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REPORTS OF JEWISH ACTIVITIES IN THE MOTHER CITY

From Our Own Correspondent.

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## SHEVUOTH.

It was indeed unfortunate that Shevuoth should this year have been ushered in by a downpour which had been threatening for many a day. Shevuoth, the festival of spring, does not, of course, occur during that season in South Africa, but we have had the good fortune on more than one occasion to have received it in Spring weather.

The weather, however, did not prevent the services in the synagogues this year from being as beautiful and inspiring as ever. In the Gardens Synagogue, in which, as every year, the profusion of greenery testified to the significance (in part) of the festival, Rev. L. Kirschner performed the service assisted by Rev. S. Kibel and the choir, and Rev. Bender on the first day delivered a very excellent sermon. In the Roeland Street Synagogue the service was admirably conducted by Cantor F. Spektor and the choir. A service was also held in the "Beth Hamedrash Hachodosh."

## MR. SHENKAR'S VISIT.

In spite of a certain amount of ill-health which attacked him while in Capetown, Mr. Shenkar, to whose visit I referred a few weeks back, has done some excellent work here in the interests of the cause in which he has come to South Africa. It was the purpose of Mr. Shenkar, who is President of the Manufacturers' Association of Eretz Israel, to interest people here in the development of Palestine industries and to enlist support for them. To a large extent he achieved his aim. A committee, consisting of Messrs. S. Gesundheit, D. Getz and J. Zuckerman, has now been formed to deal with the question of encouraging Palestine goods and increasing the market for them in this country, and it is confidently expected that with these gentlemen to direct affairs at the outset, much will be achieved.

Mr. Shenkar left last Wednesday afternoon for Port Elizabeth.

## THE HEBREW KINDERGARTEN.

The new Hebrew Kindergarten, mention of which was made in these columns some three weeks ago, was officially opened on Wednesday, 4th inst., at "Davaar," Molteno Road, Oranjezicht. The Kindergarten is being run under the auspices of the Bnoth Zion Association, and a large amount of time, energy and money has been spent in making for the success of this venture.

The Kindergarten is to be directed on principles laid down by Froebel, which emphasise first and foremost the factor of play in the education of the child. Mrs. S. Gordon, who, it will be remembered, was responsible for the very great success achieved in the first such Kindergarten held in Hope Street, has lent her valuable assistance to the organisers of the new one, and her presence there certainly gives confidence that the undertaking will bear happy results. In addition to her, there are also two other qualified Kindergarten teachers, one of them a Palestinian.

There can be little doubt that the opening of the Kindergarten has come as a welcome piece of news to most people and that it should prosper with time. And one certainly hopes it will not be long before there are others like it in existence—that there is one in every vicinity in Capetown and its suburbs where there is a Jewish population large enough to warrant it.

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## CLASSES FOR FOREIGNERS.

Some weeks ago I had occasion to refer to the very great need which exists to-day for some arrangement to be made whereby English might be taught to the large number of European Jews in Capetown; I also stated in that connection that it was the intention of the Dorshei Zion Association to organise classes for this purpose.

I have since learnt that the Dorshei Zion has given up considering such an undertaking, and that it has done so in view of the fact that classes for foreigners have now been organised by Miss Rosa van Gelderen, Principal of the Girls' Central School. Miss van Gelderen has arranged for English lessons to be given five nights per week, each lasting two hours, and has been successful in securing the gratuitous services of some twenty qualified teachers to assist her. A very large number of students attend the classes regularly.

Miss van Gelderen is in every way to be commended on the unselfish spirit and initiative she has shown in taking this step, and those who attend the classes will certainly have much for which to be grateful to her and her staff.

## THE TALMUD TORAH BALL.

The Talmud Torah Ball, which was held in the City Hall on Wednesday evening, May 28th, was a most successful affair from every point of view. There was a very large gathering present and everything had been done to render the evening a most enjoyable one. The hall was very gaily decorated, delightful music was provided by the Revellers' Orchestra, and an excellent sit-down supper had been arranged. An interlude during the evening was a mannequin parade staged by Messrs. Cash Wholesale.

The financial results should greatly benefit the institution in aid of which the ball was organised, and Mrs. M. Rosen, the convenor, and her assistants are to be congratulated on the success which has attended their efforts.

## GENERAL.

A very enjoyable Oneg Shabbos was held at the Zionist Hall last Saturday afternoon. During the course of the afternoon a lecture on "Shevuoth in Ancient and Modern Times" was delivered by Mr. Hirschon.

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