

## In and Around the Peninsula.

### Shevuoth in Cape Town.

The synagogues were well filled during the Festival of Shevuoth on Friday and Saturday. They were all very beautifully decorated with greenery as usual during this festival and the services were as impressive as ever.

In the Gardens Synagogue the service was conducted by Rev. S. Kibel, who was assisted by the choir under Mr. Boris Rome. On the first morning a very inspiring sermon was delivered by Rev. A. P. Bender.

In the Roeland Street Synagogue, Cantor F. Spektor conducted the service with the assistance of the choir, whilst a very inspiring service was held at the Beth Hamidrash Hachodosh.

### The Zionist Conversation.

Dr. S. E. Kark acted as host at the Zionist Conversation held on Tuesday evening last. There was a fairly large gathering present.

The main feature of the evening was a discussion on a paper read by Advocate Maggie Oblowitz. Miss Oblowitz chose as her subject Mr. Louis Herrman's book, "A History of the Jews in South Africa," and she dealt with it in very able fashion indeed.

The history of Jewry, she contended, was not the history of a single nation but the history of the world and so the task of compiling that history in all its detail was beyond the power of any one man. As yet there was no standard comprehensive work of Jewish history, each of the great Jewish historians succeeding only in respect of one particular period. For instance, Professor Emil Schirrer was recognised as the authority on the period of the Second Temple, Weis on the Talmudic period, Graetz on the German-Polish hegemony and Dubnow on the Polish-Russian hegemony.

The Jewish world awaited the historian who would present a consecutive history of the Jewish people based on the combined works of these historians, with the intervals between the periods completed by original research and supplemented by the history of the development and rise of the smaller Jewish communities. Mr. Herrman's book, in giving an excellent supplementary history of the Jewish community in South Africa, would be most useful when that history came to be written.

In dealing with the contents of the book, Miss Oblowitz paid tribute to Mr. Herrman for having escaped the danger of making his history a South African Jewish Who's Who, although he was frequently forced to deal with the lives of a large number of individual pioneers. She also expressed admiration for the enormous amount of research work which Mr. Herrman had been put to when gathering material for his history.

When the Zionist ideal had been realised, concluded Miss Oblowitz, the history of the Jews would not have to be sought in the records of the rise of other peoples from which it was indistinguishable, but would

be the history of a people of distinct personality and defined territory.

The discussion which followed was an interesting one and the following participated:—Miss H. Hersman, Mrs. P. M. Clouts, Mr. Hellman, Dr. J. Sachs, Messrs. A. Dirmeik, S. Futeran, G. Tellim, D. Getz, M. Wolozinsky, A. Levin, M. Rosenblit and P. M. Clouts. Miss Oblowitz replied to the various points raised.

The function was brought to a close after Mr. D. Getz had read the news selected from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency bulletins.

During the evening a recitation was given by Miss Hannah Oblowitz who was very warmly received.

### Bnoth Zion Association.

On Tuesday, 27th inst., the Bnoth Zion Association held their monthly meeting at the residence of Mrs. J. E. Weinreich, Orangezicht.

Mrs. D. Ordman, who was introduced and welcomed by Mrs. P. M. Clouts, read several interesting sketches on "My Impressions of Palestine." In vivid language Mrs. Ordman described the various stages of her journey, beginning with her first encounter with the Yemenite Jews at Aden and proceeding with her arrival in Palestine.

A drive through Tel-Aviv, a visit to Jerusalem, the Kvuzah Ein Harod, Simchas Torah in Tel-Aviv, a train journey in Palestine, the visit to the University and Kfar Yeladim, all these were very eloquently depicted to an audience who listened attentively. The lecture was further elucidated by the lecturer's very able replies to the questions asked by several ladies present.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Kentridge and seconded by Mrs. Clouts.

An opportunity was taken at this meeting to bid farewell to Mrs. Kentridge, who is leaving for Johannesburg. Mrs. Clouts, in making a presentation to Mrs. Kentridge on behalf of the Committee, expressed the regrets of the Association at the loss of such an energetic worker from their midst and conveyed to her the good wishes of all her Zionist friends.

Mrs. Kentridge suitably replied.

Before concluding the meeting, Mrs. Clouts also expressed the Committee's appreciation of the excellent services rendered by Mrs. D. Getz, who had resigned her secretaryship. Mrs. W. Sorokin was appointed in her stead.

A vote of thanks to Mrs. J. Weinreich concluded a very enjoyable afternoon.

### C.T. Young Judeans.

During the last week-end representatives of the Paarl "Hechover" Society were the guests of the Cape Town Young Judeans, and a series of interesting functions took place. On Sunday morning a welcome was extended to the guests in the Old Shul while in the afternoon a well-attended Study Circle meeting, over which Mr. Zuckerman presided, took place. Among the items of the programme of the latter function was a summary of the past fortnight's Jewish news, articles by Society members and an impromptu debate in which members of both societies participated.

The evening took the form of a Debate-Social at which an exceedingly large and enthusiastic gathering was present. Mr. S. Levin was in the chair. After a number of social items were rendered by members, the debate on "Should S.A. Young Israel support S.A. Charities in preference to Palestinian Charities" commenced. Mr. Roup, seconded by Miss M. Klitzner, for Paarl, for the motion, and Mr. L. Jochelson, seconded by Miss F. Joffe, against, led the debate. When the question was thrown open for discussion many members spoke on either side. The motion, when put to the vote, was lost by a large majority.

The inter-function concluded with a picnic to Kirstenbosch. This was a great success, an enjoyable day having been spent by all participants.

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Children's Fancy Dress.

A very novel type of function has been arranged by the Bnoth Zion Association. This is a Children's Fancy Dress and it will take place in the Zionist Hall on Monday afternoon, June 22nd. Children who attend this affair will doubtless spend a very happy afternoon.

"Riverside Drive."

A very unfortunate accident occurred last week which prevented the League for a Working Palestine from staging its play "Riverside Drive" which it will be remembered, was advertised to take place last Saturday night. Two days previous to when the concert was to have been held, Mr. Kawarsky, the producer and leading man, fell from a ladder whilst making certain preparations for the play and having hurt his leg rather badly had immediately to be taken to hospital. The concert had naturally to be postponed. Mr. Kawarsky is still laid up, but it is hoped that it will be possible to stage the play within about three weeks time.

The organisers of the concert have asked us, on their behalf, to express their regret at the situation that has arisen. The public, they state, will be advised in due course as to the exact date of the performance and tickets which have been bought will, of course, still hold good.

Kindergarten Celebration.

There was a large attendance at the *Shevuoth* celebration given in the Zionist Hall last Monday morning by the children of the Bnoth Zion Hebrew Kindergartens. The promise given by former such celebrations that this would be a very bright and entertaining function was not unjustified for Monday morning's concert was a most enjoyable affair.

In honour of the festival the stage was charmingly decorated with greenery. The proceedings opened with the singing of *Hatikvah* after which several very delightful little Hebrew songs were sung by the children. "Marching to Jerusalem" was sweetly sung, and the "march" by the children carrying baskets of fruit was very pretty. Little Sara Gordon next gave a piano solo and was most enthusiastically encored.

The song of receiving the Torah was accompanied by action, each child carrying a little blue and white Torah. The Cradle Songs and the Farmer's Scene were both charming, particularly pleasing in the latter being the flower garden composed of the Kindergarten children. The programme was brought to a close with the action song, "Gallop of Horses."

To-morrow Night's Concert.

We feel sure that there will be a record attendance at the concert of the Cape Town Young Judeans to-morrow night in the Zionist Hall in aid of the Zionist Hall Funds. Part of the proceeds will also be donated towards the Jewish National Fund. An excellent programme has been arranged which includes items by well-known local artists and a humorous play will be produced by the Dramatic Section of the Society. The prices are very moderate, being 1/8 for adults and 1/2 for children. Tickets are obtainable at the hall to-morrow night. Doors open at 7.40 p.m.

Oneg Shabbos.

There was a fairly large gathering at the Oneg Shabbos held at the Zionist Hall last Saturday afternoon. Mr. Ch. B. Levinsohn presided. There was the usual singing and merry-making, and during the course of the afternoon Mr. Boris Rome rendered a number of songs. Recitations were given by Mr. Ascher and Mr. Natas.

A lecturette on *Shevuoth* by Mr. A. Levin was listened to very attentively and added to the enjoyment of the proceedings. The function was brought to a close with the singing of *Hatikvah*.

Brith Trumpeldor Lecture.

A lecture will be given in the Minor Zionist Hall on Thursday, the 4th June, by Mr. J. Rubik at 8 p.m. on the "Problem of Jewish Youth and Brith Trumpeldor," Mr. T. Snitcher will preside. All are welcome. Discussion will be allowed.

Social Items.

Mr and Mrs. J. W. Golding leave to-day by the "Edinburgh Castle" on a trip to Europe.

Councillor L. Gradner returned to Cape Town from Johannesburg during the last week-end.

Mr. Morris Nestadt, ex-Mayor of Benoni, arrived in Cape Town on Monday last.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Jackson (nee Mary Immerman) are being congratulated on the birth of a son.

Mr. I. Mordukhovitz left on Friday last by the "Carnarvon Castle" on a trip to the Continent and America.

The marriage took place at the Gardens Synagogue on Sunday evening last of May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Goldblatt, of Kloof Road, to Zavel, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Maister, of Tamboers Kloof.

Mr. Emil Nathan, K.C., M.P., and Mrs. Nathan left for Johannesburg yesterday.

Mr. L. Burman left for Pretoria this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Rosenberg leave to-day for Europe by the "Edinburgh Castle."

Mr. I. Schaffer, of Johannesburg, has arrived on a short visit to Cape Town.

THE JEWISH CALENDAR.

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*New Moon <i>Tammuz</i> ..	Tuesday, 16th June.
Fast of <i>Tammuz</i> ....	Thursday, 2nd July.
New Moon <i>Ab</i> ....	Wednesday, 15th July.
Fast of <i>Ab</i> ....	Thursday, 23rd July.
*New Moon <i>Ellul</i> ....	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.

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