, and gave a complete picture of the achievements of the various classes in each and every subject taught in their schools. He concluded with a strong appeal to parents to pay more attention to the Jewish education of their children, which alone would safeguard the future of the Jewish community.

Dr. A. T. Shrock, Chairman of the Curriculum Committee of the United Hebrew Schools, pointed out that no education could be regarded as complete which neglected the spiritual development of the children. While the public school paid more attention to the utilitarian aspect of life, training its pupils in the useful arts and sciences, the main function of the Hebrew school was to develop the spiritual faculties of our children.

Mrs. M. Leibowitz distributed the prizes to the successful pupils, as well as a number of diplomas to those who had successfully passed their Hebrew Matriculation Examination at the end of last year.

Dr. Chas. Hurwitz, Secretary of the United Hebrew Schools, thanked Mrs. Leibowitz for distributing the prizes, and also all those who in one way or another had helped them in their arduous work.

Similar thanks to all those who assisted in the work of the United Hebrew Schools were expressed by Mr. H. Stutzen, a senior ex-pupil of the L. K. Hurwitz School.

**SUNDAY IS A DAY OF PRAYER**

ALL houses of worship in Johannesburg and on the Reef will mark the National Day of Prayer on Sunday, by holding appropriate services. The day has been set apart throughout the Empire at the request of His Majesty the King. Synagogues will hold services at the times stated in the various announcements made in the columns of this journal.

**Special Prayer by Chief Rabbi**

Chief Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau has composed the following Prayer, which will be recited in all synagogues during the Services:

ALMIGHTY Ruler of the Universe—Sovereign of all life—we turn unto Thee in this dark hour of deep distress, as the only source of salvation, and pray in the words of Moses: Turn from Thy fierce anger and revoke Thy evil decree which threatens Thy people with total annihilation.

And, O Lord, we pray not only for ourselves, but for all our fellow-men engulfed in the present horrors and battles. True, we have brought these severe afflictions upon ourselves by our grave sins and transgressions.

This world given us by Thy loving kindness as a fountain of blessings, of beauty and inspiration, has been turned by us, by the evil impulse of greed and hatred, into a blood-drenched, flaming furnace. We must therefore humbly confess we suffer because of our evil deeds and inhuman passions. We have profaned Thy name, desecrated Thy divine image, which we bear.

But Thou art omniscient. Thou knowest the frailty of flesh and blood. We need Thy guidance, Thy divine help and spiritual support in the raging struggle against the guiles of Satan. If we have sinned, and indeed, we have committed unpardonable sins, we pray for mercy; for forgiveness; for Thy divine pity—pity for innocent children, whose lives are crushed, whose little bodies are shattered by the fury of reckless enemies.

Have pity on the mothers whose tender hearts break at the sight of their murdered children, and let Thy divine pity save the lives of those men, who bravely and fearlessly face death in the fulfilment of their sacred duties, in the defence of those ideals and doctrines, which Thy noble prophets transmitted to us through generations.

May the works created by the noblest spirits in the course of many ages not be destroyed by blind, infuriated animal instincts. May the world, at this critical moment of gloom and despair, learn to know that there is a God above us and, as at the time of Elijah, acknowledge Thy Sovereignty, acclaim Thy boundless love and exclaim:

“The Lord is God.”—Amen!

**Johannesburg Women’s Mizrahi Organisation**

Yeoville - Berea - Observatory Branch.—An Oneg Shabbat was held at the residence of Mrs. W. Osrin, 33 Bedford Road, Yeoville, on Saturday, 22nd February. Mrs. J. L. Zlotnik presided and spoke on the life and work of Miss Henrietta Szold.

The guest speaker, Mr. M. Wolozinsky, M.A., delivered an interesting and informative lecture on “Prophecy in Israel.” He gave a comprehensive review of the functions of the prophets in the Bible from Moses to the destruction of the Temple, which was greatly appreciated by the large audience.

Sing-songs of Hebrew and Yiddish songs followed. Mrs. Green proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer and Mrs. Manheim thanked the hostess for her hospitality.

**(Doornfontein Branch)**

An Oneg Shabbat under the auspices of the above branch was held at the residence of Mrs. Stern, 5, Saratoga Avenue, Doornfontein, on Saturday, the 1st of March. Mrs. Bakst presided.

Mrs. H. Spiro delivered an address on the subject, “The Jewish Place Among the Nations,” which evoked keen interest among the audience. Miss Rybko delighted the gathering with songs, in which the whole audience participated. Mrs. Rade proposed the vote of thanks to the speaker, the singer and the hostess.

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