

## IN PORT ELIZABETH.

The annual Chanukah concert and prize distribution of the Hebrew School, which took place on Sunday, the 6th inst., in the St. George's Hall, attracted a large gathering. The evening commenced with the lighting of the Chanukah candle by Mr. I. Silpert, accompanied by the singing of *Moauz Tsur* by the school choir. The Hebrew recitations rendered by Masters Teddy Elion, Monty Shnier and Reuben Sougin Mibashan were much appreciated by the audience. The garden scene enacted by eight little girls dressed as flowers was very colourful and effective. The sketch of the "Haluzim" by eight little boys dressed as workmen elicited great applause, as did also a number of Hebrew songs sung by the school choir. Mr. J. M. Kantor, well-known in musical circles here, accompanied the performances.

The outstanding item of the evening, however, was the Hebrew play "Hahashmonaim," by I. Katzenelson, artistically performed by the pupils Abe Lazarus, Aaron Redhouse, Leonard Bendelstein, Gerald Meyer, Fred Benjamin, Israel Segal, Sonia Stein and Esmin Barris. The little artists acquitted themselves well and received enthusiastic applause from an appreciative audience. During the play Miss Reggie Elion rendered exquisitely on the violin Ovi's "Orientale."

On behalf of the pupils of the Hebrew School, Leonard Bendelstein presented Mrs. Mibashan with a letter of thanks and a bouquet of carnations in appreciation of her excellent work in training them for this concert and play. Mrs. Mibashan then distributed Chanukah presents donated by Mr. and Mrs. Lazar Mirkin to all the pupils who participated in the performance, and in a short address thanked the children for their regularity and zeal, during rehearsals, and exhorted them to emulate the heroes of Israel, whom the Feast of Light so vividly recalls to our mind.

The Chairman of the Hebrew School, Mr. S. Weinronk, then delivered an address, in which he stressed the importance of the activity of this school and paid tribute to the successful performance that night, which, he said, added to the prestige of the institution. He appealed to those present to support the Hebrew School in its great task.

### The Hebrew School's Progress.

Dr. J. Mibashan, the Principal of the Hebrew School, presented his report for 1931, which showed that nearly 90 pupils were grouped in five standards and a Junior Certificate class. Tuition was carried out along the most modern lines, and created in the souls of the children a synthesis of all the fundamentals of Judaism. Religion, Hebrew language and literature, biblical and new Jewish history, and the geography of Eretz Israel formed part of the curriculum. The progress made by the pupils in all the subjects was remarkable, and fully 25 per cent of them obtained prizes. Stress was laid on Hebrew conversation in all standards.

Dr. Mibashan then dwelt on the inadequacy of the school building, the insufficiency of the staff in proportion to the number of the pupils, the irregular and unpunctual attendance of the classes by the children.

The speaker paid tribute to the work of his colleague Mr. L. Silpert, who in addition to ordinary school work, also prepared the pupils of the Barmitzvah class.

Dr. Mibashan made a strong appeal to the public to give their financial and moral support to the Hebrew School, insisting especially on the crying need for a new school building. He thanked the chairman and members of the Committee for their activity and interest on behalf of the institution, and expressed the hope that they will always grant him their valuable assistance.

Rev. A. Levy in a short address paid warm tribute to Dr. and Mrs. Mibashan for the success of the function, and then went on to show the good work done in the school by the principal and staff during the year under review.

Rabbi A. Wilenchyk delivered an address on the significance of Chanukah, and pointed out that the life and culture of Israel have only been saved and prolonged thanks to the house of learning. He exhorted all those present to do their best to enable the Hebrew School to reach financially the same high level which it holds educationally.

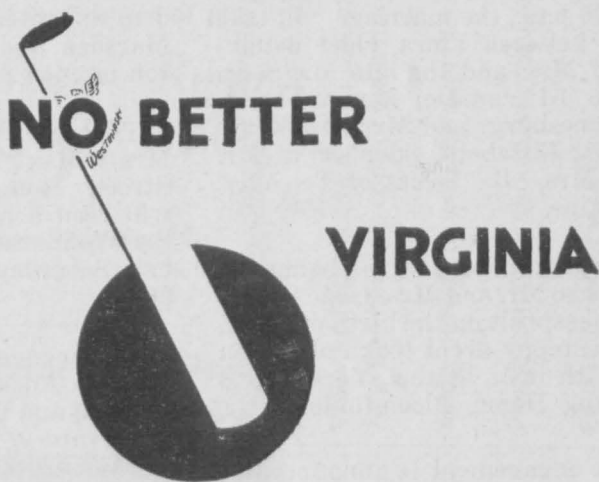
### Prize Winners.

The prizes were then distributed by Mrs. H. Sammel. Diplomas as well as cheques from a special fund towards which Mr. A. Sher made a substantial contribution, were given to Messrs. David I. Adler, Joe Levin, Wolf Mirkin, Abe Rosenberg and Hyman Zinober, all of whom matriculated in Hebrew in 1930. Dr. Mibashan, in a few impressive words, bade them farewell. Book prizes were awarded to 22 pupils, as well as six special prizes to pupils who took a course in Talmud under the able tuition of Rabbi Wilenchyk. Cheques, given by Mr. B. Levin and Mr. J. Schumacher, were awarded to Abe Lazarus (for highest marks in Bible), Jack Hoffman and Minnie Bloch (for best behaviour in school).

Mr. N. Lurie, vice-chairman of the Hebrew School Committee, proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Sammel for distributing the prizes.



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