

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 am glad to notice that the custom of giving children Hebrew names is coming back into fashion and that these names are no longer changed when translated into English so as to sound quite different from the original Hebrew. If parents thought of the real meaning of some of the Hebrew names and of many of the noble men and women of the Bible who bore these names, they would not disdain to call their sons and daughters by them.

There is a saying, "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet," but nevertheless there are some names that are beautiful and some that are not, some that remind us of good and noble people and others of wicked ones.

In Talmudic times there was a belief that if a child were given a particular name he would have the qualities which this name implied. It was believed that there were unseen angels floating about and these angels, hearing the spoken word, eagerly fulfilled what the word denoted.

Another belief which is still held is that if a person is ill a change of name or the giving of an additional name may prevent misfortune. This is often done to-day when a person is seriously ill.

At the same time we must remember that it is not what a person is called that really matters, but what kind of name or reputation he has gained through his deeds. Rabbi Simon said: "There are three crowns: the crown of the Torah, the crown of priesthood, and the crown of kingdom, but the crown of a good name exceeds them all."

We should all try to live so as to earn a good name, which is the most precious thing in the world.

Your loving,

COUSIN HELEN.

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Zionist Youth Activities.

CAPE ZIONIST YOUTH EXECUTIVE.

Conversazione. The attention of members of Zionist Youth is drawn to the announcement appearing elsewhere regarding the fortnightly Zionist *Conversazione* on Tuesday, September 1st, which will be under Youth auspices. Society members are asked to attend.

CAPE TOWN YOUNG MIZRACHI.

Tanach Class. The study of the prophet "Amos" will be resumed this Saturday afternoon, the 29th instant, at 5 o'clock, at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Abrahams. All welcome.

CAPE TOWN ZIONIST YOUTH SOCIETY.

A meeting will be held at "Rosecourt" on Sunday, 30th August, at 8.30 p.m. The speaker will be Alec Walt, B.A., and his subject, "You are a Jew!!!"

CHAVURAH MASSADAH.

The usual fortnightly meeting was held at "Rosecourt" on Wednesday, 19th inst. The news commentary was given by Mrs. G. Friedman and resulted in considerable discussion, and thereafter Mr. S. M. Levin gave a talk on "My Attitude to Religion" which provoked animated argumentation. Owing to the length of the discussion the second talk was not given.

The next meeting takes place at "Rosecourt" on Wednesday, September 3rd.

GARDENS G.O.Z.S.

...A dance in aid of the Jewish National Fund will be held by the Cape Town G.O.Z.S. to-morrow night, Saturday, 29th August, 1942, at "Rosecourt." 1/- single, 1/6 double. Roll up! and help to swell the funds for this worthy cause.

WORCESTER JUNIOR ZIONIST SOCIETY.

A very successful and enjoyable meeting was held at the Zionist Hall on Saturday, 22nd August. The attendance was fair.

The first item commenced with "Complaints," an item which proved that the society was progressing very much, as the members had very little to complain about. Next followed the mock trial in which Hitler was accused by Chaim Schmerl, an ordinary Jew, of the ill-treatment by him of the Jewish people. Mr. B. Zackon, who took the part of Hitler, defended himself very well and after convincing the jury of his innocence he was found not guilty. Great praise should go to Mr. H. Shandling for his fine performance of Chaim Schmerl.

Before the meeting concluded a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. B. Zackon (who was leaving for Cape Town) for all the good work he had done for the society.

YOUNG POALE ZION.

The above group is to be reorganised on a new basis entirely. Those interested are invited to come to "Rosecourt," Breda Street, Cape Town, on Friday evening, the 28th August, at 8.30, when the inaugural meeting will be held. At this important meeting the purpose of the group and the manner in which it will be formed and conducted will be explained.

Send your New Year Greetings
through the
"S.A. Jewish Chronicle"
—only 3/6.

Eretz Israel Pictorial Calendar.

A limited supply of copies of the pictorial calendar of Eretz Israel for 5703 has now reached Cape Town. As usual, the calendar is profusely illustrated with well-chosen scenes of life in the Holy Land and brings a personal greeting from the Yishuv to Zionist supporters in the Galut. The calendar, which can be supplied ready and wrapped for posting, should be on every office desk and in every Jewish home, and may be obtained at the office of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive, Room 22, 6 Breda Street, at the price of 2/-.

Joel Myerson.

FORTHCOMING CONCERTS.

Joel Myerson, the popular Russian tenor, will present nights of Grand Opera in song and dance at the Muizenberg Pavilion on Saturday, 29th August; at Grosvenor Hall, Wynberg, on Wednesday, 2nd September; and at the Sea Point Town Hall on Tuesday, 8th September. He will be supported by Albina Bini, Margaret Dreyer, Simone Salesse, Bernd Lentz, Frances Bohr, Rose Vilensky and Herschel Rabinoff.

Outstanding programmes have been arranged, including excerpts from various operas and Russian, French, English and Jewish songs. Intending patrons would be well advised to secure their tickets early.

Jewish Children's League.

A well-attended meeting of the Jewish Children's League took place on Saturday, August 15th, at "Rosecourt."

Sonny Smulovitz was in the chair. After the minutes were read by Edith Smulovitz, Aubrey Hoffman read a paper on "Zionism" and a news sheet was compiled and read by Eli Abt. The guest speaker, Mrs. F. Winokur, told the children some of her impressions of the life of the children in Palestine. The Hebrew sing-song was conducted by Eli Abt, after which refreshments were served to the children and games played in the garden.

The next meeting of the Jewish Children's League will take place on Saturday, August 29th, at 2.45, at "Rosecourt," Breda Street. All children welcome.

Caledon Keren Hayesod Campaign.

It is regretted that when reports of Campaign meetings in Western Province centres were published, the report of the Caledon meeting was inadvertently omitted.

The Campaign was inaugurated at an informal meeting held on the 19th May at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. I. Bloch. Mr. N. Wolman, Mr. B. Wilder and Mr. H. Hadley were present and conducted the canvass, with satisfactory results. Mr. Wolman and Mr. Hadley gave short addresses.