

## Dorshei Zion Association

### "THIRD SEDER" EVENING.

There was a very large gathering at the Zionist Hall on Sunday night, when a "Third Seder" Evening was held under the auspices of the Dorshei Zion Association.

Dr. I. M. Hurwitz was in the chair and extended a cordial welcome to all present. He referred to the great victory of the Haganah at Haifa and said it was also gratifying to hear of the magnanimous spirit in which they had acted. They had dealt fairly and squarely with their enemies. He hoped they would continue to show the world that they could live in peace with the Arabs and that a Jewish State would soon be established.

The four questions were asked by Mr. Sam Levenberg. The first two questions were:—

What are the principal spiritual lessons of Pesach?

In what respect is the yearning for freedom basic to Jewish tradition?

Rabbi Dr. A. T. Shrock, replying, said that the basic teachings of the festival of Pesach transcended all other festivals; it was occasioned by a tremendous event in Jewish history and was the *fons et origo* of all that followed. Through Pesach we came into existence as a people. Pesach underlined the important teaching of freedom—the revelation of God came through the necessity of freedom. Moses approached the burning bush and first beheld the Divinity, because of the need for freedom. Then came a message of hope and comfort.

The Jewish people would come into their own. Freedom was a divine law and anyone who set himself up as a power above this law would fail. With the Exodus of the past as an inspiration and with God's help, the Jewish people would win through.

The next two questions were:—

What parallels would you draw between the Exodus of the Jews from Egypt and their present struggle to achieve nationhood, with particular references to:—

- (1) The comparative circumstances of Jewish life.
- (2) The prospects of ultimate success and independence in Eretz Israel.

Adv. Dave Cohen, replying, said that Moses found that the Israelites were physically enslaved—bondsmen to Pharaoh. To-day the Jews were slaves, not physically but spiritually. Zionism came in Jewish history after emancipation and assimilation. Today, like the children of Israel, Jews worshipped the calf of gold and were enslaved by the ghetto spirit. Moses had to deal with slaves in the spiritual sense and with dissident elements, who did not believe that by our own efforts we could gain freedom. Zionism had to face the difficulty of the dispersion, which made unification difficult. When the Jews began to feel outwardly the bonds of slavery they responded to the call of the modern Moses.

The Jews had the advantage to-day that they did not have to be invaders. They had to battle but had fortresses already created which could never be destroyed. There were  
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## The Call.

*It has come from out of the bleeding earth,  
From Kibbutz and Moshav all over our land;  
From town and from city, from factory and farm  
The call has come: "We need every hand!"*

*From the Jewish Agency's blast-scarred walls  
Has come the call to fight to the end.  
From the fences and trenches of every Kibbutz  
Comes the call of the land which we must defend.*

*Young chalutzim, agile and strong;  
Young chalutzim, ready to die,  
Are calling for help in their fight to the death;  
It is up to us to take heed of their cry!*

*The Haganah is fighting alone  
To preserve that which their hands have made.  
Are we going to give them our help  
And show the world that Jews aren't afraid?*

*Strengthen the hands of our brothers in need,  
Arise, one and all, to the Yishuv's great fight.  
Show those who wish to cause blood and tears  
That those in the right can overcome might.*

*Bring on the day when Judea's hills  
Will thunder again with Hebrew songs;  
Bring on the day when Jerusalem will be  
Free from the yoke of oppressors' wrongs.*

*Hark to the sound of Haganah's voice!  
Hark to the call from the Yishuv to you!  
Only when you have answered that call  
Can you in truth call yourself a Jew!*

"JOEL" (aged 16),

(Continued from First Column.)

700,000 Jews in Eretz Israel prepared to fight for us. Moses had had to act as an invader. Joshua stormed the gates of Jericho; it was hoped that the gates of Palestine as a whole would be stormed soon as the gates of Haifa had been stormed. Moses had to carry the Tabernacle wherever he went; to-day the Jews did not have to do this because the true Jewish spirit already existed in Eretz Israel. Moses had to exercise a great amount of patience. If we had the same faith as Moses and his people, no obstacles would be able to stand in our way, and in the end Eretz Israel would be the Land of Freedom.

During the evening songs were rendered by Mrs. E. Seftel and Cantor Boris Rome, and recitations by Mr. M. Asher. These were greatly appreciated by the audience. There was community singing, and a very pleasant evening was spent by all present.

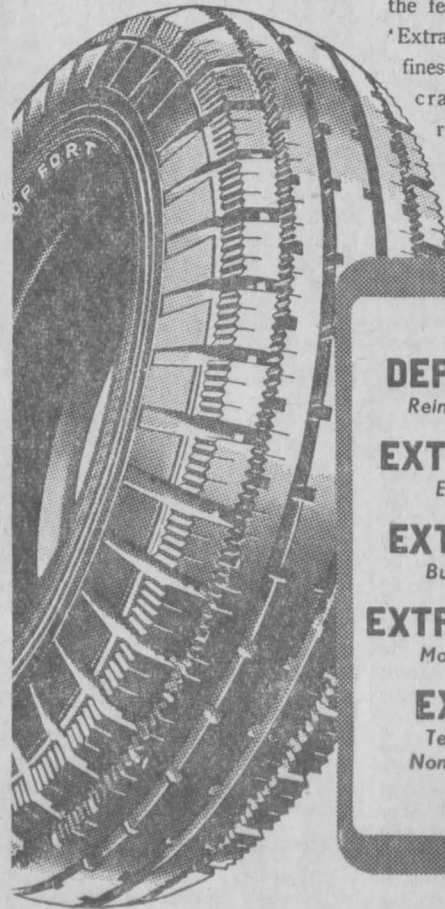
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