

In and Around the Peninsula.

Mizrachi Branch Formed.

A meeting for the purpose of forming a branch of the Mizrachi Organisation in Cape Town was held in the Minor Zionist Hall on Wednesday evening of last week. There was a very large attendance, and an inspiring address was delivered by Rabbi Meir Berlin, who spoke on the work of the Mizrachi and the necessity for a branch to be established in Cape Town. Rabbi M. Ch. Mirvish presided.

A Mizrachi Committee has been formed in Cape Town and the members have already set to work. The Committee consists of the following: Hon. President, Rabbi M. Ch. Mirvish; President, Mr. M. Gurland; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. H. Sandler, O. Basson, I. Shuel; Treasurer, Mr. M. Peires; Joint Hon. Secretaries, Messrs. B. Chideckel, M. Aronson; Committee members, Messrs. S. Bloch, S. Bernhardt, A. Kaufman, I. Sonnenscher, A. Katz, L. Sacks, N. Dorogov, J. Pasvolsky and D. Kalverisky.

The address of the Organisation is at present c/o the offices of Mr. M. Gurland, the President, 39, Adderley Street, Cape Town.

The Committee earnestly hopes that all interested in this important movement will hand in their names at the office, in order to be duly enrolled as members of the Organisation.

The Zionist Conversazione.

There was a smaller gathering than usual at the Zionist conversazione last Tuesday evening, but the function was no less enjoyable.

The main feature of the evening was a paper read by Miss Helena Hersman, the full text of which appears elsewhere in this issue, on "Jews and Leisure." It was an interesting and on the whole provocative paper, and a fair number participated in the discussion which ensued. The speakers were Mr. W. Sorokin, Miss M. Gitlin, Mr. H. Rogoff, Mr. H. Glaser, Mrs. Ch. Cohen, Mrs. S. Gordon, Mr. B. Mirvish and Mr. I. Fine.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Gesundheit acted as host and hostess and during the course of the evening Miss Freda Rogoff obliged with a pianoforte solo.

The function was concluded with the singing of Hatikvah.

"At Home" to Orphanage Ball Committee.

A delightful little "At Home" to the Committee of the Cape Jewish Orphanage Ball and their assistants was given by Mrs. L. Gradner on Tuesday afternoon of this week at her residence in Oranjezicht. There was a large gathering of ladies present, including the Mayoress, Mrs. Stephan, and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent.

During the course of the afternoon Miss Ruth Cohen gave a pianoforte solo, which was very much appreciated by all, and members of the "Helter Skelter" company sang several very entertaining numbers.

Mrs. Gradner, in a brief speech, expressed her thanks and appreciation to the ladies

for the valuable work they had put in in connection with the ball. She was glad to be able to state that up-to-date (all moneys had not yet been collected) the net proceeds of their efforts was £339. She singled out for special mention Mrs. Marcus and Mrs. J. H. Stodel, who had been in charge of the mascots and whose efforts had resulted in the realisation of fully £45.

Towards the conclusion of the afternoon Mrs. Leon Segal expressed the thanks of all present for the very enjoyable "At Home" which Mrs. Gradner had provided. She was certain that she spoke for all when she stated that their work on behalf of the Orphanage had given them great pleasure and that they would always be glad to help in so worthy cause whenever needed. sang several very entertaining numbers.

A School Production.

"As You Like It" was well-staged at the Cape Town High School Hall last Saturday evening by the pupils of Miss D. Bailey. The scenery was simple and the general effect good. The young players took their parts with ease and understanding. The whole cast was quite good, but special praise is due to Esther Jacobson who made a charming "Rosalind" and Pauline Baard who was Celia. Matthew Pam as "Touchstone," a clown, was most entertaining. "Orlando" was well portrayed by Oscar Cohen, and Max Bellon gave a clever study of "Adam," the servant. Others who supported the cast were Fanny Friedgood, Shirley Master, Bert Rosenthal, Ida Master, Abe Phillips, Doris Cohen, Jessie Figur, Meyer Pam, Daphne Schlimper, Stella Cheesman, Phyllis Jessop, Hilda Carlin, Alice Cameron, Millie Baard, Irene Trakman and Mina Kahn. Miss Cecilia Rakoff was the able stage manageress.

Cape Town Young Judeans.

The Cape Town Young Judeans held a "Succoth Evening" on Sunday, 4th October, in the Old Synagogue. There was a good attendance, and the chairman, after a few preliminary items, called upon Rev. Kibel to deliver a talk on "The Significance of Succoth." Unfortunately, however, Rev. Kibel was compelled to curtail an extremely interesting lecture owing to another engagement.

There were several other items, amongst which was a short play produced by Miss P. Pieters, Hon. Convenor of the Dramatic Section. The cast consisted of Miss R. Schoschon and Messrs. S. M. Levin, S. F. Wyner, R. M. J. Rosenberg and L. C. Jochelson.

At the meeting the Sporting Circle elections were held. The officials elected were as follows: Girls' convenor, Miss E. Bernardt; Boys' convenor, Mr. M. Metter. Boys' Committee: J. Cohen (secretary), S. Bellon, B. Aronson, J. Ipp and M. Bellon. The Committee have arranged an interesting programme, boxing, cricket and ping-pong to be indulged in.

The next meeting of the Society will be an Oratorical Contest versus the Wynberg Junior Zionists on Saturday, October 17th, at 8 p.m. in the Minor Zionist Hall. As neither side have yet lost, and this is the final contest, visitors are assured of hearing some fine oratory.

Mr. David Getz.

It was with no small regret we learnt this week that Mr. David Getz had taken suddenly ill during the week-end and that it had been found necessary to operate on him for appendicitis. He is at the Hof Street Nursing Home where, we understand, he is making satisfactory progress.

It is sincerely trusted he will soon be completely restored to health.

The Cause of Jewish Literature.

The exhibition of Hebrew and Yiddish books which has for the last few weeks been held at 3, Wesley Street, under the auspices of Mr. M. Erlichman, the representative of the Central Publishing Company of Warsaw, continues to draw large numbers of visitors. Among those who paid a visit to the exhibition this week was Rabbi Meir Berlin, who was obviously impressed and who made a number of purchases.

The importance of supporting the cause of Hebrew and Yiddish literature cannot be stressed sufficiently, and Mr. Erlichman is providing an opportunity for members of the community to show how deep is their interest in this question. The exhibition will be open for about another week, after which Mr. Erlichman hopes to go up country.

Zionist Socialist Organisation.

A musical and dramatic evening will be held under the auspices of the above on Sunday, 1st November, in the Zionist Hall, at 8.15 p.m.

The programme includes the staging of a comedy by Sholom Aleichem, sketches, songs, ballet dancing, recitations. All are welcome.

Oneg Shabbos.

The Oneg Shabbos to be held in the Zionist Hall this Saturday afternoon holds out an attraction that should draw large numbers. Rabbi Meir Berlin is to deliver the address, and a lecturette will also be given by Rabbi I. M. Gervis.

The function will begin at 3.30 p.m. instead of 5 p.m. as usual. All are invited to attend.

Rabbi Berlin Visits the Hebrew Schools.

A visit to the United Hebrew Schools was paid this week by Rabbi Meir Berlin. Rabbi Berlin, who was accompanied by Rabbi I. M. Gervis, made a thorough inspection of the school, the general standard and tone of which impressed him deeply. He congratulated those concerned on the excellent conditions prevailing.

Rabbi Berlin also visited the Bnoth Zion Hebrew Kindergartens and was warm in his praise for the manner in which they were conducted.

Rabbi Berlin Visits the Orphanage.

Rabbi Berlin paid a visit to the Cape Jewish Orphanage on Wednesday evening last. He was received by members of the Committee and the Principal and Matron.

The children were assembled in the dining hall and Mr. L. Gradner, Vice-Chairman, apologising for the unavoidable absence of the President, Mr. B. A. Crasnow, voiced the feelings of the whole Committee in thanking the Rabbi for his visit.

Rabbi Berlin addressed the children in simple language understandable by the smallest, urging them to concentrate on their studies, particularly that of the Hebrew language. Mr. J. Weinreich, the Hon. Treasurer, thanked the Rabbi cordially on behalf of the Committee and the children for giving them the privilege and honour of this visit.

After the children had sung several Hebrew songs, one of the senior boys, Master Hillel Farber, voiced the thanks of the children in a little speech.

Rabbi Berlin visited every section of the Home and expressed his pleasure at all he saw. The Cape Province, he said, might well be proud of this Institution.

Cape Town Orchestra.

"Sweepstakes," a revue by William Perl, was performed again last Saturday night, this time at the City Hall and in conjunction with the Cape Town Orchestra.

The Maccabean Guild is to be congratulated on this successful production. A criticism of the revue has already appeared in these columns. One must add, however, that the orchestral accompaniments under the experienced baton of Mr. W. J. Pickerill greatly enhanced the performance. Mr. William Perl and Mr. Laurie Weinreich, the producers, Miss Sadie Marks, who arranged the ballet, and Mr. C. F. Lewis, the stage manager, as well as the entire cast have again won the keen appreciation of an enthusiastic audience.

Sunday evening's orchestral concert was a most interesting one. Arnold Lorie gave a very fine performance of "Romance" by Svendsen. Helen Deacon delighted the audience with her rendering of the "Waltz Song" from "Romeo and Juliet" by Gounod, "Tes Yeux" by Rabel and "Magdalene at Michaels Gate" by Liza Lehmann. Master Cyril Chosack is a clever reciter, and he gave a bright study of "The Pencil Seller" by Robert Service, as well as a good characterisation of "The Aristocrat."

Social Items.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Cape Jewish Board of Guardians gratefully acknowledges the sum of £10, being proceeds of a dance held at Stikland, C.P., and organised by Mrs. E. D. Silbert.

The Committee of the Board also desire to thank the Stikland Civic Association for the use of their hall, as well as for their support.

Dr. S. E. Kark, Mr. J. Gitlin and Mr. H. M. Bloch returned from Johannesburg this week.

Mr Philip Weinberg, of Durban, is at present in Cape Town.

Rabbi Berlin will address a Youth Mass meeting in the Zionist Hall on Saturday evening, 31st inst. At the conclusion of this meeting he will address a meeting of the Cape Town Hebrew Circle on "Halachah ve-Hagadah."

Sir Harry Graumann will be the guest and speaker at the Maccabean Guild Luncheon to be given at the Carlton Hotel on Tuesday, 3rd November.

JEW AND LEISURE.

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be known, he really enjoys his own company better than anyone else's. In this lies the secret of his strength. His Judaism has always been a comforting fantasy for him. Finding himself in a ruthless universe, he always chooses to imagine an illusory world of divine justice, and he clings to this subterfuge as a sacred possession. It takes another Jew to understand him. No Goy ever can.

If we have faith in ourselves and in our future, we must see that our Jewish hall provides an adequate playing-ground for our Jewish spirit. It must cater for every section of the Jewish people. The activities within the Jewish hall must be made all embracing, a vital part of the every-day life of the young Jew and Jewess. We may speak grandly of the Hebrew language and of Hebrew culture. But under present conditions, and especially in a bilingual country it is not possible for the majority of young Jews to gain direct access to our national treasure stores. We have to be led there at leisure and through the arena of the Jewish hall.

Recently we have heard much talk about assimilation and the poor prospects for the persistence of Jewry in this country. Personally, I have no fears of that. For generations to come there will still be the Hitlers to keep us Jews. But I shudder to think of the kind of Jews we shall be, if our education be left in the hands of the anti-Semites—weak, cringing, despicable Jews. But that need never be, if we make the effort to-day and try to strengthen a positive form of Judaism.

South African Jewry has hitherto been trained to give to Zion a portion of their working hours, of their material gain. They have done this graciously, but their Zion has remained remote. The time has come for them to take a portion of Zion to themselves, for without that their national pride is meaningless. You may be surprised if I speak of Zionism as a hobby, but personally I should like to see the Jews regard it as such individually. I use the word "hobby" with its dictionary meaning of "a favourite pursuit." One pays state taxes callously with little personal regard as to how the money is expended. But to one's hobby one shows infinitely greater devotion, and one pugnaciously refuses to give it up, should there be the compulsion. Zion is dearest to those Jews who give their leisure to it.

In years to come, Eretz Israel, be it economically and politically successful or otherwise, will mean more to the Jews in South Africa, than South Africa may mean to Palestine. We are often reminded of the old truism, "Man does not live by bread alone." Jewry in the Ghetto had its own cultural force which sustained and nourished itself. Jewry to-day is in need of a renewed life-force. There is the unfailing source from which this power may be drawn, but we have not all the energy to get it for ourselves directly. It is here where the Zionist organisation must come to our assistance. It must bring to us, close at hand, all that is best in Jewish life and Jewish culture. The Hebrew school alone will not do the work adequately. Jewish culture is a post-school course. It is a study to be enjoyed throughout one's life and at leisure.

Muizenberg and Kalk Bay Hebrew Congregation.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Muizenberg and Kalk Bay Hebrew Congregation took place at the Muizenberg Synagogue on Sunday afternoon last. There was a fair attendance of members over whom Mr. N. Emdin, the chairman, presided.

Before dealing with the annual report, Mr. Emdin referred to the loss sustained by the Congregation in the death of three valued members, namely, Mr. A. Yankelowitz, Rev. Mofswitz and Mr. M. Levy. The gathering rose as a mark of respect to the deceased.

In moving the adoption of the report and balance sheet, the Chairman congratulated the Congregation on the excellent work done during the last twelve months. The services during the year and on High Festivals had been of a very high standard and the attendances had been good. The balance sheet revealed a substantial surplus.

The building of the Talmud Torah Hall was to be commenced shortly, tenders having already been called for. The hall, Mr. Emdin gave it as his opinion, would be a great asset to the community.

Before concluding his address, Mr. Emdin thanked the Executive and Committee for their loyal support given to him throughout the year.

Mr. H. Hessen, the Treasurer, seconded the adoption of the report and balance sheet. He also congratulated the Congregation on the work of the past year.

Mr. M. Shagam spoke in support of the adoption of the report which was carried unanimously.

The election of office-bearers next took place and resulted as follows: Hon. President, Mr. N. Emdin; Vice-President, Mr. M. Shagam; Treasurer, Mr. H. Hessen; Committee, Messrs. M. Yankelowitz, B. Weisenberg, I. H. Guinsberg, N. Trakman, B. Phillips, L. Pincus.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.

FIANCAILLES.

LANDAU-BLUMBERG. — The engagement is announced of Marcia Helene, eldest daughter of Mr. D. A. Blumberg and the late Mrs. Lily Blumberg, to Herbert David, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Landau. Both of Bulawayo.

Buy one or more dunams of Eretz Israel land! By so doing you will have to your credit the greatest and most sacred Mitzvah, the noblest and most patriotic deed!