

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,

Many years ago there was a man named Aben Judan who lived in the land of Israel. He was very rich and had many farms and orchards; each year at harvest time his threshing floors were overflowing and his vineyards bursting with grapes. He was very kind and generous and when the Rabbis used to go round the country every year to collect for the poor he always gave them more than anyone else.

Once, however, a severe storm destroyed the fruits of his fields and his flocks and herds died of an evil disease. All his land was taken away to pay his debts, except one small plot of ground. Aben Judan, however, did not lose courage and said: "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord." Then he tried his best to cultivate his one small plot and after a great deal of labour, it yielded fruit and he managed to support his family, and though he was no longer rich, he remained cheerful and contented. His only sorrow was that he was no longer able to help the poor and needy and this at times made him very sad.

One day when the Rabbis came to collect for the poor, his wife suggested that they sell half their field and give the money to them. He agreed to this and when he gave the money to the Rabbis they were very pleased and called out: "May the Lord restore your former prosperity."

Aben Judan continued to labour on the land he had left and one day as he was ploughing, the foot of the ox that drew the ploughshare sank into the ground and the beast was maimed. While attempting to help the ox, he saw something glittering in the hollow which the foot had made and on digging deeper, he found an immense treasure there. He took it home and was again rich and prosperous and continued his good deeds.

When the Rabbis came round once more for the collection, Aben Judan said to them: "Masters, your prayers have produced plenty of fruit—come to my house and partake of it. I will make up last year's subscription also."

They followed him to his house, where after entertaining them nobly, he gave them a very large contribution. They accepted it and taking out the subscription list of the preceding year, they said to him: "See, although many gave greater contributions than you we placed you at the very top of the list convinced that the smallness of your gift at that time was due to your lack of means not want of inclination. It is men like you that King Solomon meant when he said: 'A man's gift extendeth his possession and placeth him before the great.'"

Your loving,

COUSIN HELEN.

THE BARMITZVAH ALBUM.



We reproduce above facsimiles of two of the pages of the new Sefer Barmitzvah Book. The right-hand page records the particulars of the inscription of the name of the young man, whose photograph can be inserted in an adjacent space. On the left is one of several apt pictures—all colourful and tastefully selected—which adorn the second portion of the ornate volume.

A detailed appreciation of the album, together with an account of the presentation by Rabbi Abrahams of the first of the books at a ceremony held on Tuesday,

13th inst., was published in our columns last week.

The following are the names of the first Western Province lads to receive this Barmitzvah album, including those who were present at the function:—

Oswald Wally Arenson, Bernard Averbuch, Aaron Berman, Philip Bitnun, Norman Jerrol Feitelberg, Aubrey Hodes, Charles Leon Isaacson, Astor Jochelson, Jacob Meyerowitz, David Joseph Movsovic, Leon Resnekov, Philip Rabie, Lionel Aaron Sarembock, David Satz, Woolfe Traub.

Further certificates for Sefer Barmitzvah inscriptions are expected in due course.

Jewish Children's League.

The last meeting of the Jewish Children's League took place at "Rosecourt" on the 10th October. The newly-elected Chairman, Jacob Meyerowitz, was in the chair. About thirty-five children attended.

The minutes were read by the Treasurer, Phena Sher, in place of Edith Smulowitz, who delivered a short and interesting talk.

The news sheets were read by Lila Wilk and Lily Mirvish. After this the forthcoming concert was discussed. Refreshments were served and songs sung.

The next meeting will take place at 3 p.m. on Saturday, 24th October, at "Rosecourt." Mr. Kluk will be the guest speaker. All children are welcome.

Applications for Chalutz Certificates.

The Youth Department of the S.A. Zionist Federation is now in a position to review applications of persons, who wish to go to Palestine as Chalutzim. Will any body interested please communicate with the Youth Department at P.O. Box 18, Johannesburg, submitting his application, giving his name, address, age, nationality and agricultural experience if any. If the applications are approved, a request will be made to the Immigration Department of the Jewish Agency for Chalutz certificates.

The Palestine Orchestra Concert.

There are still some seats left for Boris Canin's "Evening of Music, Drama and Ballet" which will be presented at the Zionist Hall to-morrow evening at 8.30.

The evening is in aid of the Palestine Symphony Orchestra. One need hardly stress at this stage the important role this institution is playing in the Palestine war effort.

Leading artists, both Jewish and non-Jewish in all spheres of Cape Town's artistic life are generously contributing towards a very fine programme. It now remains for the public to show their appreciation of these performers' enthusiasm to help this fine orchestra and to endeavour to fill every seat in the Zionist Hall. Booking is at Darters and seats will be available at the door.

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THE NEXT FORTNIGHTLY

Zionist Conversazione

will be held in conjunction with the Maitland Hebrew Congregation and Bnoth Zion Association at the

Talmud Torah Hall, Maitland, Tuesday, 27th inst., at 8.15 p.m.

Speaker:

Mr. J. HERBSTEIN, K.C.

Subject:

"The Policy of Emancipation."

Items, Refreshments.

All Welcome.