

UNITED HEBREW CONGREGATION

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the offerings should be done away with at both the Park and Yeoville Synagogues. He maintained that commercialism in the synagogues had gone too far.

Mr. Harry Carter, M.P.C., opposed the resolution. It required a great deal of careful consideration, and Jewish charitable institutions would suffer considerably. He suggested that the question was so important that a conference should be held of representatives of Synagogues to go very carefully into the matter.

MR. WOLF HILLMAN said it was easy to make statements to go out to collect for the charitable institutions, but it was not so easy to get the money. It was all very well to talk about principles. His principle was to look after the poor and humanity.

The revenue for the Orphanage alone from synagogue offerings was £1,000 a year.

Those people who were in favour of the resolution should go out and try to collect that sum. There were many people who would not give charity unless they gave it publicly, and one had to take this into consideration. If instead of having so much competition between the synagogues—for instance, there were nine synagogues near each other within a circumference of half a mile of that meeting—and the synagogues would become united under one council, then the individual members of the community could be taxed so much a year for the upkeep of their charities. If they did that, he would be the first to do away with the offerings, but only then. He appealed to them on behalf of the charitable institutions of this town, not to do away with a substantial source of their present revenue.

Messrs. S. B. Friede, M. Sand, and M. Grushlawsky also spoke against the resolution.

Messrs. D. A. Bradlow and B. S. Hersch replied to the discussion. The Chairman then put Mr. Hersch's amendment to the vote, which was by show of hands, and declared the amendment lost. Thereupon Mr. Hersch claimed a division. The Chairman agreed to the division, but Mr. S. Katzen urged that owing to the lateness of the hour, many of those present having already left for luncheon, and this being such an important matter, no vote should be taken that day, but a further meeting called to come to a final decision.

Mrs. Joe Cohen also appealed to the Chairman in support of Mr. Katzen. The Chairman, however, said that he was in duty bound to have this division, and he asked them to divide.

The body of members, however, refused to do so, and the meeting dispersed without any final decision, after Mr. Harry Carter and Mr. H. W. Vorenberg proposed and seconded, respectively, a vote of thanks to the Chairman and President.

JEWISH GUILD (JOHANNESBURG).

"Melody Time," the musical comedy presented by the Jewish Guild Musical Art Section on Sunday night at the Jewish Guild War Memorial Hall, exceeded all expectations. It was played to a packed house, many being unable to gain admission. Mr. Ike Baruch, the producer, deserves the greatest credit for a show which appealed to all. The Negro Cabaret dancing of the ballet as well as the solo dances, especially those of little Zora Baetz, proved most popular. The costumes were artistically designed by the Ballet Mistress, Miss Sybil Davis, the colourful schemes proving very effective. Miss Charmion Cantor is the musical director and Mr. Alec Benjamin the musical conductor. "Melody Time" will be repeated on Sundays, June 17th and 24th.

The Gallery Club has arranged for an outing to see "The Melody of Life" at the Colosseum on Monday, June 18th. Booking at the Guild.

The next Guild Dramatic Social will take place on Wednesday, June 20th, at 8.15 p.m., and as an interesting programme has been arranged, followed by dancing, a large attendance is anticipated.

"THE NIGHT OF JUNE THE THIRTEENTH."

Clive Brook, supported by Charles Ruggles, Lila Lee, Mary Boland, and Frances Dee, feature in the production "The Night of June the Thirteenth" now being shown at the Plaza Theatre. The film is a comprehensive story of suburban life, which is marred by a tragedy occurring on the night of June the Thirteenth. The players give fine performances. The supporting programme includes three news reels and Max Bruce at the Wurlitzer.



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Zionism in Somerset East

From "ZIONIST" (Somerset East).

(To the Editor of the "Zionist Record.")

Sir.—As an inspired Zionist, I would like to record my appreciation to a certain small town in the Cape, namely, Somerset East, where there are only a handful of about 10 Jewish families.

The small Zionist Society in this town hold regular monthly Zionist meetings in the form of "At Homes," given by their members, where interesting papers are read, and inspiring addresses are given by their minister on the work of Zionism in our National Home. Never has an "at home" of this nature brought in to the Jewish National Fund less than the sum of £7 or £8, thus accumulating approximately about £100 annually, besides special drives, such as the Dunam and Keren Hayesod drives to which they specially subscribe. I do not think there are many small towns with such a small number of Jewish inhabitants who can boast of such enthusiastic workers.

Yours, etc.,

"ZIONIST."

Eastern Districts Judean Society

On Saturday evening, 16th inst., the above society is holding its monthly club night at the Eastern Districts Communal Hall, cor. Browning and Marshall Streets, Jeppe. The usual attractions in the form of spot dances, etc., have been arranged, and all Judeans who attend are assured of a most enjoyable evening.

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