

## Our Children's Circle

My Dear Little Cousins,

Jews in South Africa are at present being asked to contribute money to the Jewish National Fund in order that more land may be bought in Palestine.

The Jewish National Fund, which is called the J.N.F. for short, and also the Keren Kayemeth, was the idea of Dr. Hermann Schapira, who was Professor of Mathematics at the University of Heidelberg, Germany. In 1897 at the First Zionist Congress at Basle, he explained his idea that the Jews all over the world should contribute towards a fund for buying land in Palestine and settling Jews on it. This land was never to be sold again but was to belong to the Jewish nation.

In 1901 Johann Kremenetzky of Vienna worked out the idea of a Jewish National Fund which is to-day of great importance in the building up of Palestine as a Home for the Jewish people. Thousands of Jews have been settled on land bought with money contributed to the J.N.F. by Jews all over the world. The Jews who settle on J.N.F. land mostly become farmers; they cultivate the land which has been neglected for hundreds of years and thus help to make Palestine a fruitful and happy country.

It is very important for the Jewish people to buy more and more land in Palestine if they want to make it a real Jewish homeland. The Jews of Europe who are suffering so terribly are very anxious to settle in Palestine, and work as farmers if land would be given to them. Unfortunately the J.N.F. has not enough money to buy all the land the leaders would like to obtain and it is hoped that the Jews of South Africa, who have already helped to buy large tracts of land in Palestine, will this time give even more generously so that a large amount of money will be raised.

Even children can help in this great work. I am sure you all have a blue and white J.N.F. box in your homes and put in something whenever you can. A great deal of land has already been bought in Palestine with money collected from the boxes.

Your loving,

COUSIN HELEN.

## Afrikaans Version of Haggadah.

A commendable piece of work has just been concluded by Mr. R. B. Egert, of Paarl. It is an Afrikaans translation of the Passover Haggadah and is amply illustrated and annotated. The booklet contains a foreword by Rabbi Israel Abrahams and a learned introduction by Dr. H. Abt.

Copies are obtainable from the Cape Zionist Youth Executive, Room 22, 6 Barrack Street, Cape Town.

## Manufacturers Life reports progress.

The 56th annual report of the Manufacturers Life Insurance Company shows 278,083 policies in force for a total of £138 million. New insurance effected during 1942 amounted to £14 million. Premium income averaging £14 per policy totalled £4,900,000 and receipts from all sources amounted to £7½ million. Assets under the administration of the company now aggregate £45 million.

Total payments to policyholders and beneficiaries were £2½ million of which £¾ million were death claims and the balance payments on annuities, matured policies, etc.

Funds for Freedom, Land for Liberty—Give them to the Jewish People through the J.N.F.

## Purim Concert at Premier Mine.

A special Purim Celebrity Concert (organised by the O.C. Troops Sports Office in collaboration with the Jewish Chaplains for the Premier Mine Military Area) was held on 22nd March in the Cullinan Y.M.C.A. The hall was packed to capacity with Jewish personnel and their friends of all denominations, to all of whom Capt. S. Weinstein, C.F., extended a cordial welcome.

An exceptionally entertaining programme was presented by the following celebrity artists who were all given a great ovation: the famous Radio Balalaika Orchestra conducted by Prof. I. Ichilchik (late of the Imperial Russian Orchestra), Dacia Borodoff, Miriam Lopert, Bertha Egnos, Fanny Sugarman, Gerald Cassen, S/Sgt. Frank Rosen, Sgt. Rhoda Schoschon, Sgt. "Smiler" Al Roberts, Cpl. Martha Miller, Lieut. S. Cowen and Pte. Alf Vandecar. Mrs. Gerald Cassen was the accompanist.

Lieut. Morry Blake who, in addition to his many duties as sports and recreational training officer for this area, finds time to assist with the entertainment activities for the troops, once again officiated as compere. Prior to the commencement of the show an American auction, breezily conducted by Lt. Blake, raised the appreciable sum of £35 for the "Dan Pienaar Memorial Fund."

All attending the concert were invited to free refreshments which were provided by courtesy of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies and served by the Pretoria Jewish Ladies Troops Entertainment Committee who had come out to act as hostesses for the evening.

At the conclusion of the evening Col. P. Anning (Senior Med. Officer, 6th Div.) complimented the artists and thanked them for providing such an outstanding evening's entertainment, and also thanked all who had given their services in connection with the organisation.

The proceedings concluded with the singing of Hatikvah, Die Stern and The King.

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## Annual General Meeting

of Members of the above Schools  
will take place on

Sunday, 11th April, at 10.30 a.m.

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Rose and Woolf Harris Hall  
of the Talmud Torah, Hope Street,  
Cape Town.

MEMBERS, DONORS, PARENTS AND  
SUPPORTERS CORDIALLY INVITED.

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Applications are invited from suitably qualified  
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for the above School.

Duties are to be assumed on 1st August, 1943.  
An adequate salary will be paid to the right  
applicant.

Applications, furnishing full details together  
with copies of testimonials should be addressed  
to:—

The Hon. Secretary, Box 689, Johannesburg.

Applications must be marked "Principal" and  
reach the undersigned by the 1st May, 1943

D. KNEP, Hon. Secretary.

## IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

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### Zionist Socialist Party.

On Monday evening, the 29th March, Dr. Sachs, of Johannesburg, addressed a large gathering at the Zionist Hall on "We, and Jewry."

The lecturer, speaking in his capacity Executive member of the Kuibyshev War stated that eighteen months had elapsed. Soviet Jewry had directed its historic appeal to World Jewry. The appeal, they had met with scant success in South Africa compared with its importance. This was due to the fear of bourgeois South African Jewry publicly associating itself with Soviet Jewry and socialism. Labour Palestine, on the other hand, nursed no such fears, and had understood and appreciated the urgency of the call, and responded magnificently.

Since the revolution Soviet Jewry had been occupied with the building up of a new social it was a common fallacy that Soviet Jewry isolated itself from the rest of Jewry, while in fact Jewish culture and life in Russia was and intense, notwithstanding this lack of contact with world Jewry.

Soviet Jewry had appealed to its brethren a national unit, and had at all times been unmistakably clear that our common enemy was Hitlerite fascism. The original had been for tanks, guns and planes; but moral cowardice this appeal had been taken down locally to assistance in the forms of supplies, food, clothing, etc. The Palestine League to aid Soviet Russia, organised under the auspices of the Histadruth, had already expressed its keen desire and ability to assist by the sale of Palestine-manufactured products.

The Kuibyshev Appeal was not to be confused with the Medical Aid for Russia Fund, which is analogous to the Red Cross, and which was able in form, whereas the Kuibyshev Appeal was further, and had political implications.

An animated discussion ensued, in which members of the audience participated.

### Bialystok Society.

There was an excellent attendance at the Evening held on Thursday evening, 18th at the residence of Mr. M. Kluk and Mr. L. Lewin, Glen Crescent, Oranjezicht.

Mr. E. Kluk, who was in the chair, extended a cordial welcome to all those present. Mr. Gradner, who has been enrolled as a member of the Society, gave a very interesting talk, on some of the experiences of his boyhood days at home as well as various impressions during his more recent visit to Bialystok, years ago.

Refreshments were served and a very entertaining programme followed to which Rev. N. M. Witz, Mr. G. Laden and Mr. S. Buffenstein contributed.

The evening closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the artists and the hosts and hostess.

A "Peisach Evening" will take place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. Kaplan, "Romantic" Yeoville Rd., Vredehoek Estate, on the 22nd.

### Hospital Kosher Kitchen.

The Secretary of the Hospital Kosher Kitchen acknowledges receipt of the sum of 10/6 from an anonymous donor.

### Jewish Sick Relief Society.

The Committee of the above Society were grateful for the gift of Yiddish and Hebrew books for the patients at Groote Schuur Hospital, which may be left at the office, 222 Fletcher's Buildings, Adderley Street.

### Chug Ivri Lanoaz.

The next meeting will be held at the Hall on Tuesday, 6th inst., at 8.15 p.m.

## FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

JACOB-WOLFFE.—The marriage of the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wolfe, of Sea Point, to Harry, youngest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Ch. Jacob, of Cape Town, will take place at the Sea Point Synagogue on Sunday, 11th April, at 2.30 p.m. "At Home" cards, 30, St. John's Road, Sea Point, 3 to 6 p.m.

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