

## Youth Aliyah Tribute to Henrietta Szold.

Jerusalem.

More than 500 young people from all settlements and towns in Palestine representing the 5,000 members of Youth Aliyah who are still in training and the 8,500 who are already settled (2,000 of whom are in the Forces) gathered at the Rosenbloom Building of the Hebrew University on the 30th day after the death of Henrietta Szold. Mr. Hans Beyth, Acting Director of the Jewish Agency's Youth and Child Immigration Department, spoke of the feeling of loneliness created through her passing. He told of her last two projects, the seminary courses for training Youth Aliyah instructors and the plan for the establishment of a large transit camp to receive young newcomers. Representatives of various youth groups also spoke and letters from Henrietta Szold were read.

After the ceremony, most of which was broadcast, the young people walked to the cemetery, where the Kaddish was recited at the grave of Henrietta Szold. In the afternoon an exhibition was opened at the Keren Hayesod building, which Miss Szold had planned for the 10th anniversary of the movement last year. Photographs, newspaper cuttings, documents and passports, charts and diagrams, pages from the children's diaries first in German and then in Hebrew, were arranged to present a vivid history of the movement.

## Field-Marshal Praises Palestine Orchestra.

Tel Aviv.

Writing to thank the Palestine Orchestra for its congratulations on his promotion to the rank of Field-Marshal, Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, of the British Joint Staff Mission with the Combined Chiefs of Staff in Washington, declared in a letter to Mr. S. B. Lewertoff, Administrator of the Orchestra:—

"I always look back to the spontaneous manner with which the Palestine Orchestra responded to my suggestion to give a concert to the troops during the first winter of the war. The manner in which your concerts grew in scope throughout the following years deserves the highest commendation from those of us who commanded in the Middle East on account of the benefit that accrued to our troops from them, both from the standpoint of raising their morale and their liking for good music."

## 21st Annual Cape Zionist Youth Conference.

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of establishing a Zionist Youth centre in Cape Town, was also passed.

There were many resolutions under the heading of Hebrew and Education which showed the great concern of the different societies and parties for the development of Hebrew amongst Zionist Youth in South Africa. The resolution by the Hapoel Hamizrachi pledging Executive members to become proficient in Hebrew was also carried. A prominent feature of the debate was the large number of speakers who spoke in Hebrew.

There was a heated discussion on a number of constitutional resolutions. The resolution by Mr. Aaron, of Muizenberg, reading, "That this is one Movement, therefore no special rights should be given to any section thereof on the sole reason of having a different viewpoint", was followed by a heated and drawn-out discussion. The Zionist Socialist Youth moved an amendment that the Executive be elected on a proportional representation, while Mr. Egert moved that the status quo remain, which would mean that the Executive be elected on a best man basis, while parties would get direct representation. After Mr. Aaron withdrew his resolution, a vote was taken on the proportional representation, which was lost, the majority voting against the resolution.

LUNCHEON.

There was a happy interlude during the luncheon, when the outgoing chairman, Mr. Egert, on behalf of the Cape Zionist Youth movement, addressed words of farewell to chaverim

## Observance of V Day

APPEAL BY DEPUTIES' CHAIRMAN.

The following statement has been issued by Mr. B. A. Ettlinger, K.C., Chairman of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies:—

"The great event to which we are now all eagerly looking forward—the cessation of hostilities in Europe—will not, we hope, be marred by unseemly celebrations. It should be observed primarily as an occasion of thanksgiving in the Synagogues, and we hope that all Jewish congregations will make preparations for special services.

"Great as will be our joy at victory and at the lifting of the fearful cloud of anxiety and suffering, we should not in our rejoicing forget those men and women of all creeds and races who, by their supreme sacrifice, have made victory possible. Nor should we fail to remember that the toll of war has, in the case of our own people, been greater than that of any other."

## Late Mr. J. Geffen's Library Presented to S.A. Board of Jewish Education.

The S.A. Board of Jewish Education, Johannesburg, has received a magnificent collection of 185 Hebrew books, complete with bookcase, from Mrs. Helena Geffen, Cape Town, in memory of her late husband, Mr. Joseph Geffen. The collection includes words on psychology, history, classics, Talmud and poetry, as well as the famous Ben Yehuda Dictionary.

The late Mr. Geffen was appointed Principal of the Ferreira Talmud Torah, Johannesburg, in 1896. Later he occupied the position of Principal of the Roeland Street Talmud Torah, Cape Town.

Mr. Geffen was one of the first Zionists in South Africa and one of the earliest members of the Dorshei Zion Association. He was the first to introduce Hebrew in South Africa as a living tongue, teaching the Ivrit Be-Ivrit method. He possessed the first Hebrew typewriter in South Africa, which was also presented to the Board.

Mr. Geffen died in Cape Town in 1937 and the impression his fine personality left on his family is clearly shown by the great interest taken in Jewish communal affairs by his sons, Mr. Julius Geffen and Lieut. Max Geffen, of Johannesburg. Mr. J. Selig Geffen, and his daughter, Mrs. Leah Bloch, wife of Adv. H. M. Bloch, K.C., of Cape Town.

London.

After an interval of more than four years the Inter-University Jewish Federation has resumed publication of its organ, "The Jewish Academy," under the editorship of Mr. William Margulies.

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Sabbath commences on April 20th at 6 p.m. and ends on April 21st at 6.45 p.m. of Law: Aharay Moas-Kedoshim, 16-20. Haftorah: Haloh Kivnei Amos 9.

Bible Reading in Jewish

The chapters to be read during the morning April 21st (8th Iyar) are Psalms, 23 to 44.

Sadowsky and Berman, who were leaving on Hachshara within the following few days. He announced that five Tree Certificates would be presented to them on that occasion. Mr. V. Resneck, outgoing vice-chairman, speaking on behalf of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive, presented Mr. Sadowsky with a brief memento from the Cape Zionist Youth Executive, on which Mr. Sadowsky had served throughout the year.

ELECTIONS.

In the late afternoon the elections took place. The Executive consists of the following members: Chairman Arthur Miller; Vice-Chairman, Sgt. George Wilk; Treasurer Boris Lipow; Junior Convener, Miss Ruth Cohen; and members, Messrs. R. B. Egbert, S. Berelowitz, I. Shrand, A. L. Lichtenstein, and Misses P. and M. Katz. After the elections a number of resolutions which had been taken before were discussed. Many of them, however, had to be left over for a later occasion.

At the conclusion of Conference, Mr. Arthur Miller, the chairman of Conference for the way in which he had conducted the Conference throughout the different sessions. Mr. Miller thanked the outgoing chairman, Mr. Egert, for the work done during the past year.

In winding up the proceedings, the chairman expressed regret that some groups had deliberately refrained from nomination on the Executive. He hoped that on reflection they would regret their action, and he volunteered, if they changed their mind, to exercise his good offices in order to ask some of these groups to resign so as to make room for representation of these groups.