

## In and Around the Peninsula.

### Rabbi Meir Berlin..

Rabbi Meir Berlin returns to Cape Town from Johannesburg on Tuesday of next week and in the evening a reception is being given him in the Zionist Hall under the auspices of the Dorshei Zion Association.

Rabbi Berlin, as is well known, is the distinguished leader of the Mizrachi Zionist Organisation. He has for many years held an important position in the Zionist world, being a member of the Actions Committee and a Vice-President of the Zionist Organisation. His fame as an orator and more particularly as an exponent of Zionist ideals has given him world wide fame.

Rabbi Berlin's mission to this country is of a purely propaganda nature. His only purpose is to strengthen Zionist sentiment and to spread a wider understanding of the aims and the problems of the Zionist Movement.

### Exhibition of Hebrew and Yiddish Books.

The Exhibition of Hebrew and Yiddish books which, for the last few weeks, has been held at 3, Wesley Street, Cape Town, continues to draw large numbers of interested visitors. The exhibition, it will be remembered, is of books brought to South Africa by Mr. M. Erlichman, representative of the Central Publishing Company of Warsaw.

The visitors on the whole seem to be very impressed by the books—both by their appearance and get up and by the wide range of authors represented. Also, it would appear, the prices are on the whole popular and render the books easily within the reach of most readers.

The exhibition will be open for yet another few weeks. The hours are from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays all day.

### Oneg Shabbos.

There was a large gathering at the Oneg Shabbos last Saturday afternoon when Dr. W. Altschul delivered an address on "The Scientific Aspect of Bereishith." Mr. Ch. B. Levinsohn presided, and in his opening address welcomed the lecturer.

Dr. Altschul spoke in English, which was somewhat unusual at the Oneg Shabbos, but he was nevertheless listened to with great interest. He described at the outset the scientific view as to the formation of the earth, giving a brief but comprehensive exposition of the theory of evolution.

Going on to deal with the Bible, the speaker stressed the fact that science and bibliogy were not really so far apart as was generally thought. One had to be careful not to read the Bible too literally—one had to read between the lines as it were.

A discussion took place at the conclusion of the lecture. During the afternoon there

was the usual singing and merrymaking, and humorous sketches were read by Messrs. C. Laden and Reading.

### Orphanage Ball.

Very original in idea and extremely well carried out was the decoration scheme at the Simchas Torah Ball held in the City Hall on Wednesday night in aid of the Cape Jewish Orphanage.

The hall was transformed into a large ship. The bays were arranged as life-boats, and the orchestra—appropriately dressed as Jack tars—took their positions on the stage which truly represented the boat deck of an ocean liner. The nautical atmosphere was well maintained throughout the whole decoration scheme, and well in keeping with it was one of the interludes—a dance by several pupils of the Miriam and Elvira Kirsch School, who were dressed as sailor boys and who gave a delightful item to the music of the "Sailor's Hornpipe." The other interlude of the evening was a graceful exhibition dance by Mr. L. Carter and Miss F. Sarembok.

There was a large gathering present and the ball should prove a great financial success. The music by Norrie Sowman and His Revellers was good, and the refreshments served in the Banqueting Hall left nothing to be desired.

Those in charge of the ball are certainly to be congratulated on the results, and a special word of congratulation is due to the African Tobacco Manufacturers who were entirely responsible for the decorations. Mrs. L. Gradner was convenor and organiser of the Ball Committee which consisted of the following ladies: Mrs. E. Herschberg, Mrs. Fisher, Miss Pevsner, Mrs. Snitcher, Mrs. Goldberg, Mrs. B. A. Crasnow, Mrs. A. Bloomberg, Miss Belle Pinn, Mrs. Dr. Waynick, Mrs. S. Golding, Mrs. Sam Goldstein, Mrs. N. Stoller, Miss Ray Jawno, Mrs. Jawno, Mrs. Sol Bernstein, Mrs. Jack Benson, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. H. Wolff, Mrs. P. Marcus, Mrs. J. H. Stodel, Mrs. H. Schapiro, Mrs. M. Kleinman, Mrs. Max Cohen, Miss R. Cohen, Mrs. M. Shnaps, Mrs. R. Leibowitz, Mrs. J. Reuben, Mrs. M. Michaels, Mrs. B. Schneider, Mrs. Sam Newman, Mrs. L. Cohen, Mrs. Pevsner, Mrs. A. Bernstein, Mrs. L. Schrire, Mrs. S. Zuckerman, Mrs. P. Policansky, Mrs. L. Segal, Mrs. Max Segal, Mrs. S. Smollan, Mrs. Julius Frenkel, Mrs. H. Marks, Mrs. Stein, Mrs. Gawronsky, Mrs. M. Rosen, Mrs. J. Lurie, Mrs. S. Marks, Woodstock, Mrs. A. Barnet, Muizenberg; Mrs. Greenblo, Muizenberg; Mrs. Ch. Barnett, Mrs. B. Levy, Mrs. Dr. Gans, Mrs. Kalmenowitz, Woodstock; Mrs. Levitt, Mrs. M. Fig, Mrs. H. Bashew, Mrs. A. Silbert, Mrs. Joelson, Mrs. G. Benson, Mrs. Ackerman.

Mrs. J. Lurie was in charge of the refreshments, Mrs. Sam Goldstein of the programmes, Mesdames Schrire, Perlman, B.

Levy and Michaels of the cloakrooms, Miss Pevsner, Miss Pinn and Mrs. Schneider of the cigarette stalls, Mrs. J. Golding of the card room, Mrs. Bertish and Mrs. Marcus of the novelty stall, and Mrs. Leon Segall of the flowers and table dainties.

### Woodstock and Salt River Talmudical Society.

A large and representative gathering assembled on Sunday evening, 11th inst., at the Synagogue Hall to celebrate the annual function of the Talmudical Society. The function was provided over by Dr. D. Resnick, Chairman of the Woodstock and Salt River Hebrew Congregation.

The guest of honour was the Rabbi Gravitzi. Among the speakers were Messrs. Helfand, Rubin, Basson and Rubik, who, in addition to an eloquent address by the Rabbi, spoke on subjects of Jewish interest, and stressed the importance of the necessity of Jewish unity. They also appealed to the young generation to be true to Jewish traditions and culture, and thereby uphold the noble place attained in the world of learning.

Among the principal guests were Mr. Spektor, Chief Cantor of the New Hebrew Congregation, who rendered a few beautiful numbers, and Mr. Trupin, who, with several pleasing sketches, amused the public, and was encored a number of times; Mr. Donskey, Miss Stone and Miss Radowsky rendered violin and piano solos and recitations respectively.

The Committee has asked us to express its respectful appreciation to the speakers, and their thanks to the artists and convenors. The function terminated with the singing of the Hatikvah.

### Collection on Board Ship.

We have been advised by Mr. Isaac Ochberg that as a result of a collection held on board the "Winchester Castle" on Erev Yom Kippur, the sum of £31 was raised. £20 was donated towards an inscription in the Golden Book and the balance was distributed among the stewards.

The following contributed towards the collection: Mr. Isaac Ochberg, Cape Town, £5 15s.; Mr. and Mrs. S. Sacks, Cape Town, £3; Mr. A. Ross, Johannesburg, £3; Mr. I. M. Sacks, Cape Town, £2; Mrs. Patley and Son, Johannesburg, £2; Mr. Rosenberg, Johannesburg, £2; Mr. Selby, Cape Town, £1; Mr. and Mrs. Baxt, Durban, £1 10s.; Mr. E. Barling, £1 10s.; Anonymous, £1; Mr. Curtis, Cape Town, £1; Mr. E. Gabriel, £1; Mr. A. Rosenberg, £1; Mr. M. Weinstein, £1; Mr. L. Kapelus, £1; Mr. M. Levin, £1; Mrs. Wolfe, 10s.; Mr. Bloom, 10s.; Mr. A. Benton, 10s.; Mrs. Olsvanger, 10s.; Mr. Abelson, 5s. Total, £31.

### Jewish Social Club.

The opening function of the Jewish Social Club recently formed in Cape Town took the form of a concert and dance in the Zionist Hall last Saturday night. There was a large attendance and the evening was a most enjoyable one.

The hall was gaily decorated with streamers. During the evening musical items were rendered by Miss Jessie Zuckerman, who gave a pianoforte solo, by Mr. Dawidowitz, who sang folk songs, and by

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