

In and Around the Peninsula.

Succoth.

There can be no doubt that Succoth is one of the most delightful festivals of the year. It is a festival of calm and rest, and it has about it a quiet beauty that brings to mind green pastures and the verdure of spring. What undoubtedly renders it significant for us is the Succah, its main feature which unfortunately is becoming only too rare a sight in Jewish homes to-day, and the quaint, dramatic rites which are bound up with it. The sweetly-smelling Esrog, the graceful Lulav—branches of palm bound with sprigs of myrtle and willow—and the ceremony connected with them both are strangely beautiful and compelling and leave a deep impression in our minds.

As is the case every year, Succahs were erected by both the Cape Town Hebrew and New Congregations. Both were very charming little tabernacles, their decorations of foliage, flowers and fruit adding greatly to their beauty. Refreshments for the children were served in both on the first two days of the Festival, a feature which perhaps made a more vivid impression on the participants than anything else.

The services in the Synagogues were all as inspiring as usual, though the attendances were considerably smaller than on the High Festivals.

A Succoth-Simchas Torah Festival.

Few Jewish Festivals have been allowed to pass since the inception of the Bnoth Zion Hebrew Kindergartens without a celebration of them by the children of these institutions.

On Monday morning, 5th inst., at 10.30 a.m. in the Zionist Hall, there will be a Succoth-Simchas Torah Festival by the children, and the memory of similar celebrations in the past leads us to expect that Monday morning's one will be very attractive. All interested are invited to be present. The charges for admission are very nominal—1/- for adults and 6d. for children.

Orphanage Succah Celebration.

Succoth, the Feast of Tabernacles, was vividly brought home to those who availed themselves of the invitation of the Orphanage children and Committee to visit them in their beautiful Succah on Sunday last. Amid the ideal surroundings of Oranjezicht, the Succah presented a delightful appearance, and the children, who are responsible for its construction under the supervision of the Principal, Mr. Ch. Beresinski, are to be heartily congratulated on the success which attended their efforts.

Unfortunately, there being no Chol Hamoed Sunday, this annual reception had to be held on the second day Yom Tov,

and so many of those unable to travel were precluded from being present. There was, however, a goodly gathering of Orphanage friends, over whom Mr. J. Weinreich, the Hon. Treasurer of the Orphanage, presided. In a short speech of welcome, Mr. Weinreich apologised for the absence of the President, Mr. Crasnow, the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Gradner, and Mr. I. Ochberg, all of whom were unfortunately away in Johannesburg. He regretted that so many people were not able to be present owing to its being the second day Yom Tov. A letter of regret and good wishes had been received from Rabbi I. S. Kramer.

Mr. Sam Goldstein returned thanks on behalf of all the guests assembled. He mentioned the interesting fact that he had been the first Treasurer of the Orphanage and said he was glad to be welcomed by the present Hon. Treasurer of this great Institution. He was sure all present appreciated and enjoyed this reception and were delighted with the happy and healthy appearance of the children.

Refreshments had been provided by the Committee, and the acting Chairlady, Mrs. J. Lurie, the ladies of the Committee and the Matron saw to it that everybody was made to feel at home.

The reception continued till 5.30 p.m., when the children had to prepare for supper in the Succah where they have all their meals during the Festival.

The Dorshei Zion Concert.

It was a pity that certain artists whose appearance at the Dorshei Zion Concert on Sunday night last was keenly anticipated were unable to be present. Mr. Joel Myerson, one of these, was prevented from coming on account of his being indisposed, and Miss L. Kudewitsky, who was to have recited, was also unable to oblige.

In spite of these disappointments the concert was on the whole a success. Mr. A. Harte, accompanied by Miss Jessie Zuckerman, sang instead of Mr. Myerson, and his items were very much appreciated indeed. Other items were rendered by Miss D. Apirion, whose pianoforte solos were very well received, by Miss S. Kudewitsky, who gave a number of fine violin solos, and by Madame Helene Kantorowitz, whose songs in English and Yiddish won general favour. She was accompanied by Mr. A. Kurland.

The principals of the Miriam and Elvira Kirsch School of Dancing, with their usual kindness, provided a number of items, and the young dancers won a great deal of applause. Mr. M. Losman, whose recitations in Yiddish are most popular, also added to the items, whilst Mr. M. Natas recited another of his humorous sketches.

The Dorshei Zion can congratulate itself on having arranged a very successful affair.

Another Concert.

Readers are once more reminded of the Bnoth Zion Concert at the Zionist Hall on Sunday evening, 4th October. Attendance at it promises in every way to result in a great deal of pleasure, and there will undoubtedly be a large gathering present. It will be advisable for those coming to arrive early.

Cape Town Young Judeans.

Owing to the High Festivals, the activities of the C.T. Young Judeans have been rather irregular, but, nevertheless, a certain amount of progress has been achieved.

Since the General Election on August 3th, the Committee has embarked on various schemes. The Study Circle has met every second Friday night at the residence of different members, where cultural studies are pursued. At present the Circle is engaged in a study of early Jewish history. The next meeting takes place on Friday, October 2nd at 8.30 p.m. in the Succah of the Great Synagogue. All members interested are invited to attend.

Shul Parades are held once a month in the Gardens Synagogue, the last one taking place on Shabbas Shuoh, September 22nd. (The next one takes place on October 10th). The dramatic section is also active and produces short plays both of Jewish and general interest about once a month. The Sporting circle caters for sporting requirements.

A few general meetings were held, all of which turned out to be successful. The anniversary on August 15th and an initial social a week later both had good attendances and proved enjoyable to all. The next meeting was an oratorical contest versus Woodstock Young Judeans. Mr. L. Jochelson (Cape Town) spoke on "Peretz," while Mr. M. Kopelowitz (Woodstock) dealt with "Zionism." The unprepared subject was "That S.A. Young Israel should support the 'Judean' Magazine." Cape Town were declared the winners. The Society have thus won both contests held to date. The next contest is versus Wynberg Junior Zionists on October 17th.

The next meeting is a Succoth Entertainment on 4th inst. at 8 p.m. in the Old Synagogue. A short address on the significance of the festival, as well as a number of items including a comedy by the Dramatic Section, will comprise the programme. All members are requested to attend. Visitors will be welcome.

Cape Jewish Aged Home.

The old folk at the Aged Home spent their Holy Days in traditional manner. Services were conducted by Mr. Polonetzky, assisted by several of the male inmates. They were greatly appreciated, not only by the old people, but by many who visited the Home during the Festivals.

Succoth was a pleasant interlude in the life of the Home. A beautiful succah had been erected under the supervision of the Matron, Mrs. S. Franks, and a cheerful atmosphere pervaded the Institution. Members of the Committee and numbers of well-wishers paid a visit to the Home during the Festival.

On Sunday, the Young Jewish Aid Society staged a variety concert for the benefit of the inmates, and a thoroughly enjoyable time was the result. Among those present were Mr. H. Rosen, Acting President, and Mrs. Rosen, Mr. and Mrs. M. Rosen, Mr. L. Pinn, Mrs. Zuckerman and Mrs. Schrire. Mr. H. Rosen expressed the thanks of the inmates, Matron and Committee to the Chairman of the Young Jewish Aid Society (Mr. Winnett) and to the artists for the interest they had shown in the Home. He praised the work the Society was doing and wished them every success. During an interval refreshments, provided by the Society and by the Matron, were served.

The Zionist Conversazione.

The outstanding feature of the Zionist conversazione on Tuesday evening of this week was a presentation made to Mr. Benzion S. Hersch by the Dorshei Zion Association on behalf of the delegates to the Thirteenth South African Zionist Conference. The presentation took the form of a Jewish Encyclopaedia, and was made as a token of appreciation of Mr. Hersch's invaluable services to the Zionist cause over a period of thirty years.

Dr. Kark, who performed the presentation, spoke in glowing terms of Mr. Hersch's services to the cause, whilst Mr. A. M. Abrahams said that if anyone in South Africa had ever earned the title, "the spirit and essence of Zionism," it was Mr. Hersch. He was a master in Zionism. Since he had been in Europe and met the leaders in the Zionist movement, his admiration for Mr. Hersch had become even greater than previously. He admired him because of his sound and sane outlook, his understanding and humanity, and it was fitting that he should have the admiration of Jews throughout South Africa.

In responding, Mr. Hersch expressed his happiness at receiving this presentation. He was particularly happy because of the younger generation—it could not but act as an encouragement to them to serve when they saw that service was appreciated.

His work for Zionism, proceeded Mr. Hersch, had not concluded with the Zionist Conference. He was still ready to give of his services and had as a matter of fact done so since the Conference.

It was indeed a pleasure to him that this presentation came from the Dorshei Zion Association. His Zionist work in South Africa had been bound up with Cape Town and the Dorshei Zion particularly. The finest types of Zionists were represented in Cape Town.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Rostowsky acted as host and hostess of the conversazione. During the evening a paper on "The Family as an Institution" was read by Adv. B. Lang and musical items were rendered by Miss Paula Cosay who sang and Mr. G. Laden who read a humorous passage from one of Tunkelen's works. News of the Jewish world was read as usual.

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

Kadimah Association.

A General Meeting of the Kadimah Association for members only will be held at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday evening, 6th inst., at 8.30 p.m.

Oneg Shabbos.

On Saturday afternoon last, an Oneg Shabbos was held in the Zionist Hall. Mr. I. Fine, the Vice-Chairman, presided, and a most enjoyable programme was presented.

During the course of the afternoon a lecturette on "Succoth" was delivered by Mr. Alexander Levin, who stressed the importance of this Festival from both a national and historical point of view. He also made a strong appeal on behalf of the furtherance of Hebrew culture, referring in this connection particularly to the Conference recently held in Berlin.

Items during the afternoon were contributed by Mr. Laden and Mr. Natas, who gave short humorous readings on Succoth from Tunkelen and Sholom Aleichem.

The programme was concluded with the singing of Hatikvah.

Cape Town Hebrew Congregation.

At the first meeting of the newly-elected Committee of the Cape Town Hebrew Congregation, Mr. M. Rosen was elected President, Mr. S. Gesundheit, Vice-President, and Mr. J. Frank, Treasurer.



Mr. M. Rosen, President of the C.T. Hebrew Congregation.

Social Items.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Abrahams returned to South Africa on Monday by the "Armada Castle."

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Mr. Isaac Ochberg left for Johannesburg last week. He is expected back to-day.

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Mr. B. A. Crasnow, who left for Johannesburg at the end of last week, is also expected back to-day.

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Mr. Benzion S. Hersch arrived in Cape Town on Sunday last. He left for Johannesburg on Wednesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. Jocum returned to Cape Town on Monday by the "Armada Castle" from a trip to Europe and the Continent.

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Mr. M. Pevsner, managing director of the African Tobacco Manufacturers, Ltd., left this week for Salisbury.

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Mr. A. Sagorsky is at present in Johannesburg.

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Councillor L. Gradner is expected back from Johannesburg to-day.

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Mr. Morris Alexander, K.C., left on Saturday night for Bloemfontein. He returned to Cape Town yesterday.

Successful Function at Woodstock.

CULTURAL CIRCLE MEETS.

Addresses by Dr. Resnekov and Mr. Padowich.

Woodstock and Salt River Jewry has seldom seen such an enthusiastic gathering as was present at a social function given by the Cultural Circle together with the Jewish Ladies' Society on Tuesday evening last. The Talmud Torah Hall was filled to overflowing.

In the unavoidable absence of the President of the Congregation (Mr. D. Resnick), the chair was taken by Mr. P. Marks, who was supported on the platform by Mrs. S. Marks (the chairlady of the Ladies' Society) and the Rev. S. Kassel.

Musical items were rendered. The artists who so ably contributed to the enjoyment of the evening were the Misses Kudewitzky and Richman, Messrs. Losman, Reuveni, Natas and Reading and their contributions were very much enjoyed.

In the course of an address Dr. C. Resnekov stressed the fact that these monthly gatherings had been inaugurated not for the purpose of raising funds but to obtain Jewish sympathy and to get Jewry of Woodstock and Salt River interested in the affairs of their own people. He hoped that the gatherings would stimulate those who attended so that when there was work of importance to be done all would co-operate.

We had to look to the future, proceeded Dr. Resnekov, and by precept and example show to the youth who were to succeed us, the correct path to follow. Hence a responsibility rested on every individual in the community. We could very aptly be compared to the threads of a cloth, which when united and interwoven, formed a homogenous whole, but which if drawn out, rendered the whole piece practically valueless. "I cannot, therefore," pursued the speaker, "stress too strongly the necessity for pulling together for the common good. Let us do away with the question of personalities and betake ourselves to greater tasks, so that we will be an example for others to emulate."

Mr. B. Padowich spoke eloquently of his recent trip to Palestine, and in describing life in Palestine, he compared the Jewish life in Eretz Israel, where the Jew was perfectly at home, with the artificial restrictions that were placed upon him when living in the Galuth.

The Rev. S. Kassel sang Jewish songs in which the audience heartily joined.

He also delivered a speech in which he dwelt upon the great necessity of all supporting the Gan Yeladim. He stressed the importance of bringing the young children before school age into a thoroughly Jewish atmosphere. The function concluded with a vote of thanks to the artists and speakers, proposed by Mrs. S. Marks.

A similar function will be held on October 29th.