

IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

Concert in Aid of J.N.F.

The Talmud Torah Hall, Woodstock, was filled to capacity at the variety concert held on Sunday evening, the 15th inst., under the auspices of the Bnoth Zion Association, Woodstock-Salt River Branch. The programme was as varied as it was delightful.

Sybil Marks recited the poignant "Last Class" with a clarity and naiveté that made her rendering sympathetic and forceful. Konnie Hirsch (who also acted as compere) and his boy friends were outstanding in their instrumental items. As always, impersonators have their own charm, and J. H. Boonzaier and K. Hirsch were brilliant in their respective items.

Bella Kramer danced the intricate Russian dance with attractive precision. Bertha Tuchs' rendering of two violin solos as usual were of a high standard. She was ably accompanied by Miss Blackburn, who also accompanied Ilse Hilsenrath in her Jewish folk songs. Miss Hilsenrath's impersonations of Jewish folk lore revealed her as an emotional actress with a deep understanding of her art. Millie Glassman sang and played the piano-accordion delightfully, assisted at the piano by Rachel Rabinowitz.

Pretty Mignon Furman and Lionel Luyt in their dance "Pas de Deux" combined agility, poise and grace and showed themselves adept at ballet movement. Miss Furman's Hungarian dance was most pleasing. Mrs. Seligson proved herself to be a most understanding accompanist. The Satz Brothers accompanied by Miss Kaiser were excellent in their two dance duets. Little Shirley Furman's pathetic song "Please give me a penny, sir," deeply stirred the audience. Sybil Marks is to be congratulated on her production of the one-act play "The Slippers of Cinderella." The cast deserve special mention for their acting.

Consecration of the Ponivez Synagogue.

In the course of his address at the Consecration Service in connection with the opening of the new Ponivez Synagogue, Prof. Rabbi Israel Abrahams said:

"Every synagogue is a citadel—a citadel of light. We need more light to-day—the light of hebraic spiritual ideals, the light of the sublime Jewish ethic. It is only this divine radiance that can disperse the menacing clouds of anti-Semitism and totalitarian barbarism that have darkened the skies of human life.

"From this viewpoint we cannot have too many synagogues or baté Midrashim. But a vital consideration must be borne in mind. Judaism has many angles. It can show its splendour from many different aspects. Complete uniformity may not be

desirable; nevertheless there must be unity—unity of purpose, identity of ideal. If we diffuse our energies needlessly, we waste them, and we frustrate our true aim. Congregations must never lose sight of their spiritual objective. They must not become competitive religious "concerns," who regard it as a triumph to outdo their rivals. Such a spirit bears no relation to the sacred purpose of synagogal life and worship. It serves on the contrary to debase the religious currency of our faith, and lowers our traditions in the eyes of our youth.

"The Mother Congregation of South Africa has shown a parental affection for the younger congregations which must be gratifying to all concerned. It has been exemplified in a characteristic manner in regard to the Ponivez Synagogue. In this way and by this spirit can our community hope to continue the consolidation of its religious life."

Successful Card Evening.

A very successful Card Evening in aid of Palestinian Funds and the Tamboers Kloof Branch of the Bnoth Zion Quota was held on Saturday, 14th September, at the residence of Mrs. Salber, 28 Leeuwendvoet Road. Arrangements were in the hands of Mrs. Fannie Salber. A Pyrex dish donated by Mrs. L. Segal was raffled and a large sum of money was raised.

Union of Jewish Women.

The Union is appealing to all members for the next few weeks to knit woollens for the homeless babies of London. Garments can be handed in at the Colonial Silk Warehouse, Cuthbert's Buildings, Plein Street.

Cape Jewish Board of Guardians.

The Board of Guardians, anxious to raise funds for the relief of the poor, are asking that, instead of floral tributes being sent, contributions be made to the Board.

Greeting cards, in the name of the donor, will be sent to friends nominated. All wishing to support this effort, should communicate with the Secretary, Lloyd's Buildings, 58, Burg Street, Telephone 2-7954.

Cape Town Hebrew Congregation—Children's Service.

There was a very excellent attendance at this week's Children's Service. The boys this week were somewhat diffident about participating and the portions from the Ethics of the Fathers were read by Rita Cohen and Sarah Morgenstern.

Rabbi Abrahams addressed the children on some Fables and Morals. There were a few children present whose birthday fell

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Social & Personal.

Congratulations are extended to Sara Gordon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Gordon of Cape Town, who has been awarded the £450 overseas musical scholarship of the University of South Africa.

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Dr. and Mrs. H. Abt have been appointed Principal and Matron of the Hostel for Jewish Boys and Girls which is to open at the beginning of 1941 under the auspices of the Cape Board of Jewish Education.

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The engagement is announced of Rose, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Ravden of Plumstead, to Joe, only son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Rubinstein of Vredehoek Estate.

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The engagement is announced of Gertie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Hoberman, to Norman, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Behrman, both of Oranjezicht.

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Dr. and Mr. J. Levin (nee Dorothy Frank) of Johannesburg are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter.

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Mr. and Mrs. B. Braude of Sea Point are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. Idelson of Montagu are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Y. Marshak.

Mr. and Mrs. Y. Marshak have arrived in Cape Town en route to Palestine. Mr. Marshak is a member of an old and highly respected Palestine family, his father being Principal of the Tachkemoini High School.

Mr. Marshak has been studying Public Administration in England, and was correspondent for the Hebrew paper "Hazofeh." He will lecture at the Zionist Conversazione at the Zionist Hall next Tuesday night on "Pan-Islam and Pan-Arabism in Relation to Jewry" and as he is well acquainted with the Jewish position in the Middle East this should prove highly interesting.

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during the ensuing week and they were greeted by all those present.

Cape Jewish Aged Home.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Cape Jewish Aged Home gratefully acknowledges the following two bequests: Late Mr. A. C. Berk, £50; Late Mr. Moses Cohen, £25.

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