

Our Children's Circle

Dear Little Cousins,
I am sure you have all been looking forward to Rosh Hashona and are very glad it is here again.

Rosh Hashona, as you know, is the Jewish New Year and Thursday is the beginning of the year 5704 according to Jewish reckoning. It will be the first day of the month of Tishri which marks the anniversary of the birth of the Jewish people.

Every nation celebrates the New Year in its own way, but amongst most peoples New Year's eve and New Year's day are times of feasting and merrymaking. Amongst the Jewish people, on the other hand, the New Year is solemn and holy, a season of prayer and supplication. Rosh Hashona being the Day of Judgment, the Jew prays earnestly for the happiness of all mankind with regard to race and religion. On Rosh Hashona we are reminded of our duties, not to our own race, but to the whole of humanity.

As you know, the shofar or ram's horn is blown on Rosh Hashona; this is done so that we may be aroused to our serious and important duties and be filled with awe and reverence before the majesty of God. The shofar is one of the oldest musical instruments and in ancient times used to be blown on various occasions. Nowadays, however, it is blown only in the synagogue, where it sounds a call to seriousness and reminds us of our duties.

I hope you will remember this when you hear the sound of the shofar on Rosh Hashona; the sound of the shofar may not be very beautiful, but it carries a message for each one of us and I hope you will listen very quietly and earnestly when it is sounded.

I wish you all a very happy New Year. May it bring peace to the world and an end to the sufferings of the Jewish people.

Your loving,
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Zionist Youth Activities.

A very successful Country Rally was held during the week-end 24th to 26th September. The rally began with a very enjoyable Oneg Shabbat on Friday night. An inspiring address was delivered by Mr. A. Miller and a topical lecture by Mr. R. B. Egert. Rev. Melamed and Miss H. Abrahams rendered Hebrew songs. After hearty community singing, refreshments were served.

On Saturday night the rally was officially opened by the chairlady, Miss L. Semer. Speeches of welcome were delivered by Mr. J. Geffen, Rev. Melamed, Messrs. L. Sutin, and S. Back. Mr. A. Miller spoke on behalf of the Executive. Hebrew recitations were given by two pupils of Mr. R. B. Egert, Marlene Sutton and Mercia Brenner. Misses Sylvia Faktor and Hilda Abrahams rendered a talented song duet. After Worcester Zionist Youth Society presented "Kreplech Calling," informal dancing took place.

On Sunday morning a very interesting Mock Conference on the Reconstruction Programme took place. Messrs. H. Shandling, Dembovsky and D. Lurie represented Sir Douglas Harris, a Gentile and Ben-Gurion respectively. Miss J. Volks spoke as the High Commissioner and Miss B. Bender represented the Arabs. The discussion and speeches were throughout of a very high standard. One of the highlights was David Lurie's speech in Afrikaans. The speakers from the floor were as follows: Messrs. Lipschitz, Egert, B. Zackon, Sandler, Peisach and Miss N. Segall.

In the afternoon informative lectures were delivered by Miss N. Segall on Chalutzit and Miss Myrtle Katz on Socialism in Zionism. An excellent analysis of the late Judge Brandeis' proposal for the use of private capital for the redemption of the land was given by Mr. B. Shandling. All topics provoked heated and valuable discussion in which the following participated: Messrs. R. Egert, H. Lipschitz, B. Zackon, H. Peisach, Sandler, D. Lurie, H. Shandling, S. Kessler, H. Levitan and Misses N. Segall and L. Semer.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. D. Lurie to the Paarl Zionist Youth Society for their hospitality. Mr. A. Miller congratulated and thanked Mr. S. Kessler who had conducted the services on Friday night and Saturday morning.

After the very enjoyable rally was officially closed a games evening was organised for the benefit of the large number of delegates who remained till Monday morning.

The last meeting of the **Zionist Socialist Youth** was held on Friday, 24th September.

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Mr. E. Kluk gave a very interesting and inspiring address on the development of Zionism in South Africa. He showed how much richer Zionism has become by being synthesised with Socialism.

On Saturday, 25th September, an "At Home" was held at the residence of the Misses Goldin. It was the first social in conjunction with the senior party. There were singing, musical items and a play-reading. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely.

There will be a meeting of the **Zionist Socialist Youth** as usual this (Friday) evening at the Maon. There will also be a camp on Sunday and Monday at Cecilia's Plantation. Every member must make an effort to participate.

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