

In and Around the Peninsula.

The Hebrew Circle.

The Hebrew Circle inaugurated its second year of activity at the Zionist Hall on Monday last by a festival evening in honour of Pesach, which served at the same time to celebrate the seventieth birthday of our great national leader, Nathum Sokolow.

The meeting opened with community singing of Bialik's "Strengthen the hands of our people." This was followed by a piano solo by Mr. Koorland which was very much appreciated.

Mr. A. Levin, the President, in his opening address, expressed satisfaction at the progress made by the Circle in the first year of its existence but appealed to all present to become actively associated with it so as to enable it to continue its work with renewed strength. He then spoke of Sokolow's many talents, of the height of his attainments in each of his many spheres of activity whether as journalist, author, politician, leader or historian.

Dr. Mibashan gave some very interesting reminiscences of the three occasions on which he was privileged to meet this almost superman. He explained how great an influence Sokolow had had on his thoughts since his early childhood and how in Eretz Israel he had the opportunity, for which he had always longed, of coming face to face with the object of his yearning, for the first time after the 1920 riots. The doctor recalled how much the leader Sokolow showed himself to be at that awful time, how he urged his followers away from the darkness of the past to renewed hope in the future. On the historic occasion of the opening of the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus Sokolow had aged in appearance, but the fire of his speech penetrated to the hearts of tens of thousands of his hearers, Jew and Gentile alike, who had assembled to celebrate the national revival of the Jewish people in its own homeland. The doctor's third meeting with Sokolow took place when the great statesman came out to Palestine to investigate into the causes of the financial crisis in 1928. Bowed and apparently an old man, his heart and mind were still young and his mental strength unabated.

The next speaker was Mr. B. L. Rubik, who considered Nahum Sokolow most in his role as teacher. The speaker emphasised that the great journalist and author was the first to bring new ideas into the realm of Hebrew journalism which he made all-embracing, bringing "the earth and the fulness thereof to the minds of his readers." He could be compared to a man scattering his wealth carelessly, having so many and so many-sided thoughts that they slipped almost unconsciously from his pen and tongue, enlightening his own generation and generations to come.

After the guests had regaled themselves with refreshments suitable for Pesach, Miss N. Ben-Arie read "Zion." Then a parody on the "Hagadah" prepared by Mr. M. Natas, was read by Messrs. Natas and Reuveni. Songs were rendered by Mrs. B. Kaploon, Miss N. Ben-Arie, Miss Rabinowitz and Mr. Kavarsky. Mr. Koorland, besides accompanying Mr. Kavarsky, gave another piano-forte solo. Mr. Reuveni recited and Mr. Z. Avin gave a reading from Isaac Lamdan.

Mr. A. Levin then wished the hero of the evening many years of happiness and usefulness to the Zionist cause, on his own behalf as well as on behalf of all present.

After a vote of thanks to the Chairman was moved by Mr. Natas, who expressed the Circle's deep appreciation of Mr. Levin's valuable services to its cause, the meeting closed with the singing of *Hatikvah*.

Passover.

When we go to press once more the Passover Festival will have passed.

The Synagogue were filled with worshippers who spent some hours in prayer and meditation.

Rev. Bender addressed his congregation in a singularly beautiful and moving sermon.

At the Synagogue of the New Hebrew Congregation and at the Beth Hamedrash Hachodosh worshippers were inspired by the services with its ritual and song.

At the Orphanage services were held and many friends and members of the Committee joined them at the Sedorim. Many of the boys and girls who have already left the home were present, including all the girls from Shalvah Hostel, together with Miss Berliner. The Seder ceremonies were conducted very ably by Mr. Bereşinsky and a splendid supper was provided including gifts from various parts of the country.

After the Seder there were a number of speeches. Such Seder nights cannot fail to leave a lifelong impression on the children.

Many friends joined the inmates of the Old Aged Home at the Sedorim also. Among those present were Mrs. M. Rosen, Mrs. Kibel and Rev. Kibel. The latter conducted the ceremonies in a fitting manner. The small grandson of the matron performed his share of the proceedings, the whole of which were enjoyed by all present.

The evening was brought to a close by an apt little speech by one of the inmates, who, thanked those present for coming and also Rev. Kibel for officiating.

Chaelmoed Concert.

The concert held in the Zionist Hall on Sunday evening last (Chaelmoed Pesach), was under the auspices of the Dorshei Zion Association. It was a most successful affair from every point of view. The attendance was good, the programme was good and everything went off with a swing. The pianoforte solo by Mrs. S. Pertz was well received as were the violin solos by Miss S. Kudewitsky. Recitations by Miss M. Gell and Mr. M. Losman were pleasing and the dances by Miss Sadie Marks delighted the audience as dance items always do. Cantor Lew Ziv gave popular renderings of Yiddish songs with a true Passover flavour to them and the address of Mr. J. B. Shacknovis very fittingly too, had the Festival of Freedom as its theme.

A very pleasant evening concluded with the singing of *Hatikvah*.

Oneg Shabbos.

The *Oneg Shabbos* held in the Zionist Hall last week was very well attended. The hall was full. There was a real Passover spirit throughout the proceedings. Dr. S. E. Kark gave a lecture which was much appreciated on "The Origin of Jewish Festivals." Other items were recitations by Mr. Natas and songs by Rev. Rabinowitz, all of which were very well received. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent by all.

J.N.F. Collection.

On Sunday, as was notified in our last issue, several couples went out collecting for the National Fund. We are pleased to state that all met with success. It is understood, however, that several couples did not completely cover their districts, also that a few districts were left unattended, owing to an unsufficiency of collectors. These matters will be rectified and next Sunday the collection will be continued and completed.

Conversazione.

On Tuesday next in the Zionist Hall the fortnightly conversazione will be held. These evenings prove as popular as ever and this one, we are sure, will be as interesting as its predecessors. If you want to spend a pleasant and interesting evening, come to the Zionist Hall next Tuesday.

Condolences.

We regret to announce the death, as a result of a motor accident early on Wednesday morning, of Mr. M. Rabinowitz, of Wynberg. He was a brother of Rev. Rabinowitz, of Cape Town, and of Miss Rabinowitz, teacher at the New Kindergarten just opened at the Zionist Hall.

Mr. Rabinowitz was a member of the teaching staff of the Wynberg Hebrew School and was highly respected by all who knew him. He will be sadly missed and we cannot all but regret the untimely end to a promising career.

The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon from the Wynberg Synagogue and was attended by a representative gathering of friends and colleagues.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to his family, as well as to his fiancée.

Special Jewish Concert.

The Municipal Orchestra is having a Special Jewish "Pop" Concert at the City Hall this Saturday night. A most attractive programme is promised. The soloists are Oberkantor M. Katzin and Mr. I. Chosack.

Those who heard Mr. Katzin at his recent concert at Wynberg will be sure to take advantage of this opportunity of hearing him again. Those who have not heard him yet should not miss doing so. Mr. Katzin is the possessor of an operatic tenor voice of fine lyrical quality and tone, admired and praised by all who hear him. He will sing operatic arias as well as Jewish songs.

Mr. Chosack will give a Xylophone solo, which promises to be as popular as his performances usually are.

An item of special interest is a "Fantasia on Jewish Folk Tunes" by Mr. Wm. J. Pickerill, the director and conductor of the Orchestra. He has dedicated it to "Jewish Patrons and Friends of the Cape Town Orchestra." This should prove specially attractive, both because of its Jewish association and because it has been compiled by the musician's hand of Mr. Pickerill.

Saturday night should prove a gala night for Jewish concert-goers.

Forthcoming Functions.

Sunday, April, 12th, Zionist Hall at 8.15 p.m.—Kadimah Association. Literary Trial on Sabbatai Zevi.

Monday, April 13th., Zionist Hall at 8.15 p.m.—Maccabean Guild. Mr. Julius Lewin will speak on "Experiences and Impressions Overseas."

Minor Hall at 8.15 p.m.—League for Working Palestine Meeting.

Tuesday, April 14th, Zionist Hall at 8.15 p.m.—Zionist Conversatione.

Thursday, April 16th, Zionist Hall at 8 p.m.—Maccabean Guild. Grand Cabaret Dance. Interludes.

Social Items.

Mr. M. Kentridge, M.P., and Mr. Isaac Ochberg left for Johannesburg on Friday.

Mr. B. Segal, of Johannesburg, spent last week-end in Cape Town.

Mr. Benzion S. Hersch arrived from Johannesburg on Monday.

Dr. J. Mibashan left on Tuesday afternoon last on his return to Port Elizabeth.

Rev. L. Kirschner, of the Gardens Synagogue, is leaving on Friday, 17th inst., on a short trip to Europe, in order to visit his mother.

Mr. J. Herbststein returned on Saturday, from a short visit to Bloemfontein.

Miss M. Gitlin left yesterday on a holiday visit to Kimberley and Johannesburg.

Forthcoming Congress.

Date and Place Decided.

Cable news has been received that the Seventeenth Zionist Congress will take place at Basle, the opening being arranged for June 29th.

THE JEWISH CALENDAR.

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*New Moon Iyar	Saturday, 18th April.
Lag b'Omer	Tuesday, 5th May.
New Moon Sivan	Sunday, 17th May.
Shevuoth, 1st day	Friday, 22nd May.
*New Moon Tammuz ..	Tuesday, 16th June.
Fast of Tammuz	Thursday, 2nd July.
New Moon Ab	Wednesday, 15th July.
Fast of Ab	Thursday, 23rd July.
*New Moon Ellul	Friday, 14th August.

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New Year, 1st day	Saturday, 12th September.
New Year, 2nd day	Sunday, 13th September.
Day of Atonement	Monday, 21st September.
Tabernacles, 1st day ..	Saturday, 26th September
Tabernacles, 8th day ..	Saturday, 3rd October.
Rejoicing of the Law ..	Sunday, 4th October.
Chanukah	Saturday, 5th December.

*Also observed the day previous as New Moon



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Directors' Report.

The Directors of the African Life Assurance Society submitted their annual report for the year ended December 31st, 1930, to the twenty-sixth Annual General Meeting held in Johannesburg on March 26th, 1931.

In all departments the report shows very satisfactory activities. A glance at the state of the funds from the time of the inception of the Society up till the present shows a great increase. This says much for the stability of the company and the confidence felt therein.

The Directors congratulate the members on the continued progress of the Society.

The Value for Money Sale of Work takes place on May 5th. Come to the Zionist Hall and do your buying.