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REPORTS OF JEWISH ACTIVITIES IN THE MOTHER CITY

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HOLIDAYS BEGIN.

The holiday season is in full swing. The school vacations have arrived, and there are at present innumerable visitors in the Cape from all over the country. The seaside resorts are crowded with guests, a large number of whom are Jews, and in this connection, of course, one particularly mentions Muizenberg, which every year holds out greater attractions.

Communal activity has to all intents and purposes ceased for the next few months, although the coming conference will, for the space of a week, set it in motion again.

The Zionist conversazione will not be held again until March at least; the Oneg Shabbos Circle will also allow several months to pass before it holds a meeting again, whilst Jewish societies generally have automatically ceased to function until the hot weather will have passed.

The conference, of course, is being very keenly anticipated. Resolutions for discussion at it are being considered by local societies and delegates are being elected, whilst there can be no doubt of the eagerness with which all look forward to meeting the delegates from other constituencies. The time of year and the centre in which it is being held certainly give promise that the conference will be one of the most well attended that has been held for some time now, and that it will, as a result, be fairly successful, even if for these reasons only. One, of course, certainly hopes so. It is difficult to surmise as to results at the present stage, but one can only hope for the best and trust that the conference will meet with all the success it shows signs of doing to-day.

AT THE ORPHANAGE.

A very pleasant little function took place at the Cape Jewish Orphanage Home on Saturday evening, the 20th ult., in order to celebrate the becoming Barmitzvah of four of the boys, Max Meskin, Max Cooper, Louis Sher and Herbert German. The dining-room of the hall was very beautifully decorated, and the tables were laden with the most delicious dainties. There was not too large a gathering of visitors, but the Orphanage boys and girls all enjoyed themselves tremendously.

During the evening musical items were rendered by several of the Orphanage children, and congratulatory speeches were delivered by Mr. J. Kadish, President of the Institution; Mr. B. A. Crasnow, Vice-President; Dr. Kramer, Messrs. R. Weinberg, M. Shnaps and J. Weinreich. Mr. S. Michelson spoke on the significance of the Festival of Chanukah.

On Wednesday afternoon, 17th ult., the Mayoress, Mrs. A. J. S. Lewis, visited the Home. Mrs. Lewis, after an inspection of the Home, expressed her deep appreciation of the work being done there.

NEW HEBREW CONGREGATION.

One cannot but heartily congratulate the new Hebrew congregation (Roeland Street Synagogue) on the fact that it has now neared the completion of thirty years of its existence. This fact was brought out in the address given by Mr. M. Gurland, President of the Congregation, at the special Chanukah service held in the Synagogue on Sunday afternoon, 21st ult., and, as Mr. Gurland pointed out, it is a fact of which the congregation may well be proud.

Mr. Gurland, in his address, also spoke of the significance of Chanukah, and raised the question as to why it should have been given this name—the Dedication—when in reality it was a festival that was important more because of the victory of the Maccabees than of the actual dedication of the Temple. He gave it as his opinion that the reason lay in the fact that the Jews instinctively did not feel the emotion of revenge very strongly within themselves, and were therefore unable to rejoice in the defeat of their enemies. He quoted from the Talmud to illustrate his meaning.

The service, which was conducted by Rev. F. Spektor, with the accompaniment of the choir (under the direction of Mr. W. Sher) and the organ played by Miss B. Satz and of a string quartette consisting of Miss Minnie Goldblatt, Miss E. Satz, Mr. Katzin and Mr. Kawitsky, was most impressive and was very much appreciated by the large gathering of worshippers who had assembled.

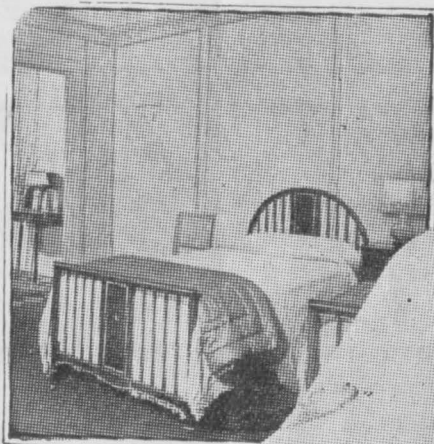
During the course of the service a collection for the National Fund was made with fairly successful results.

GENERAL.

The marriage took place at the Gardens Synagogue, on Sunday last, of Sara, twin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Getz, of Capetown, to Cyril, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Meskin, of Johannesburg.

Among the visitors in the Peninsula at present are Advocate Philip Millin, K.C., and Mrs. Sarah Gertrude Millin, Mr. J. Philips and Miss Philips, of Bloemfontein, and Advocate D. Cohen, of Kimberley.

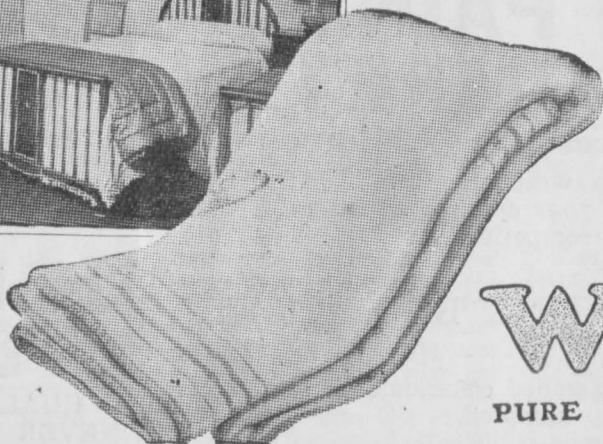
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