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IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

Zionist Conversazione.

The last Fortnightly Zionist Conversazione of the season will be held at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday, 30th November, at 8.15 p.m. Mr. N. Englesberg will speak on "Parties in Jewry Outside the Zionist Organisation." All welcome.

Cape Jewish Orphanage.

The Orphanage Committee have for some years past had an annual consecration of the bed-endowments and other memorials given during the year either by bequest or as a donation.

Last Sunday this year's memorials were consecrated in the Orphanage Shul by a very solemn and beautiful service. The little synagogue was crowded, so much so that the choir which accompanied Cantor Katzin had to be accommodated in the outside vestibule.

A number of Orphanage representatives from the country, notably from Worcester and Stellenbosch, were present, as also relatives of those who had generously remembered the Orphanage in their wills.

The service was opened by the reading of the special prayers for such ceremonies in both Hebrew and English by the Rev. I. Levine, minister of the Sea Point Congregation.

Cantor Katzin, accompanied by the choir of the Sea Point Shul, under the able conductorship of Mr. W. Sher, then intoned the Mincha service most beautifully.

Rabbi Israel Abrahams followed with a short but inspiring address, emphasizing that those who gave for the upbringing and training of destitute orphan children were, according to our Rabbis' teachings, giving the highest and most practical form of Tzdoko, since they assisted to develop permanently both the physical and spiritual sides of the little ones for the whole of their lives.

Cantor Katzin then solemnly offered up "Ile Molo Rachamin" prayers for each of the donors and thanksgiving prayers for the Port Elizabeth Ladies' Association who had endowed a bed this year.

The usual Mincha conclusions followed by the singing of Adon Olom by the choir and congregation ended a solemnly beautiful service that will live in the memory of all present. The Orphanage Committee are deeply grateful to Rabbi Israel Abrahams and to Rev. I. Levine, to Cantor Katzin, Mr. W. Sher, and to all members of his choir for giving up their Sunday afternoon to the service of the Orphanage.

From grave to gay! All who attended the service then adjourned to the dining hall where tables had been laid by the Matron, Mrs. C. Beresinsky, and her staff for the party for five of the boys who had been Barmitzvah the day previously. Owing to the cramped conditions, for which

the President, Mr. J. M Weinreich apologised in his opening speech of welcome, a considerable number of visitors were unable to find seating accommodation, but a wonderful spirit of rejoicing prevailed, and altogether the party for these five orphan lads was very inspiring to the large crowd of visitors and Orphanage friends.

Rabbi Abrahams, in his own inimitable fashion, proposed the toast of the Barmitzvah boys, Master Eli Lazar responding for himself and his fellow Barmitzvahs.

During the afternoon Mrs. H. Stodel, the chairlady of the Orphanage, made a small presentation to Mrs. S. Zuckerman who for many years has helped her and her ladies so wonderfully in connection with the Orphanage annual ball. Mrs. Stodel referred to Mrs. Zuckerman's charitable work generally and to the respect and admiration all Cape Town Jewry have for her in her indefatigable work for the needy and the sick.

The old lady was unable to respond for herself and raised a hearty laugh when she called upon Rabbi Abrahams to do so for her, which the reverend gentleman charmingly did.

Cantor Katzin led the singing of the Hatikvah and the National Anthem and this concluded a really memorable afternoon in Orphanage history.

Scopus Club.

Mr. N. Englesberg spoke on "Palestine To-day" at a luncheon given by the Scopus Club at the Martin Melck House on Wednesday. The fact that Palestine had progressed so tremendously during the last 20 years, said Mr. Englesberg, proves that it

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Social and Personal.

Mr. Leo Raphaely sailed from Durban on Wednesday in the Barentsz on a five months' visit to the Far East.

Mr. I. Chames returned on Monday in the Dunvegan Castle from a visit to England and the Continent.

Miss Yetty Levinsohn, "Beth-Levi," Stellenbosch, is leaving on Friday, 3rd December, in the Arundel Castle on a visit to England and the Continent.

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is built on sound economic and industrial foundations. The Jews had to produce from themselves the incentive to work and not to exploit the Arabs. It was due to their efforts that the standard of living of the Arabs had been raised.

The Jews had also shown themselves capable of municipal government; there were now five Jewish Mayors in Palestine approved by the British Administration. The educational system, too, could be an example to other countries. The Jews themselves did not fully recognise what they had built up; only because of their achievements had the question of Palestine become one of practical politics.

The future of Palestine, said Mr. Englesberg in conclusion, depended as much on the Jews outside the country as inside, and he appealed to the members of the Club to show a greater interest in Zionist work.

Adv. G. Gordon was in the chair.

Mrs. Leon Segal proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Englesberg.

South Peninsula Zionist Society.

Mr. N. Englesberg will deliver an address on "The Influence of the Youth on the National Movement" at the Talmud Torah Hall, Muizenberg, on Sunday, 28th November, at 8.15 p.m. Cantor Goldwasser will light the Chanukah candles. All welcome.

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