

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 wonder how many of you have read in the Bible the story of Jephthah and his daughter.

Jephthah was a strong and mighty man, and when the children of Ammon fought against Israel he was made chief of the army. Jephthah made a vow unto the Lord that if he won in the war, and returned home unharmed, he would offer up to God as a burnt offering whatsoever would come first out of the doors of his house to meet him on his return.

Jephthah fought bravely and courageously and defeated the children of Ammon. Then he returned home full of joy at his great victory.

He no sooner set sight on his house than who should be the first one to meet him with song and rejoicing but his only daughter! When he saw her, he rent his clothes and said: "Alas, my daughter! Thou hast brought me very low and thou art become my troubler; for I have opened my mouth unto the Lord and I cannot go back." Then she replied: "My father, thou hast opened thy mouth unto the Lord; do unto me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth; let me depart to the mountains for two months with my companions and after that I shall return and you may do according to your vow."

So Jephthah allowed his daughter to go away and at the end of that time she returned to be offered up as an offering to God, according to his vow.

And the daughters of Israel used to go every year for four days to mourn for Jephthah's daughter.

Jephthah's Daughter.

By Frances Frost.

So do I come to you, Death, and break
My heart upon this hill. O take
My body now, for Israel's sake!

Receive me who am Jephthah's daughter,
I have danced like fire and water,
I have been tossed by a golden wind
Flung from the wells of morning! Bind
My limbs to the waiting hills and let
Earth be my lover. I shall set
My mouth upon that brow of rock;
And, in the dark my throat shall look
Beneath the kiss of silence.

Death,

Accept this final faltering breath
for I am Sheilah, Jephthah's daughter,
She who danced like fire and water,
She who was blown by wind! O take
Her glad heart now, for Israel's sake,
Her stormy body, whose last dance
Bring's Israel's deliverance.

Your loving,

COUSIN HELEN.

Jewish Children's League.

SUCCESSFUL FETE.

A very successful fête arranged by the Jewish Children's League was held at "Rosecourt" on Sunday afternoon, 9th inst., under the auspices of the committee of the Jewish Youth Centre. The proceeds were in aid of the refugee children in Palestine and Red Cross funds. A large crowd of children and adults were present. The gaily decorated stalls in the garden were attractively arranged with toys, books, children's garments, fancy goods, sweets and cakes. Lucky dips, balloons and various refreshments were offered and the children of the League in their bright fancy costumes, selling their wares, made a charming picture. One of the children proved a splendid auctioneer, selling several articles by American auction, and others offered attractive raffles. The winners of the raffles will be announced in the near future. The competitions and games were most popular.

During the afternoon a concert was arranged and among the items were a song and dance number by a pupil of the Elvira Kirsch studio and a short play presented by the pupils of Cape Town High School.

The organiser, Mrs. S. Arens, wishes to thank the adult convenors who so kindly helped the children with the stalls. Special thanks are also due to Mr. Leon Burman and Mr. Lerner for their valuable aid.

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The next meeting will take place on Saturday, 15th inst., at "Rosecourt, Breda Street, at 2.45 p.m. Mrs. F. Winokur will be the guest speaker. Children between the ages of 9 to 14 will be welcome.

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man, Mr. G. Bloch. It was most successful and there was a large attendance.

The first item commenced with "The News" which was delivered by Mr. D. Lurie. It was most interesting, and keen discussion followed in Hebrew. Next on the programme was a lecture on the Youth of Herzl which was delivered by Mr. Sydney Jaffe. This too brought forth a lively discussion.

Next Miss L. Sagor gave a questionnaire which was followed by a talk on the life of Bialik by Mr. B. Zackon.

The meeting was greatly enjoyed by all and thanks are due to Mr. L. Goodman for his great help.

A vase raffled by Esther Baker (aged 8 years) was won by Mrs. Commeriv, 4 Tel-Hai Court, Vredehoek. £2 2s. 6d. was realised for war funds.

Zionist Youth Activities.

CAPE ZIONIST YOUTH EXECUTIVE.

Oneg Shabbat. The next in the regular series of Oneg Shabbat functions takes place on Friday, 21st instant, and will be devoted to chalutzit. Full details will be announced next week.

"Menorah." Societies are reminded of the necessity of increasing subscriptions and of obtaining New Year greetings.

Educational Material. Copies of the Youth Council's new pamphlets may be ordered and students for the Hebrew correspondence course may be enrolled at the Youth Office.

Leaders' Training Course. The Zionist Youth and Habonim Leaders' Training Course is being merged with the Seminary and conducted by the W.P. Cultural Council and the opening session will be held on Monday, 24th instant. All those desirous of enrolling for one or more of the advertised courses should communicate with the office.

CAPE TOWN ZIONIST YOUTH SOCIETY.

The Bi-annual Elections of the above Society will be held at "Rosecourt," Breda Street, Cape Town, on Sunday, August 16, at 8.15 p.m. Members are urged to come along on Sunday night, hear the reports of the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, suggest any improvements, and assist in the election of a strong committee for the new session.

MUIZENBERG B.O.Z.S. AND G.O.Z.S. (JUNIOR).

The above societies have been restarted and are meeting jointly. At the last meeting the programme consisted of a short talk on Zionism, a Biblical play and a debate. The committee is as follows: Chairman, M. Ehrlich; Vice-chairlady, E. Brodie; Secretary, W. J. Rakin; Treasurer, N. Fine; Sports Convenor, J. Burman; J.N.F. Convenor, H. Blumberg.

PAARL ZIONIST YOUTH SOCIETY.

A general meeting was held at the residence of Mrs. L. Sutin on Sunday evening, the 9th August. Mr. L. Shoolman was in the chair. The meeting opened with the news summary, delivered by Mr. E. Rabie.

Following on this Miss L. Semer delivered a talk on the cultural side of life in the Kibbutz. Thereupon Mr. O. Roup gave a talk, "The absorptive capacity of Palestine." The next item was a competition in which all members participated. This was followed by a song duet rendered by Misses H. Abrahams and S. Faktor.

Due to the resignation of Miss B. Katz and Mr. J. Golin from the committee, an election was held. The new members of the committee are Miss H. Abrahams and Mr. H. Faktor.

WORCESTER HEBREW STUDY CIRCLE.

The first Hebrew Study Circle of the year took place at the residence of the Chair-

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