

In and Around the Peninsula.

Rosh Hashona in Cape Town.

Rosh Hashona is *the* festival of the year, the one which is most eagerly looked forward to and on which, with the exception of Yom Kippur, even the most lax of Jews seem to find their way to the Synagogue. This year it was no exception. It was ushered in with the usual reverence and solemnity on Friday evening and Jews flocked to the Synagogues and to the various minyanim which had been arranged to cope with the crowds. Worshippers were made conscious, whether they prayed or not, of that bond that bound them to their people, however far removed they might be from them throughout the year. Jewish business houses were, of course, all shut during the Festival and Saturday morning was a poor day for business in town.

In the Great Synagogue, the Services were as inspiring as usual. Rev. Kirschner's voice seems to have even gained in beauty since his return from overseas, whilst the choir, under the directorship of Mr. Boris Rome, was as magnificent as ever. Rev. S. Kibel ably assisted in the conduct of the Service.

Both on Saturday and Sunday, Rev. Bender delivered powerful and impressive sermons. On the former he dealt more particularly with the national aspect of Jewish life, on the latter with the religious.

The Roeland Street Synagogue was also attended by an exceedingly large number of worshippers, and very beautiful were the Services held. Cantor F. Spektor officiated very ably and the choir was at its best.

In the Beth Hamedrash Hachodosh, the Services conducted by Rev. N. M. Rabino-witz were equally highly appreciated by the large numbers who attended. Rabbi Mir-vish's sermon, delivered in Yiddish on Saturday morning, was given much attention.

In very many centres minyanim were held. In the Zionist Hall a minyan, held under the combined auspices of the Dorshei Zion and Bickur Cholim, was attended by a large gathering and Messrs. B. Suchet and P. Jochelson officiated. Services conducted by Rev. E. K. Sher and Rev. N. Cohen were also held in the Old Synagogue and a sermon was delivered by Rev. S. Kibel. Mr. Sacks presided.

In the Talmud Torah Mr. Charness, Mr. H. Lonstein and Rev. Hoffenberg conducted the Services, whilst at a minyan held in the War Star Hall under the auspices of the Federation of Polish Jews, the officiators were Mr. S. Michelson and Mr. Ashduth.

Services were also held as usual at the Cape Jewish Orphanage in Oranjezicht, Mr. A. Glass and Mr. Ch. Berezinsky conducting them.

The Zionist Conversazione.

A very cordial welcome was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Policansky, who are at present on a visit to South Africa from Palestine, at the Zionist Conversazione on Tuesday evening last. Mr. and Mrs. Policansky were the principal guests of the evening and the host, Dr. Kark, in introducing them to the large audience which had assembled, expressed the warmth of feeling which Jews all over South Africa entertained for them. Their many activities in Jewish spheres—Zionist and other—had earned for them the respect and esteem of all and they had demonstrated how earnest was their devotion to the national cause by having taken up permanent residence in Palestine.

During the course of the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Policansky replied to various questions concerning Palestine which were put to them by members of the audience. They both laid stress on the enormous progress which had been made in the country and both, it seems, have found a great deal of happiness in living there. The spirit of the Yishub was wonderful, they emphasised. In spite of local trouble, in spite of a world depression, the work was continued and no one lost heart.

Tel-Aviv was to-day practically self-supporting and in speaking of this town, Mrs. Policansky drew attention to the admirable work being done by the W.I.Z.O. Other towns were also going ahead, whilst some of the colonies were doing very well indeed. The Dead Sea to-day was no longer a Dead Sea—it could more appropriately be termed a Live Sea, for wonderful activity was in progress there in connection with the concession to the Palestine Potash Company.

Mr. Policansky dealt with various other aspects of Palestine life—agricultural progress, industrial and commercial development and so on. In referring to the Binyan,

he stated that all in Palestine spoke of this enterprise with the highest respect. The Cold Storage in Tel-Aviv too commanded a great deal of attention and it was housed in one of the most beautiful buildings in the town. He trusted it would meet with success and expressed his confidence that it would, seeing it was in such capable hands as Mr. Chaim Joffe's.

During the evening a number of musical items were rendered. Miss Apirion obliged with a pianoforte solo as did also Miss Freda Rogoff. Miss R. Cohen, accompanied by Miss Rogoff, sang, and Mr. Losman gave a number of Yiddish recitations. News of the Jewish world was read as usual.

The evening was brought to a close with the singing of Hatikvah.

Orphanage Succah Celebration.

The usual Annual Succah celebration of the Cape Jewish Orphanage has been fixed for the second day of Succoth. Usually friends of the Orphanage visit this beautiful Succah, which is built and decorated by the children under the superintendence of the Principal, Mr. Ch. Beresinski, on the Sunday during the Chol Hamoed days. But as there is no intervening Sunday this year, the Orphanage Committee hope that members of Cape Town Jewry will give the children the pleasure of receiving them in their own Succah on Sunday the 27th inst. between 3 and 5.30 p.m. Arrangements for this reception are in the hands of Mrs. J. Lurie, acting chairlady, and her House Committee.

A Dance.

A dance in aid of the Zionist Hall library will take place in the Zionist Hall on Monday evening, 21st inst. It will be held from 8.30 p.m. to 12 p.m. and evening dress will be optional. All are urged to support a function which is being held in so worthy a cause and which promises to be most enjoyable.

Jewish Sick Relief Society Elections.

At the committee meeting of the Jewish Sick Relief Society (Bickur Sholim) held last week—the first to have been held since the annual general meeting—Mr. F. Suritz was elected President and Mr. S. Schach, Vice-President.

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A Simchas Torah Concert.

A Simchas Torah concert under the auspices of the Bnoth Zion Association is being held in the Zionist Hall on Sunday evening, 4th October. A varied and entertaining programme, details of which will be announced later, has been arranged, and readers are advised to keep the date open.

Cape Jewish Orphanage Ball (Simchas Torah Ball).

The annual ball of the Cape Jewish Orphanage takes place at the City Hall on Wednesday, October 14th. This ball will be a real Simchas Torah Dance and promises to be the social success of the year. Mrs. L. Gradner, the Deputy-Mayoress, is the chairlady of the Organising Committee which has already met, and preparations are in train for an event that should be outstanding in many of its features.

The next meeting of the Arrangements' Committee will be held in the Robing Room of the City Hall on Wednesday next the 23rd inst. at 3.30 p.m. Any ladies who have not received invitations and are willing to assist will be warmly welcomed.

Social Items.

Dr. I. Mirvish is at present in Cape Town on a visit to his parents, Rabbi and Mrs. M. Ch. Mirvish.

Dr. B. Isaacson has been elected a member of the Strand School Committee, and Mr. W. Miller a member of the Somerset West School Committee.

Mr. M. Pevsner, Managing Director of the African Tobacco Manufacturers, arrived in Cape Town from Johannesburg, on Tuesday.

Mr. J. Frank, one of the South African delegates at Congress, returned to Cape Town on Friday last.

Jewish National Fund Calendar.

The Jewish National Fund Calendar for 5692 is a very well and attractively got up booklet which is particularly noteworthy in that it marks the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Fund.

Readers should find the booklet more than usually interesting. It contains a mass of information on Palestine and deals very fully with the progress and achievements of the Jewish National Fund since its inception. That progress has indeed been remarkable both for the amount of money which the Fund has collected and for the very splendid results it has achieved in the Redemption of Eretz Israel.

The booklet contains a list of some of the more outstanding legacies and donations which the Keren Kayemeth has obtained and the support in this direction with which the Fund has been favoured should do much to increase the generous contributions to the cause in the future.



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