

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,

On Sunday night begins the lovely festival of Succoth or Tabernacles. On this festival we are reminded of the days when Moses led the children of Israel out of Egypt and across the desert into Palestine. They became footsore and weary and at last God told them to build for themselves little booths—Succoth—in which to rest.

Ever since those days the Jews, wherever they have been, have kept up the festival of Succoth. They build succoth in their gardens and cover them with branches and greenery and they have their meals in these during the eight days of the festival to remind them of the time when their forefathers wandered in the desert and had to rest in booths.

Perhaps some of you have helped to build a Succah; I am sure you found it great fun and enjoyed decorating it with flowers and fruits. I hope you will all be fortunate enough to have a Succah in your home this year, but if not I am sure you will all visit the Succah next to the Shul.

On Succoth we make the prayer over the Ethrog (citron) which is brought all the way from Palestine and the Lulav, which is made up of palm, myrtle and willow.

A Harvest Festival.

Succoth is also kept as a harvest or thanksgiving festival. In South Africa, of course, Succoth falls in spring, but in Palestine and Europe it falls in autumn when the crops of the fields are gathered in.

Disraeli, the famous British Prime Minister and author who was a Jew, once said that a people which though having no land, went on celebrating the harvest would one day be reaping harvests of its own again. The prophecy has come true and in Palestine Jews have become farmers again and carry home their crops. For them Succoth, as a harvest festival, has a special meaning. But we can all join in thankfulness to the Creator who has endowed the earth with good for us to eat.

The Succah.

Bring up boughs with greenest leaves,
Bring up ripest fruits,
Make a heap of autumn flowers,
And of strong young shoots.

Nail together sturdy planks,
Cover them with branches,
Wrap them round with curly vines,
And leaves in avalanches!

Make a sky of quivering green,
Where fruit hangs down like stars;
Breezes creep to look at them
Between the wooden bars!

Though the city's full of noise,
In our tents we stay,
And only hear our father's prayer
That brings the holiday.

SULAMITH ISH KISHOR.

Correspondence.

Joyce Volks.—Thank you very much for your card of good wishes which I reciprocate.

Archie Bloch.—Thank you very much for your letter, poem, and story. Please write again soon.

Your loving,

COUSIN HELEN.

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inst. Mr. G. Gitlin gave an interesting address on "Present-day Jewish Writers." Afterwards a discussion followed and a pleasant meeting concluded with the singing of Hatikvah.

OBSERVATORY-MOWBRAY JEWISH GUILD.

A J.N.F. meeting was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Epstein on Wednesday, 25th August. The Chairman, Mr. R. Rabinowitz, explained the significance of the J.N.F. Week. Mr. Wolozinsky, M.A., delivered an interesting lecture on "The Significance of Land in the Light of Hebrew Thought," which was followed by a discussion. After the tea interval a play reading was presented entitled "Permanent Values," dealing with the J.N.F. The actors were the Misses E. Gamsu, M. Kaplan and R. Touyz and Mr. H. Tockar. At the conclusion Mr. F. Benjamin proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Wolozinsky and Mr. and Mrs. Epstein. The majority of members contributed towards the J.N.F. pledges.

WORCESTER J.Z. SOCIETY.

A general meeting was held at the Zionist Hall on the 4th September. Mr. H. Abramowitz and Miss M. Sagor delivered a few musical items and Mr. M. Schochat gave a lecture on "Partition of Palestine." They were thanked by Mr. L. Israelite.

Cape Zionist Youth Activities

CAPE ZIONIST YOUTH EXECUTIVE.

Town-Country Rally. This year the annual Town and Country Rally will be held at Paarl over the second week-end in October. The Rally will take the form of a Congress and will commence on Saturday night the 9th October, continuing on Sunday, with its discussion. Arrangements are already well in hand and full particulars will be issued shortly.

Chairmans' Club. On Monday night, 13th September, 1937, the Chairmans' Club met at the Youth Office. There was an excellent turn-out and the evening was spent in constructive work.

Executive Meeting. On 12th September, an Executive meeting was held at the Youth Office, Messrs. S. M. Levin, ex-President of the Executive, and Mr. L. Cooper, of the Eastern Province Sub-Committee, being present. The forthcoming Rally to be held at Paarl in October was discussed as well as the meeting with the representatives of the Dorshei Zion which is to take place shortly. Reports of the different sub-Committees, including the Country Committees, were taken and discussed.

CAPE TOWN HERZLIA.

The last meeting took place in the Zionist Hall on Sunday night, when the motion was discussed "That the Study of Yiddish should be encouraged in Eretz Israel." Mr. L. Phillips was in the chair. Mr. S. Rechtman supported by Mrs. Maissel moved the motion, whilst Mr. Katovsky supported by Miss H. Wolozinsky opposed. The debate was of a very high standard and the speakers are to be congratulated on the excellent manner in which they prepared their arguments. The motion was lost.

Bialik Circle. The next meeting takes place on the following Friday night at the residence of Miss S. Blumberg, when Mr. L. Phillips will read a paper on "Anti-Semitism" in all its different phases, past and present.

Table Tennis. The section meets on Tuesday night in the Club Room at the back of the Zionist Hall, and is open to non-members as well. A team will be chosen at this practice in order to compete against other societies.

Dramatic Society. The next rehearsal will be on Sunday morning at 9.30 a.m. in the Zionist Hall. The plays to be produced in October are by prominent Jewish authors and the show will be well worth while.

Physical Culture. A class is being started in the near future by Miss M. Fine, who has already shown her capabilities in this direction. Those ladies wishing to enrol should make application immediately as the class is going to be limited to a certain number.

B.O.Z. SOCIETY (ORANGEZICHT).

A meeting took place at the residence of Chaver B. Friedland on Friday, the 10th

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