

"From Slavery to Freedom."

(From a Correspondent.)

One can conceive of no better effort than has been recently formulated to awaken in our youth a true Jewish consciousness.

This onerous and difficult task has been undertaken by Mrs. Arons, better known as the organiser of the Children's Zionist Movement, who, in conjunction with a few others, is producing a children's historical play for early in November.

The play will depict the exodus of the Children of Israel from Egypt, and is intended to be the first production of a series of plays, portraying the history of the Jews up till modern times. The idea of these plays is to afford to the children participating, and those who will form part of the audience, a vivid account of the Jewish history and at the same time offer them an opportunity to acquaint themselves with the Hebrew language. This particular play is in English and Hebrew, but it is hoped and intended that the other plays to follow will be completely staged in Hebrew.

The production is in the hands of Miss Holloway, an experienced and well-known producer, who is doing remarkably well with a play presenting an unusual theme and calls for careful thought in introducing the correct atmosphere of the days of our forefathers.

The dances, of which there are a liberal number, are under the supervision of Miss Grayce Guinsberg, and she has arranged artistic, rhythmic motions and solos befitting that period of our history.

The conception of this, the first of a series of historical plays, is the work of Miss Ben Jacob, and has been revised by Miss Judith Hurwitz. It should be stated that Miss Ben Jacob's sojourn with us in Johannesburg is to spread her ideal, namely, the Hebrew language among children. The musical direction has been undertaken by Mrs. Mierowsky, wife of the Director of Hebrew Education. The music, always the expression of the soul, will, without doubt, be inspired with the true Jewish tradition.

Only those who have worked with children can realise the amount of hard work the production entails upon Mrs. Arons, to whom the greatest credit is due.

Revival of Zionist Activity in Vereeniging.

In response to an appeal made by Rev. Glass during his sermon on the first day of Rosh Hashonah, a representative meeting of some fifty ladies and gentlemen was held at the Isaac Lewis Hall, on Sunday, the 13th inst.

Rev. Glass, who presided, again referred to the appeal which he had made and as a result it was unanimously agreed that the local Zionist Society be resuscitated. Mr. J. Klaff moved that the Society begin its activities afresh under the previous constitution—namely, to follow the programme of the General Zionists and pledge loyalty to the newly elected World Zionist Executive.

Mr. Berkowitz moved an amendment that the society associate itself with the Revisionist programme. On being put to the vote the amendment was lost, only three voting in its favour and thirty-five against.

Nominations for honorary officers were then proceeded with and Mr. S. Friedman, the well-known communal worker, was unanimously elected president and was cordially received on taking the chair. The following were the remaining hon. officers elected for the ensuing year Vice-President, Rev. Glass; Treasurer, Mr. A. Marks; Secretary, L. Rapport; Committee, Messrs S. Sacks, G. Klaff and L. Druian.

Rev. Glass announced to the audience that Mr. J. Gluckman, an old and respected member of the Vereeniging community, who four years ago had left to settle in Tel-Aviv, was paying a visit to South Africa shortly and intended to spend some time in Vereeniging. It was decided to extend to Mr. Gluckman an official welcome on his arrival in town. After the meeting, light refreshments were served by the ladies and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Rev. Glass for convening a function which is likely to prove of great importance in the revival of local Zionist activity.

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ORPHANAGE MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN.

A One-Day Drive.

The following are the conveners to date of the Johannesburg one-day new membership drive for the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, to be held on Sunday, October 11th:—Berea, Mrs. H. Light; Houghton, Orange Grove, Norwood, etc., Mrs. W. Sachs; Parktown, Westcliff, Parkview and Braamfontein, Mesdames A. Atkins, A. M. Lazarus and Myer Mendelsohn; Forest Town, Saxonwold, etc., Mesdames E. Brasch and L. K. Jacobs; Parkwood, Rosebank, Parktown North and Parkhurst, Mrs. Maurice Franks; Johannesburg Central, Mesdames B. Kaumheimer and S. Raphaely; Doornfontein, Bertrams, Judith Paarl, Lorentzville, Mrs. A. Nathan, Mr. I. Soskaine, Mrs. Blumberg; Yeoville, Bellevue, Observatory, Mesdames A. Ullmann, L. Hochstadter, A. T. Shrock and S. Mallinick; Kensington, Fairview, Mr. and Mrs. I. Schwartzman; Jeppe, Belgravia, Troyeville, Mrs. I. W. Osrin; Malvern, Denver, Mrs. S. Fogel; Hospital Hill, Hillbrow, Mrs. M. Reuvid and Mrs. S. A. Rosenberg; Mayfair, Fordsburg, Langlaagte, Auckland Park, Brixton, etc., Mrs. B. Meyerowitz; La Rocneile, Rosettenville, Regents Park, Mrs. M. Maisel; Booyens, Ophirton, Turfontein and Forest Hill, Miss R. Sarovitch.

Mr. Bert Mendelsohn, the vice-president, is the convener for the motor transport, and would be grateful for the loan of cars for the morning of the campaign. His telephone number is 6221 Central.

Mr. B. Moss Morris, the hon. secretary, is the hon. organiser of the drive, and reports that all the preparations are well in hand. Although over 8,000 names have to be canvassed, many of them are of more than one in one house, so that the task of the canvassers will not be as great as that large number would at first lead one to imagine.

The next meeting of conveners will be held at the Carlton Hotel on Monday evening next, when important matters in connection with the Johannesburg drive will be discussed and decided upon.

OBITUARY.

Mr. W. BERK (Cape Town).

The death occurred at his residence on Tamboers Kloof, on Tuesday morning last of Mr. Woolf Berk. The deceased, who was well known for his genial disposition and generosity, will be sadly missed by many friends. Mr. Berk took a practical interest in every aspect of Jewish life, and was a keen supporter of all Jewish philanthropic and national endeavour.

The funeral, which took place on Tuesday, drew a large attendance of mourners at the graveside. The deceased leaves a widow and two children, a son and a daughter.

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