

Our Children's Circle

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,

I hope you all enjoyed your holidays and are now settling down to school again. I was disappointed not to receive any letters from you during the holidays, and do wish you would find time to write and tell me how you are getting on. I would also welcome new members. All you have to do is to write a short letter telling me your name, age, address and anything else you like, and you will receive a beautiful certificate to show you are a member of the Circle.

Tisha B'Av.

Next Thursday will be the ninth day of the month of Av or *Tisha B'Av* as it is known. This day commemorates a very sad event in Jewish history, for it marks the date of the destruction of both the first and second Temples in Jerusalem.

The first Temple was destroyed many, many years ago by Nebuchednezzar, and the Jews were carried off to Babylon. Years afterwards Cyrus, king of Persia, allowed them to return to Palestine and rebuild the Temple.

In the year 70 C.E. on Tisha B'av this Temple was destroyed by the Romans who were ruling Palestine at that time. The Roman Governors taxed the Jews heavily and offended their religion in many ways. So bad did matters become that the Jews were led to revolt. They were not as strong and numerous as the Romans, who under their leader Titus captured the Jewish towns one by one. Terrible massacres and bloodshed took place. The Jews put up a valiant struggle, but at length Jerusalem was entered and on the ninth day of Av the Temple was destroyed. Only one wall of the Temple was left. It still stands in Jerusalem to-day and pious Jews pray there, kiss the stones and weep when they remember what it stands for. In English it is called the Wailing Wall, in Hebrew *Kotel Maarvi* (Western Wall).

Your loving,

COUSIN HELEN.

Zionist Youth Activities.

EXECUTIVE.

...*Oneg Shabbat*.—A most enjoyable *Oneg Shabbat* was held at the Zionist Hall on Friday evening, the 10th inst., and was extremely well attended. Mr. A. Walt was in the chair. There was sustained community singing throughout the evening, and a special choice was made of Bialik's compositions. Some new songs by Bialik were taught to those present by a choir which had been specially trained for the purpose.

Among the individual items presented were songs by Bialik rendered by Mrs. H. Levin and Mr. J. Opland, and recitations by Bialik by Misses Ch. Gelcer, F. Rabinowitz and L. Arens. A novel presentation was a sketch reviewing the life and works of Herzl and Bialik composed by Mr. H. M. Blumberg and which was read effectively by Misses Rosenberg and Marcus and Messrs. Goldsmith and Blumberg of the Cape Town Hashomer Hatzair.

Unfortunately Dr. A. Birnbaum, who was to have spoken was prevented from doing so through illness and instead Miss Z. Cohen and Mr. S. M. Levin gave a short appreciation of Bialik and Herzl respectively.

The next *Oneg Shabbat* takes place on Friday, 24th inst., at the Zionist Hall. The guest speaker will be Mr. L. A. Pincus, member of the Executive of the S.A. Zionist Federation.

Hebrew Correspondence Course.—The attention of members is again drawn to the very successful correspondence course in Hebrew conducted by the Cultural Officer of the S.A. Zionist Youth Council. Students may be enrolled at the Zionist Office in Cape Town.

Rally.—Societies are urged to send in the names of their delegates for the Town and Country Rally at Stellenbosch over the August long week-end without delay. The full programme will be published next week.

CAPE TOWN ZIONIST YOUTH SOCIETY.

The next meeting will take place at "Rosecourt" on Sunday, 19th July, at 8.15 p.m. This meeting will take the form of an "Open Forum" and will give members a chance of airing their views on the organisation of the Society.

On Saturday, 18th July, a Table Tennis evening will be held at "Rosecourt" under the supervision of the above Society. Members or non-members able or unable to play are cordially invited to attend. Admission free.

GARDENS G.O.Z.S.

A meeting was held on 4th July at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Sebba. A large number of members was present and the proceedings were very enjoyable. The meet-

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Wynberg Jewish Youth Club.

On Friday evening, July 9th, after a Hebrew singsong during which photographic pamphlets of Eretz Israel were circulated, the Club's Zionist Circle was inaugurated.

Miss Helen Israel drew attention to a recent news item in the "Chronicle" about the Nazi seizure of Jewish children from 12 to 15 for slave labour on farms; pointing out that the Jewish problem cannot be unthinkingly dismissed by the nation's youth, she reminded members of the part youth movements, dangerous and secret, had played in the national upbuilding of Germany and Italy a century ago; and emphatically denying that Zionism may be allowed to slacken during the war, she spoke of Palestine's importance to the war effort, of General Smuts' recent broadcast to American Jewry, and of the dogged continuance in secret of the chaltzie movements in Nazi Europe. She said that political and economic experts, in considering the distressed areas of Wales and the "poor white" problem in South Africa, looked with interest on the communal settlements of Eretz Israel. With references to Pinsker's "Auto-Emancipation," and with many personal anecdotes on South African conditions, she proved again that anti-Semitism cannot disappear simply with the winning of the war, but that Jewry must take up the challenge of age-long persecution, and through Zionism do something to help themselves.

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ing began with Hebrew singing, after which Mr. S. M. Levin gave a News Summary. His talk dealt with various aspects of world affairs and Palestine's critical position.

Miss Sara Morgenstern read a paper entitled "Women in Zionism." After tea, Mr. Sebba gave the second of his series of talks on Hashomer. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Sebba and Mr. Levin.

Arrangements are being made for a concert and a Games Evening in order to complete the Society's open Golden Book account.

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