

In and Around the Peninsula.

Rosh Hashona.

With the air of solemnity and importance that has become characteristic of this Festival, Rosh Hashona was ushered in on Monday night. Synagogues throughout the Peninsula, one and all, were crowded throughout the two days of the Festival with worshippers, for on this occasion even the most lax of co-religionists seem to find their way to the House of Worship.

Inspiring services as usual were held in the Great Synagogue, where Rev. Kirschner assisted by Rev. S. Kibel, and the choir conducted by Mr. Boris Rome performed excellent work. On Tuesday morning an interesting sermon was delivered by Rev. Kibel. In the Roeland Street Synagogue, Cantor F. Spektor assisted by the choir was responsible for a most impressive service, and in the Beth Hamedrash Hachodosh the service was equally highly appreciated by the large number who attended. In very many centres *Minyanim* was held to cope with the crowds and outstanding among these in Cape Town was that in the Zionist Hall where an extremely large gathering of men and women had assembled, and in the Old Synagogue which as usual performed yeoman service. Services were also held in the United Hebrew Schools and Sea Point Town Hall.

The services held at the Orphanage were as usual attended by a large number of visitors. Messrs. Mirsky and Glass officiated. On the first day Mr. Michelson delivered an inspiring address to the congregation.

Rev. A. P. Bender.

Our deepest sympathies go out to the Rev. A. P. Bender who has for some days now been indisposed and who was for that reason unfortunately not able to attend the Synagogue Services on Rosh Hashona. This is the second time during all the thirty-five years he has been in this country that Rev. Bender has been prevented from attending the Services on this Festival and his regret that such a necessity should have arisen was very deep indeed. Worshippers at the Great Synagogue keenly felt his absence and a veritable gloom was cast over the proceedings on that account.

We sincerely wish Rev. Bender a speedy recovery. We trust we shall see him again in his accustomed place in the Synagogue on Yim Kippur and that we shall be privileged to hear one of his inspiring sermons from the pulpit on that occasion.

Board of Guardians' Dance.

The Board of Guardians should benefit not inconsiderably by the results of the dance held in aid of it at the Zionist Hall on Saturday night. The dance was a most successful affair. It was very well attended, excellent music was provided by Sarah Disner's Orchestra, and during the evening several very delightful exhibition dances were given by Miss Poppy Koonin and Mr. Levy.

The organisers of the dance, the Misses Dorothy Bashew and Lily Marks, are to be commended not only for the excellence of the arrangements but also on the generous spirit which prompted their efforts.

Cape Town Hebrew Circle.

The Cape Town Hebrew Circle wishes to express its deep appreciation of the kindness of Mr. Lazar, Principal of the Paarl Hebrew School, in having come from Paarl to lecture to its members. It is hoped that his example will serve as a precedent and encourage other Hebrew scholars throughout the country to give of their knowledge to those who would "Drink their words with thirst."

Cape Town Young Judeans.

On Saturday, 20th August, an inter-function was held with one of the branches, the Oranjezicht Young Judeans, in the form of an Oratorical contest between the two societies, Mr. H. Herschel, the chairman of Oranjezicht presiding. After a few preliminary items the contest began. The first speaker was Mr. S. Rechtman, of Cape Town, who spoke on "Spinoza," he was followed by Mr. J. Ellis, of Oranjezicht, on "South Africa's Share in Zionism," Mr. S. Levin, of Cape Town, on "The Messiah," and Mr. H. Farber, of Oranjezicht, on the subject "Will Britain remain the leading country in the world?" Having finished their prepared subjects, the speakers for five minutes each on the unprepared subject, "Britain is not fulfilling her duty to Palestine." After criticising each speaker, Mr. H. Zuckerman on behalf of the Judean Central Council, pronounced Mr. S. M. Levin, of Cape Town, to have been the best speaker, and the Cape Town Young Judeans to have been the winning side.

The meeting closed with the singing of Hatikvah and the National Anthem.

On Saturday, 13th August, at the Talmud Torah Hall in Hope Street, the above Society held an inter-function with the Wynberg Junior Zionist Society (Junior Section), in the form of a "Humorous Evening." Mr. S. Rechtman occupying the chair. The principal item of the evening was a humorous debate on the subject, "Is the Jewish Nose Ineradicable?" The speakers were Miss P. Pieters and Mr. S. Sacks for Cape Town, and Miss B. Braude and Mr. J. Gelphand for Wynberg. These speakers put forth many amusing points, the result of the debate being a win for Cape Town, who opposed the motion.

Rev. S. Kibel who has always evinced a great interest in the Young Judeans attended this meeting.

The Flying Chazan.

In recent years the Chazanim who minister to the needs of South African congregations have been much in the limelight. It may be that this is but another illustration of the extent to which the synagogue are adapting themselves to modern conditions. But in a good many quarters a great deal of irritation is felt at what is considered unnecessary publicity. We had the case of the Chazan imported by our Johannesburg friends some years ago and whose subsequent separation from his congregation was attended by publicity and compensation. Then we had the case of Mr. Sirota and his assistants, echoes of which were subsequently heard in the courts and now we have the instance of the Chazan who flies to Johannesburg in order to be in time for the services. The Johannesburg Congregation may have been compelled to adopt this method of conveying the Chazan, but would it not have been wiser to avoid much of the publicity which attended the Chazan's journey from Cape Town to Johannesburg?

Social Items.

The engagement is announced of Pauline Licht, of Cape Town, to M. Rabinowitz, of Wynberg.

The engagement is announced of Miriam, elder daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. L. Talmud to Philip, youngest son of Rev. and Mrs. H. Isaacs (of Muizenberg), both of Kimberley.

Mrs. A. Schauder, of Port Elizabeth, returned from Europe on Monday by the "Walmer Castle."

Mr. Advocate Dave Cohen, of Kimberley, arrived in Cape Town on Monday on a short visit.

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