

In and Around the Peninsula.

Chanukah Concert at Maitland.

A most successful Chanukah concert, organised by the pupils of the Maitland-Brooklyn Talmud Torah, took place at the Maitland Parish Hall on Thursday evening last (the hall not being available during Chanukah). There was an excellent attendance of parents and friends, all of whom vastly enjoyed the various items of a most attractively arranged programme.

The function was opened by the Chairman, Mr. A. Kaufman, who in a few suitable words stressed the great importance of such an evening and expressed the hope that it would be the forerunner of many more of its kind. A charming Hebrew sketch entitled "Zmirim" was then staged by the preparatory class of the Talmud Torah with great success. Another sketch "Birkath Hanorah" was perhaps one of the most outstanding on the programme and fully illustrated the significance of Chanukah and the true Jewish spirit it called forth in the Jewish household. Other interesting sketches were "Och Veachos," "Shalom Aleichem" and "Baal Melachos," the last mentioned being particularly good.

The whole of the fairly lengthy programme was conducted in fluent Hebrew, which says much for the progress that the children have made in the language, and which deeply impressed the audience. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. M. Natas, the principal, and Mr. M. Melamed for so ably arranging the programme. Mrs. Natas was also thanked for her kind assistance at the rehearsals, and was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers by one of the younger children.

Mr. Natas, in responding, thanked the Committee for their assistance and particularly the Chairman, Mr. Kaufman, who had rendered invaluable assistance as had also Miss R. Kaufman, who had selected the music for the songs and had accompanied the players during the evening.

With the singing of Hatikvah a most pleasant and enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

Concert at Aged Home.

Inmates of the Cape Jewish Aged Home were last Thursday night very pleasantly entertained, a concert having been arranged for their benefit by the Chairlady of the Institution, Mrs. M. Rosen, and by the Matron, Mrs. S. Franks.

Besides the inmates there was a fairly large gathering of visitors present, among them being the Mayor, Rev. A. J. S. Lewis, and Mrs. Lewis. A very enjoyable musical programme was presented, items of which were rendered by Dr. M. Gelb, who gave a violin solo, Mr. Boris Rome who sang accompanied by Dr. Rebecca Katz, by little Misses Fernandez and Sybil Joseph who gave several very clever dances, and by Miss B. Pinn,

who, accompanied by Mrs. Pinn at the piano, sang. Songs were also given by Mrs. M. Press and by Miss Richardson, whilst Miss Hinda Honikman recited and Mr. Eberlin played the violin.

At the conclusion of the concert Mr. H. Rosen, Vice-Chairman of the Institution, proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor for his attendance and to the artists for their kind assistance.

Gift to Orphanage.

We have been requested by the Committee of the Cape Jewish Orphanage to express their grateful acknowledgment of the gift of a valuable plot of land situated in De Beers Road, Strand, presented by Mr. P. J. Pienaar, Deputy-Mayor of the Strand. This gift, which the Orphanage Committee may dispose of in any manner they wish for the benefit of their funds, was given to mark Mr. Pienaar's gratitude for the prize of a Nash Sedan Car which he received from the Orphanage last July.

Ba mitzvah and Chanukah Reception.

There will be a combined Barmitzvah and Chanukah reception at the Cape Jewish Orphanage, Montrose Avenue, on Saturday evening next, the 20th inst., at eight o'clock. Four of the Orphanage lads, Herbert German, Max Meskin, Max Cooper and Louis Sher, have just become Barmitzvah and the Committee cordially invite all friends of the Orphanage to this special celebration.

Cape Town Hebrew Circle.

A very jolly social evening was held by the Cape Town Hebrew Circle in the Minor Zionist Hall on Wednesday night. Musical items were rendered by a large number of the members and there was no doubt of the delight with which they were received, the audience being bent on enjoying itself. Community singing took place with great enthusiasm and all partook of the delicious viands temptingly arranged on the tables. The evening came to a close after the younger members of the gathering had with much spirit danced the Hora.

The Philanthropic Ball.

The Committee of the Cape Jewish Board of Guardians gratefully acknowledge the assistance rendered by the various ladies who collected donations and refreshments, and who also gave their services in other ways in connection with the Philanthropic Ball on the 29th inst.

The Committee also desire to thank Messrs. Darter & Sons for the loan of a grand piano for the evening of the ball, and the following firms for their valuable gifts:—

Messrs. African Tobacco Manufacturing Company and United Tobacco Company (cigarettes), Messrs. Victoria Ice Cream

Company (ice cream), Messrs. Bashew Bros. (minerals), Messrs. Juta's (novelties), Messrs. Brookes Lemos Company (jellies), as well as all private individuals who so kindly gave gifts of refreshments.

The Zionist Conversazione.

There was a large gathering at the fort-Hall last Tuesday night when Mr. and Mrs. S. Gordon acted as host and hostess. The evening was in every way a most enjoyable one.

Mr. Gordon opened the proceedings by delivering a short introductory speech. Mr. D. Getz followed by giving his usual reports of Jewish World news after which a lengthy discussion took place on the question of Hebrew education in South Africa. The discussion was initiated by Mr. Z. Avin who described the conditions of Hebrew education in this country to-day, the difficulties under which it laboured, its shortcomings and certain improvements which might be effected. Those who expressed opinions on the matter were Dr. S. E. Kark, Mr. B. S. Hersch, Mr. S. Gordon, Mr. P. M. Clouts, Mr. D. Getz and Mr. H. Zuckerman.

During the evening tea was served and musical items were rendered by Mr. M. Natas, who recited a humorous sketch of his own composition, and who won great favour with his audience, and by Mr. Boris Rome who sang very winningly. As a reminder of Chanukah a large Menorah of blue and white in which burned brightly three candles, enjoyed a position of prominence at the back of the hall.

Kadimah Association.

There was a fairly good attendance at a Chanukah evening held last Sunday night in the Zionist Hall under the auspices of the Kadimah Association. Mr. Z. Avin, Chairman of the Association, presided, and in his opening speech spoke on the significance of Chanukah. A humorous sketch was recited by Mr. Natas after which Miss Horwitz, of Pretoria, recited. Mr. Eberlin, accompanied by Miss Eberlin at the piano, played the violin, and Miss Rabinowitz sang. A song was also given by Miss Eberlin and Mr. Wheeler read with excellent expression, extracts from the works of Shalom Aleichem. During the evening Miss Gamsu gave a piano-forte solo. The function, which concluded with dancing till 12 a.m., was in every way a most successful one.

On Sunday evening, 4th inst., Mr. Bornstein, the Jewish globe-trotter now in Cape Town, will deliver a lecture in the Zionist Hall on "The Natural Beauties of the Hawaiian Islands." The lecture will be illustrated by lantern slides.

Obituary.

Condolence is expressed with Mr. Sam Goldstein, President of the Cape Town Hebrew Congregation, on the death of his father which took place last week.

Social Items.

The marriage will be solemnised at the Gardens Synagogue, Cape Town, on Thursday, 25th December, at 11 a.m., of Rae Bank, daughter of Mrs. S. and the late Mr. Bank, to Ephraim Charlaff, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Charlaff.