

In and Around the Peninsula.

Yom Kippur in Cape Town.

The many Synagogues in the Peninsula were crowded last Wednesday night and on Thursday, when the Holy Festival of Yom Kippur was ushered in. In every case the accommodation was insufficient to comfortably seat the worshippers, and the services held at public and other halls were similarly attended. The Great Synagogue, as well as the adjoining Synagogue Hall, were packed to the doors. At the former Rev. L. Kirschner and Rev. S. Kibel conducted the services, and it was a more than pleasing feature to note that the Rev. A. P. Bender was sufficiently recovered from his indisposition of the previous week to be able to deliver powerful sermons both on Wednesday evening and Thursday afternoon. In the Roeland Street Synagogue Cantor Spektor, assisted by his choir, officiated very ably, and on Thursday Mr. M. Gurland in an address made an appeal on behalf of the Board of Guardians with more than satisfactory results.

In the Beth Hamedrash, in Constitution Street, Rev. N. M. Rabinowitz officiated and Rabbi M. Ch. Mirvish delivered an impressive sermon after Kol Nidre.

Minyans—all well attended—were held, as on Rosh Hashona, at the Zionist Hall, the Cape Jewish Orphanage, the Talmud Torah, and in the Sea Point Town Hall over three to four hundred persons were present at the services held. This last fact is certainly an indication that a Synagogue is certainly an indication that it is time a Synagogue in the Sea Point area was erected.

Succoth in Cape Town.

Succoth—the Feast of Tabernacles—is perhaps one of the most delightful festivals of the year. The only pity is that the Succah, the feature of the festival, and the one that is its particular charm, is becoming more and more rare in Jewish homes to-day.

But whatever Succahs may be omitted, the one erected by the New Hebrew Congregation never fails. This year it has been as beautifully decorated with foliage and arums as always, and the long festoons of fruits suspended overhead add greatly to the general charm of this little tabernacle. Delectable viands as always were provided for that large number of children who, long before the services in the Great Synagogue on Tuesday and Wednesday were over, gathered outside the Succah.

A very beautiful Succah has also been built by the children of the Cape Jewish Orphanage.

The services in the Synagogues were all very impressively conducted, though the attendances were considerably smaller than on the High Festivals. In the Gardens Synagogue Rev. A. P. Bender delivered a sermon on Tuesday.

A Succoth Festival.

The members of the Broth Zion Association have, we are glad to say, always realised their responsibility as women workers in the National Movement. They have always evinced an active interest in the training of the Jewish child and have endeavoured in many ways to inculcate in the latter a love for the spirit and ideals of Jewry. To prove this one need only point to their Hebrew Kindergarten established some months ago, which is doing work of such inestimable value to-day.

The Association has now arranged, in honour of the Succoth Festival, a celebration for children, which should certainly be a source of interest and enjoyment to all those wise enough to attend. An attractive programme has been arranged and includes musical items as well as an address by Mrs. Greta Bloomhill. Refreshments will be served during the afternoon. The function will be held at the Zionist Hall on Sunday afternoon and all are invited to attend.

A Succah at the Orphanage.

The Committee of the Cape Jewish Orphanage cordially invite all friends to visit the Succah, built and decorated by the children themselves, on Sunday next, 12th inst., between the hours of 3.30 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Oneg Shabbos.

Mr. Ch. B. Levinsohn presided over a well-attended gathering of the Oneg Shabbos Circle held at the Zionist Hall last Saturday afternoon. Singing, etc., was participated in with the usual eagerness, and during the afternoon Mr. M. Wolozinsky spoke interestingly on the Festival of Succoth.

An Oneg Shabbos, for which a special grand festival programme has been arranged, will be held on Saturday, 11th inst. Mr. S. H. Michelson will speak on "The Duties of the Sons to their Fathers and *vice versa* according to the Talmud." All are welcome.

Observatory and Mowbray Jewish Guild.

This newly-formed society has not been idle since its inception a few weeks ago. The enthusiasm of its committee and members augurs well for its future success, and it is to be hoped that the Mowbray Jewish Guild will soon become an active participant in the Young Israel Movement.

The first meeting took the form of a Book Tea and Novelty Evening, which proved enjoyable and amusing. Prize-winners were

Misses Rosen and Jaffe and Mr. Mirlin. A debate on August 29th was well attended and entertaining, the subject being "That Judaism is on the retrograde." Mr. J. Pinn, the President, was in the chair; the principal speakers were Messrs. Herman and Flax and Misses Jaffe and Lipschitz. The motion was lost.

A happy picnic was spent at the Glen, Camps Bay, on Sunday last, and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

A dance is being held in the Rondebosch Town Hall on November 5th, part of the proceeds to go towards the acquisition of Jewish books and periodicals for the Society. A very successful function is anticipated.

Mrs. Helen Wallis.

Mrs. Helen Wallis, Secretary to Lady Francis Ryder, who has been spending her holiday in this country, left for London on Friday last in the Arundel Castle. Among those who came to see her off were Lady Beattie, with whom she stayed during her last week, Mrs. B. K. Long and others, while she had a stack of telegrams and flowers from friends and well-wishers all over the country.

Mrs. Wallis made an extensive tour all over South Africa and was lavishly entertained wherever she went. She visited the Universities of Cape Town, Johannesburg, and Pretoria, at each of which functions were organised to enable her to meet professors and students. A graceful acknowledgment of her invaluable work in making the lot of the overseas student and visitor in London a pleasant one was the luncheon given in her honour by "grateful parents" in Pretoria. She spent a week with Mrs. Botha, widow of the late General Louis Botha. Throughout her stay she was continually meeting celebrities of this country, and never, at any time, tried to hide the fact that she was a Jewess. Indeed, she went out of her way to proclaim the fact, and we feel sure that her charming personality and her gracious manners can only add lustre to the fair name of the race to which she is proud to belong.

She spent Yom Kippur in Cape Town and left the following day. She goes back to England with an increased knowledge and understanding of the home life of the young men and women for whom she arranges such pleasant entertainment when they are friendless, alone and away from home.

A Worthy Cause.

Elsewhere in this issue we publish an account of the work being done at the Yeshibah Midrash Gavohah "Tachkemony" in Bialystok, Lithuania. Mr. Jacob Spiro, who some weeks back arrived in South Africa in the interests of this Yeshiba, brings with him letters of introduction from some of the most well-known and learned personalities in Poland and Lithuania, all of whom endorse his assertion that the cause he is championing is a necessary and deserving

one. We have no doubt that Jewry of the Peninsula will gladly give their assistance to it.

A representative meeting in connection with the purpose of Mr. Spiro's visit is being held in the Talmud Torah Hall on Saturday evening, 11th inst.

Mr. S. Gesundheit.

It was with deep regret that we learnt of Mr. S. Gesundheit's severe attack of appendicitis last week. Mr. Gesundheit was operated on on Tuesday and we are pleased to be able to state that he is making satisfactory progress. We trust that we shall soon see him completely recovered and prepared to resume his numerous public and private activities.

Ort-Oze-Emigdirect Delegate.

The Ort-Oze-Emigdirect has delegated Mr. S. Y. Jacobi to South Africa for the purpose of organising a campaign on behalf of these institutions. Mr. Jacobi is arriving in Durban on the 13th inst.

Mr. and Mrs. Pevsner.

We take this opportunity of welcoming back to South Africa Mr. and Mrs. M. Pevsner, who returned by the Windsor Castle on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Pevsner have for the last four months been spending a well-earned holiday in Europe and America, and their presence in Cape Town during that period was keenly missed by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. It is with pleasure that we reflect on their homecoming and we eagerly look forward to seeing their resumption once more of the many public activities in which they have proved themselves so devoted to the interests of their people.

Dorshei Zion Concert.

There was a fairly large gathering at the Zionist Hall last Sunday night, when a concert was held under the auspices of the Dorshei Zion Association. A very attractive programme had been arranged, all of which was vastly appreciated by those present.

The evening opened with a piano solo by Mr. M. S. Freedman, after which Mr. H. Garfinkel gave several excellent vocal renderings. Dances by the pupils of the Miriam and Elviera Kirsch School of Dancing followed and proved a very pleasing item.

Mr. J. Herbstein next delivered a short address. He dwelt on the very serious times through which Jewry was passing to-day, stressing the fact that our troubles should only make us double our efforts on behalf of the National Home. Now of all times was the time for rallying round our leaders. Mr. Herbstein concluded by referring to the Dunam Drive which was shortly about to take place, and by emphasising the necessity for making it a success.

The first half of the programme came to an end at the conclusion of Mr. Herbstein's address with the staging of a sketch, "Yidden Singen," by Messrs. Barski and Kretzmar.

After an interval Mr. H. Garfinkel again obliged with several songs, and the last item on the programme were selections from the Koon Concert Party, all of which were well received.

The evening concluded with the singing of the Hatikvah and the National Anthem.

"Jewish Music."

A lecture on "Jewish Music," outstanding for the depth of thought it revealed and for the general excellence of its quality, was delivered last Saturday night by Dr. J. Sachs, M.A., Ph.D., under the auspices of the Kadimah Association. The lecture was vastly appreciated by a large audience.

Dr. Sachs at the outset surveyed the history of music generally and dealt in particular with the tendencies of modern music. He deplored the fact that jazz had become as popular as it had and that the present generation was on the whole unable to appreciate the beauty of classic music with its powers of developing the artistic faculties and of appealing to the deeper emotions.

After speaking of the difference between Oriental and Occidental Music, Dr. Sachs went on to deal with the industry which had grown out of music, mainly in the way of recording. This too was not a matter for satisfaction, for people were accustoming themselves through it to be content with a mere record of a beautiful piece of music instead of wishing to hear the original itself.

The lecturer spoke of the genius of Jewish composers and their contributions to modern culture. Going on to speak of the character of Jewish music, he pointed out that in spite of the fact that the Jews were so logical and rational a people, it was sentimental.

Dr. Sachs concluded by speaking of the great part Jewish composers to-day were playing in the development of modern music.

Mr. Z. Avin, Chairman of the Association, at the conclusion thanked Dr. Sachs for his lecture, referring to it in very glowing terms.

A Cabaret Dance.

Members of the Kadimah Association are reminded of the Cabaret Dance which is being held to-morrow (Saturday) night at the Zionist Hall. The evening promises to be a very enjoyable one.

The secretary of the Association is now Miss A. Potash, whose address is 54, Maynard Street, Cape Town.

Social Items.

The engagement is announced of Thelma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Tyfield, of Muizenberg, to Dr. Morris J. Cohen, son of Mrs. G. Cohen, of Johannesburg.

Dr. Bennie Kay, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kay, of Sea Point, arrived from England in the Windsor Castle on Monday.

The engagement is announced between Celia, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Rubinstein, of Cape Town, and Morris, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Berlin, of Tel Aviv.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Berkowitz are being congratulated on the birth of a son.

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. C. Coopersmith (nee Joseph) on the birth of a son.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Berold returned on Monday from a trip to Europe. Mr. Berold also visited Palestine and has expressed himself as being very much impressed with all he has seen there.

Miss Pauline Alper, of the Division of Extension and Agricultural Education, has returned to South Africa after an absence of 18 months. She was awarded a Government Scholarship for special study in America and has been doing post-graduate work at the University of California.

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