

Capetown Notes.

(From Our Own Correspondent)

A successful function was held under the auspices of the Cape Jewish Guild, at the Old Synagogue Hall, on Wednesday. This took the form of "Song Tea" and there were many ingenious and humorous representations of various songs, the successful competitors being Miss E. Shenker, Miss J. Lewis and Mr. L. Frank.

Amongst those present were:— Rev. A. P. Bender, Mr. and Mrs. A. Friedlander, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jackson, Mr. J. Kadish and Mr. Goodman of the Johannesburg Jewish Guild.

During the course of a very interesting address, Mr. Bender compared the local Guild with the Johannesburg Organisation. Whilst the Transvaal Guild had a spacious building of their own, they in Cape Town could not be so venturesome. This would come in the course of time.

After referring to the excellent work done by the Guild, Mr. Bender said that they served a good purpose by bringing together young people of both sexes, and he concluded by wishing the Guild every success in the future.

During the evening an interesting programme was submitted in which the following took part:— Miss R. Wortreich (Song), accompanied by Miss Newstead, Miss Muriel Kadish (Song), accompanied by Miss Joyce Kadish, Mr. S. Block (Song), accompanied by Miss Jeanetta Reynolds, Miss Ida Hamburg, (Recitation).

The Judges were, Rev. A. P. Bender, Mr. A. Friedlander, and Miss Joyce Kadish, and the prizes were distributed by Mrs. A. Friedlander.

The Entertainment Committee were responsible for the tasty decorations and for the general arrangements in connection with the function.

Dancing was indulged in and in general a very pleasant evening was spent.

A series of functions have been arranged for the month and these include a "Moonlight Walk" a "Gramophone Recital" and Lecture by Mr. S. Winer, Wireless Concert by Mr. Harry Cohen and Mr. J. Geisler, a Dance at Banqueting Hall and a "Ramble".

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Mr. Ernest Liberman of Guy's Hospital, London, has passed the qualifying examination for the degree of L.R.C.P.-M.R.C.S. (Eng) Mr. Liberman who is the son of

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Liberman was formerly of the University of Cape Town.

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Under the auspices of the Cape Zionist Mizrahi Association the Rev. Goldberg, late Director of a Hebrew Gymnasium, Lithuania, delivered a lecture in Hebrew on "Hebrew Education" at the Old Synagogue Hall, on Sunday, which was well filled by members of the local Branch of the Mizrahi Association and others interested.

The Relief Fund Conference.

The following is the full agenda for the Annual Conference of the United South African Jewish Relief Reconstruction and Orphans' Fund which will be held in the Jewish Guild Hall on Sunday November 23rd. In view of the importance of the matters to be discussed it is to be hoped that there will be a record attendance of delegates.

(1) Roll Call. (2) Rules of Procedure. (3) Confirmation of Minutes of Second Conference. (4) Messages. (5) Adoption of the Report of the Central Executive Committee and Accounts. (6) Resolutions.

(a) Proposed by the Central Executive Committee:—

(1) "That the amount still required to carry out the commitment of the Fund to the Palestine Orphans Scheme is £12,500.

(2) That the method of raising this amount shall be by means of an assessment of every Branch in South Africa the total of which shall be £12,500.

(3) That each Branch be requested to raise its quota within six months from the date of this Conference.

(4) That all other relief work besides the Palestine Orphans Scheme shall cease forthwith and that the incoming Executive devote its attention exclusively to the carrying out of the Palestine Orphans commitment.

(5) That the name of the Fund shall be altered to read as follows:—"United South African Palestine Orphans Relief Fund".

(b) By the Doornfontein General Fund Branch:—

(1a) "That in the opinion of this Conference the need for reconstruction work in Russia to-day is more necessary at present than it has been.

(b) That should this Conference decide to continue its work as up to the present, all monies collected other than that necessary to meet its obligations, be devoted entirely to Reconstruction work through the O.R.T.

(2) In the event of this Conference deciding to liquidate the Fund, then in any aggregate amount of money which may be decided upon as the sum necessary for this Fund to meet its obligations, commitments, an amount of £5,000 be included for Reconstruction Work in Russia through the O.R.T."

(C) By the Vereeniging Branch:—

(1) "That the Relief Fund be continued in the future in South Africa with as much vigour as possible.

(2) That the 130 orphans in Palestine be maintained for the five years in accordance with the arrangement and are to have the first preference of the S.A. Relief Fund.

(3) The balance of the money after providing in full for the Palestinian orphans should be allocated for Jewish national reconstruction work in Europe".

(7) Election of President, two Vice-Presidents, Hon. Treasurer, 19 Transvaal Members of the Executive, 3 Cape Members, 2 Orange Free State Members, and 2 Natal Members

(8) Closing of Congress by President.

A visit to "Arcadia" by the Delegates is being arranged, and will form part of the Day's Proceedings.

The creation of national centres was announced by the Communistic White Russian Government in places where the national minorities formed the majority of the population. In many towns and villages of White Russia the official government business will be conducted in the Yiddish language as a result of this decree. All government documents in this town will also be issued in Yiddish. Another decree of the government, issued Sept. 9, calls for the re-organisation of the school system. According to this decree, all instruction is to be given in the mother tongue of the children. The number of Jewish schools in White Russia will, therefore, be greatly increased.

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