

Wizo Eisteddfod.

Conducted by the Broth Zion Association in conjunction with Wizo Month.

LIST OF PRIZEWINNERS.

ELOCUTION.

Girls.—7 years and under A.

1. Lilian Levitt.
2. Simone Gordon.

7 years and under B.

1. Irene Bloch.
2. Simone Gordon.
- Lilian Levitt.

Boys.—7 years and under B.

1. Barnard Karpas.
2. Ronald Kriel.

Boys.—9 years and under A.

1. Lesley Gordon.
2. Allan Karpas.
- Daryl Burman.

9 years and under B.

1. Lesley Gordon.
2. Daryl Burman.
3. Allan Karpas.

Girls.—12 years and under A.

1. Felicity Ann Bosman.
2. Wendy Broughton.
- Corinne Urdang.
3. Sara Sloman.

12 years and under B.

1. Felicity Ann Bosman.
2. Ethel Bloom.
3. Myra Leibowitz.
- Ada Kessler.

Boys.—A.

1. Abel Levitt.

Boys.—B.

1. Abel Levitt.

Girls.—15 years and under A.

1. Valerie Hugo.
2. Joan Shapiro.
- Carmel Fine.
3. Lily Futeran.

15 years and under B.

1. Audrey Ross.
2. Suanita Denver.
- Maureen Dogan.
- Carmel Fine.

18 years and under A.

1. Beryl Berman.

18 years and under B.

1. Beryl Berman.
2. Rose Cohen.

Girls.—9 years and under A.

1. Berenice Schaffer.
2. Tanya Bornstein.
3. Theresa Helena van Gelderen.

9 years and under B.

1. Monica Silberstein.
- Tanya Bernstein.
- Meera Levitt.
3. Theresa Helena van Gelderen.

Open.—A.

1. Miriam Milner.
2. Thelma Donald.
3. Eunice Glick.

Open.—B.

1. Miriam Milner.
2. Thelma Donald.
3. Eunice Glick.

9 years and under, Reading.

1. Daryl Burman.
2. Theresa Helena van Gelderen.
3. Judith Bremer.

7 years and under, Reading.

1. Simone Gordon.

9 years and under, Jewish Reading.

1. Judith Bremer.
2. Gertie Kugel.
3. Anita Kupernik.

12 years and under, Reading.

1. Bessie Kagan.
2. Theresa Daitsch.
3. Sara Sloman.

15 years and under, Jewish Interest.

1. Audrey Ross.
2. Lily Futeran.
3. Maureen Dogan.

15 years and under, Reading.

1. Esther Yach.
2. Carmel Fine.
- Audrey Ross.
3. Suanita Denver.

12 years and under, Jewish Interest.

1. Felicity Ann Bosman.
2. Abel Levitt.
3. Corinne Urdang.

18 years and under, Own Choice.

1. Estelle Krook.
2. Rose Cohen.

Open Jewish Interest.

1. Eunice Glick.
2. Beryl Dickman.

Reading.

1. Estelle Krook.

PIANO.

12 years and under, Set Piece.

1. Norma Phyllis Saxe.
2. Jessie Watkin.
3. Renee Raff.

Own Choice.

1. Norma Phyllis Saxe.
2. Goldie Maron.
3. J. Horne.

15 years and under, Set Piece.

1. Rosie Leibowitz.
2. Percy Gruss.
3. Lily Futeran.

Own Choice.

1. Betty Kramer.
2. Lily Futeran.
3. Sheila Hart.

18 years and under.

1. Lorraine Retief.
2. Lynette Heydenrich.

Set Piece.

Lynette Heydenrich.

SINGING.

12 years and under.

1. Ralph Merkel.

16 years and under.

1. Doreen Gordon.

9 years and under.

1. Simon Kugel.
2. Isadore Saacks.

HEBREW ELOCUTION.

1. Lily Awerbuch.
2. Monica Silberstein.

BARMITZVAH.

HERBSTEIN.—Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Herbststein, will read a portion of the Law and the Haftorah on Saturday, 21st September, at the Muizenberg Synagogue. At Home: 4, Athlone Flats, Henley Road, Muizenberg, 22nd September, from 5 p.m. No other intimation.

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Dorshei Zion Association.

RECEPTION IN HONOUR OF RABBI I. ABRAHAMS.

A reception in honour of Prof. I. Abrahams, Chief Rabbi of the Cape Town Hebrew Congregation, was given at the Zionist Hall on Wednesday night by the Dorshei Zion Association.

Mr. J. M. Weinreich was in the chair and extended a cordial welcome to Rabbi Abrahams on his return from England. He assured him that he had been greatly missed by the whole community, who were all the richer by his presence. South Africa could be proud of her representatives at the Conference of Christians and Jews at Oxford.

Rabbi Abrahams said he was deeply touched by the kind words of the Chairman. He felt particularly honoured to have this reception given him by the Dorshei Zion—those who seek and love Zion.

As a Zionist, said Rabbi Abrahams, he took the opportunity while in England to gain impressions of Judaism in general and Zionism in particular in that country. Anglo-Jewry was a split community to-day, mainly as regards Zionism. The Board of Deputies was Zionist except for a small minority. The Anglo-Jewish Association consisted of both Zionists and non-Zionists. The Fellowship was anti-Zionist, consisting of liberal Jews and a few orthodox Sephardi Jews bound together by a common religion. These official divisions were not the whole of the story. There was such a variety of opinions and diversity of views on every aspect of Jewish life as to be very confusing at first. As he remained longer in Britain, said Rabbi Abrahams, he was able to sift the evidence so as to be able to form a picture of the position.

He had come to the conclusion that the British Government was not anti-Semitic. Neither did he believe they were pro-Arab, for they had not forgotten the attitude of many Arabs to the Allied cause in the war. They were not pro-Jewish; but they were extremely pro-British. It was for this reason that Britain issued the Balfour Declaration in 1917 and accepted the Mandate over Palestine. The White Paper was issued for the same reason—it suited Britain to curb Jewish progress and cultivate Arab friendship. It was in this light that the present Palestine Conference must be understood. At the moment Britain did not wish to do anything decisive, therefore she wanted to delay matters. The question was asked why Britain thought it was not in her interests to have a strong Jewish people in Palestine. It seemed to him, said Rabbi Abrahams, that Britain needed Palestine and required the inhabitants to

be either British or people who were the least dangerous to her. Jewish progress could be curbed by giving the upper hand to the Arabs. There was no danger of an Arab rising. Britain was not afraid of the crescent but of the sickle. The Arab bloc was between Britain and Russia. Oil interests were also a paramount consideration. The Jews did not count in the game of power politics. Appeasement, or rather expediency, had always existed in international affairs. Friendship with Jews or Arabs was a matter of expediency. It was asked how men of honour and understanding could make pre-election promises and within a week do exactly the opposite. The reply seemed to be the British civil servant, who dictates to the Cabinet on foreign policy.

What were the prospects, asked Rabbi Abrahams. He thought we had assets, advantages as well as weaknesses. The D.P.'s were an asset from the Zionist point of view. Ninety-nine per cent. wanted to go to Eretz Israel and could not go anywhere else. Another asset was in America, where there was always potential danger to British policy. But our greatest asset was the Yishuv, which had struck deep roots in Eretz Israel and could not be eradicated. Curfews come and curfews go, but the Yishuv continues building. It is the plough that matters, the furrow that is of importance, and not the British Cabinet decision. He (Rabbi Abrahams) wished that we used the weapon of passive resistance more. He hated terrorism, which was un-Jewish.

The Jews were a divided people and were also divided on Zionist issues. The main cause for their not being able to put a resolution on Zionism before the Oxford Conference was because of schisms among Jewish delegates. On the very issue now confronting Jews, federalisation or partition, Zionists were also divided. He (Rabbi Abrahams) felt that though in the past we had been against partition, now we should acquiesce; because Britain's federal plan was partition without viable conditions for the Jews. Partition was galling; we were entitled to both sides of the Jordan; but no boundaries were eternal. There was every hope for the Jews in Palestine, said Rabbi Abrahams. The British may conquer us, suppress us, but if we are persevering we will not be crushed. Events will take a change. Britain and the Western democracies will need the Jews. We must have patience, and our ideals will be realised.

Questions were asked at the close of the address, to which Rabbi Abrahams replied.

During the evening Mrs. Brosover (accompanied by Mr. Wallace) rendered several Russian songs and violin solos, which were very much appreciated.

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