

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER.

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particular seems to darken the light of hope. An inhuman enemy has crushed and ravaged country after country and in each the Jewish minority has been the greatest sufferer. 'Kishineff' used to symbolise the basest form of bestial savagery. Tzarism was a term for the most oppressive and most obscurantist régime imaginable. But these have become dwarfed by the new depths of suffering and degradation to which our people has been subjected.

"Yet at this heartbreaking moment of our history we must have the courage to bless God, according to Rabbinic teaching, even for the evil that has befallen us. Calamitous as the situation is, it could have been even worse. The wheel of destiny has begun to turn upward. A hopeful change is taking place. Military defeat for the Allies has been averted. Now it will never come. History is repeating itself. Pharaoh who sought to drown Israel must himself now be submerged.

"The world is beginning to learn the lesson of brotherhood and the need for unity in the face of a common danger. It is to be hoped that this spirit will lead to the creation after the war of a real Comity of Nations determined to establish freedom founded on justice for all peoples, not forgetting the People of Israel.

"In the meantime our duty is clear. Self-preservation as well as a sense of honour demands that we make our fullest contribution to the forces of democracy both in man-power and service. To shirk our individual responsibility at this critical hour would be iniquitous. To do our duty is our proudest Jewish and human privilege. By such a spirit alone can we confidently expect peace through victory."

A silver collection towards the Governor-General's Fund which was made at the door realised the sum of £18.

MUIZENBERG SYNAGOGUE.

At the Muizenberg Synagogue a distinguished visitor from London in the person of Adv. Elsley Zeitlyn delivered an inspiring address appropriate to the occasion, and this was much appreciated by the very large number of worshippers present.

Other Synagogues.

Services were also held at the Claremont Synagogue where Rabbi A. R. Abrahamson delivered an address, at the Parow Synagogue where Rabbi B. Liphstiz delivered an address, and in other Synagogues.

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Zionist Conversazione. Dr. Traub at University Club Luncheon.

ADDRESS BY
Dr. MICHAEL TRAUB.

The fortnightly Conversazione took place at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday night.

Mr. H. M. Bloch was in the chair.

Dr. Michael Traub gave a very interesting and informative lecture on "Refugees and Territories—To-day and To-morrow." The story of the Jewish People, he said, was a story of wanderings. From 1881 when the Pale of Settlement was created till 1914 two million Jews had left Central and Eastern Europe. The majority went to the U.S.A. until the doors were closed. Until 1914 only 45,000 Jews went to Palestine. In 20 years after the last war one million Jews left Central Europe; 435,000 went to the U.S.A. and 355,000 to Palestine.

About four million Jews had left Europe during the last sixty years chiefly because they were driven by suffering. Jews remained in the U.S.A. after the war because they had no homes to which to return, like the nationals of other newly-created independent countries.

Jews had enriched the industrial and economic life of America; individuals had prospered but for the Jews as a people the problem was not solved. The social structure of the Jews remained the same and anti-semitism still existed in America.

Palestine, said Dr. Traub, presented a different picture. It was important not only as a cultural, political and economic centre but as a place where the social structure of Jewry had been changed. Twenty-eight per cent. of the Jews lived on the soil and that made the basis of the Yishuv sound and healthy.

Various territories had been offered to the Jews in the course of history but nowhere did colonisation succeed, nor could it, for the historic bond between the nation and the land was lacking. It was this bond that gave the pioneers in Palestine the faith and courage to make every sacrifice for the upbuilding of the country. To colonise a country there must be the holy fire, the inspiration that did not exist for Jews anywhere but in Palestine. Baron Hirsch had left £10,000,000 for colonisation in the Argentine, where the soil was good, but this has proved a failure and only 7 per cent. of the Jewish community live on the land now. There is no second generation of colonists there.

Those who go to the U.S.A. or other countries, said Dr. Traub in conclusion, go as individuals; those who go to Palestine go as emissaries of the Jewish People. The difference between Palestine and other countries for Jews was the difference between the sacred and the secular.

A discussion followed in which the following participated: Messrs. H. M. Bloch, B. Mirvish, J. M. Weinreich, E. Kluk and Bell. Dr. Traub replied.

Mr. Patz rendered several songs.

Dr. Michael Traub addressed the University Club Luncheon at the Grand Hotel on Wednesday. Mr. G. Lyons was in the chair.

Dr. Traub traced the history of the Jews in Germany and described the result of the Nazi war on them. "Had the world taken notice of what was happening and taken early action, had our warnings been heeded, had the invasion of Jewish rights in the heart of Europe been stopped in 1933 or 1934, the invasion of Belgium and other countries would perhaps never have happened."

As for Palestine, by the history of thousands of years that was their home. What they asked was to be allowed to go into Palestine according to the absorptive capacity of the country, and in accordance with the Mandate and the Balfour Declaration.

Technical Training Scheme.

ALIENS NOW ACCEPTED.

According to information received by the Vocational Guidance Bureau, aliens are now accepted for the Government Technical Training Scheme.

Aliens are eligible for basic training on the same conditions as for attestation for military service. Two references from Union nationals vouching for the loyalty and character of the applicant are required. The new regulation enables loyal aliens to contribute towards the Union's war effort.

CLAREMONT HEBREW CONGREGATION.

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The Seating Committee will be in attendance at the Synagogue on Sunday, the 15th, 22nd, 29th September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the purpose of allotting seats to Members.

Beth Hamedrash D'Ponevez.

45, MAYNARD STREET

The Committee will be in attendance at the above address daily from 5 to 7 p.m. and Sundays 10 a.m. to 12 noon for the allocation of seats for the forthcoming High Festivals.

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