In and Around the Peninsula.

Strand Jewry Entertains the Orphans.

On Sunday last, January 4th, the children of the Cape Jewish Orphanage enjoyed the second of those delightful outings which the committee have so thoughtfully arranged for them, this time to the Strand. Once again, accompanied by several members of the committee and friends, they all travelled on the lorries which had been kindly lent by Messrs. Fig Bros. and Sacks, Raphael Bros., and S.A. Cabinet Works, and the happy singing and laughter which marked the gathering certainly gave indication that not a little pleasure was being derived from this excursion.

On their arrival at the Strand at 10.15 a.m. the party was met by representatives of the Jewish Ladies' Benevolent Society, among whom were Mrs. Fuchs, Chairlady; Mrs. Ginsberg, Mrs. Goldberg and Mrs. Nochomowitz, and they were all taken to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Nochomowitz, where they found awaiting them a wonderful reception. Tables were laid on the stoep and throughout the house with great lavishness and plenty, and refreshments were thoroughly enjoyed by the little ones.

After this repast the children enjoyed an envigorating dip in the sea, after which they were distributed among the various families for lunch, to whom the opportunity was afforded for making this a special occasion.

Once again, in the afternoon, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nochomowitz was invaded, where an impromtu concert was arranged, this being a delightful addition to the day's enjoyment. During the afternoon, Rev. Kaplan, of Jeppe, a cousin of Mrs. Fuchs, made a very eloquent and appealing speech, saying that he was particularly delighted to have had the opportunity of seeing how happy the children looked and how well they were being cared for.

Mr. J. Kadish, president of the Orphanage, in thanking Rev. Kaplan for his kind remarks, expressed his grateful appreciation of the wonderful manner in which the Strand Jewish community had so generously entertained the Cape Jewish Orphanage, and assured them that this outing, as the previous one to Stellenbosch, would be remembered by the children as one of their red letter days.

A very tired but happy party left for home soon afterwards.

LECTURE BY ADV. D. COHEN.

The Young Israel Week, which is at present being held at Muizenberg, started off last Saturday evening with a most successful dance at the Marine Hotel. There was a very good attendance, and for all the function proved a highly enjoyable affair.

On Sunday evening an address was given by Advocate D. Cohen in the Muizenberg Synagogue in the presence of a fairly large audience. Mr. Cohen spoke generally on Young Israel Camps and Young Israel Weeks such as the one being held at Muizenberg, expressing the opinion that they were of very great cultural and social value. He then went on to speak on the problems of the Jewish youth to-day, stating that the only solution to those problems was Zionism. In order to make the Zionist movement successful it was necessary for the Jewish youth to acquaint himself with the history and traditions of his people, of which in far too many cases he was ignorant.

Before actually delivering his address Mr. Cohen referred to the loss sustained by Jewry in the death of Lord Melchett, as a tribute to whom the gathering rose.

At the conclusion of the address Captain Levinsohn said a few words in favour of giving the child a Jewish education in a Jewish atmosphere and thus preparing him for the duties which awaited him.

Mr. S. Kavalsky presided and Rev. H. Isaacs proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker.

Young Israel Camp at Strand.

The Sixth Young Israel Camp held at the Strand under the auspices of the Judean Central Council is at present in full swing. There are some 115 campers drawn from all over the Western Province, and all of them seem as happy and contented under canvass as one could possibly wish to find them.

The camp was officially opened last Sunday afternoon by Mr. H. M. Jaffe in the presence of campers, a large number of parents, and not a few of the Strand residents. In the evening the opening social was held in the Majestic Hall. Dr. B. Isaacson presided and warmly welcomed the campers, whilst a speech in which he extended a welcome to the visitors was also delivered by Mr. P. J. Pienaar, Deputy Mayor of the Strand.

During the last week addresses have been delivered by Mr. M. Kentridge, M.P., and Mr. J. Weinrich (a report of which appears elsewhere), a film of Palestine life was shown, one or two social functions have taken place and on Tuesday evening last a debate on the subject "That Zionism tends to intensify rather than to solve the Jewish Problem," was keenly contested.

On Sunday morning last a visit was paid to the camp by Rev. A. P. Bender, who was very much impressed by all he saw.

The camp breaks up on Sunday, 11th January. Outstanding functions yet to be held at the time of writing are a lecture by Dr. J. Mibashan to the seniors and by Miss

H. Hersman to the juniors, reports of which will be given next week, and the camp for concert which of course is a great event.

The heads of the camps, Mr. Sol Cohen for the seniors and Mr. Herzl Zuckerman for the juniors, are to be congratulated on the success with which they have carried out their duties.

The Plantation Ball.

The Plantation Ball held on Wednesday night in the City Hall in aid of the Green and Sea Point Synagogue Building Fund was from every point of view a most successful affair. There was a very large gathering present and nothing had been left undone in catering for their comfort and pleasure.

The hall had been decorated in a most novel and remarkable fashion, it being so arranged as to represent the cotton fields of the Southern States of America. Handpainted panels lined the walls, depicting scenes in keepink with the general idea of the decoration scheme.

The scheme was originated by Mr. J. Lonstein and Mr. de Wet and they were assisted in carrying it out by Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin and Mr. Broomberg.

Adding greatly to the beauty of the setting and rendering the heat somewhat less intense was a cubist block of ice in the centre of the hall, the gift of the Imperial Cold Storage Company. Flowers had been arranged in the ice which had been further illuminated by coloured lights from below. Excellent music was provided by Norrie Sowman and His Revellers, whilst the exhibition dancing of Miss Dorothy Dymond and Mr. Ralph Berelowitz was much appreciated. Another pleasing interlude was given by "Effie and Elsie" who are at present appearing at the Tivoli.

The Building Fund should certainly benefit considerably by the results of the ball.

SOCIAL ITEMS.

Mr. M. Kentridge, M.P., left for Johannesburg on Tuesday.

The engagement is announced between Miriam, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Basckin, of Cape Town, to Ben, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Hyams, of Durban.

The engagement is announced of Becky, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Swerling, of Cape Town, to Jack eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Basckin, of Cape Town.

Mrs. Bertha Solomon, LL.B., is at present on holiday in the Peninsula and is staying with her mother, Mrs. I. Schwartz.

Mr. H. M. Shaban, representative of the "Dorem Afrika," is spending a holiday in the Peninsula and will attend the Zionist Conference next week in the interests of the above journal.

Mr. J. Alexander, Secretary of the S.A. Zionist Federation, arrives in Cape Town to-day in connection with the forthcoming Zionist Conference.

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