

In and Around the Peninsula.

Rabbi Berlin.

Rabbi Meir Berlin, the leader of the World Mizrahi Organisation, arrives in Cape Town on Tuesday, 1st December. He will remain in the City until Friday, 5th December, when he leaves for Eretz Israel.

The Cape Town Mizrahi Organisation has arranged the following programme during Rabbi Berlin's stay in Cape Town:—

Tuesday, 1st December, Mass Meeting at the Zionist Hall. The speakers will be Rabbi Berlin, Rabbi M. Ch. Mirvish and Mr. B. Weinrock, the President of the Mizrahi Organisation, Port Elizabeth. Mr. M. Gurland will preside.

Wednesday, 2nd December, a Mizrahi Conference will be held at the Zionist Hall (Minor).

Thursday, 3rd December, a farewell meeting in honour of Rabbi Berlin will be held.

The Zionist Conversazione.

On the invitation of the Dorshei Zion, Mr. Z. Avin, President of the Kadimah Association, acted as host at the fortnightly conversazione in the Zionist Hall on Tuesday evening last. There was a very large gathering present.

The evening was opened with a pianoforte solo by Miss Gamsu, after which Mr. Avin, in a neat little speech, extended a welcome to Mr. Joseph Zuckerman, who had only the previous day returned from a trip to Europe. Dr. Kark also welcomed him on behalf of the Dorshei Zion, and Mr. Zuckerman very suitably responded.

Mr. Avin also referred to the deaths which had taken place recently of Mr. H. Beemer and Mr. David Shaffer, of Johannesburg, and of Mr. L. J. Greenberg, editor of the London "Jewish Chronicle." Mr. D. Getz paid a tribute to the deceased, and the gathering rose as a mark of respect. It was decided that a message of condolence be sent to the relatives of all three and also to the London "Jewish Chronicle."

The main item on the programme was a lecture by Mr. Achron on the different parties in Zionism. At the outset Mr. Achron stated that the moral force of the Zionist organisation had fallen. There were too many new theories and factors which had arisen to-day and we had to find with which of them—assimilation, nationalism, chauvinism, socialism, etc.—Zionism was most in keeping.

The speaker then went on to describe the various parties in Zionism. The Mizrahi, he said, were not satisfactory because they were too conservative. It had to be realised that religion could no longer attract the Jewish youth to their people. The Revisionists, on the other hand, were too extreme and would eventually drive the Jewish youth to communism.

The General Zionists who tried to steer a middle course, had estranged themselves

from the chalutzim and thus estranged themselves from the younger generation. The only satisfactory method of realising the Zionist ideal was the socialistic one. The workers' movement could not but appeal to the young people of to-day. It did not believe in class organisation, but it would become the only national party among the Jewish people.

A very heated discussion followed in which Messrs. M. Rosenblit, J. Rubik, G. Laden, M. Ben-Arie, H. Zuckerman and Z. Avin participated. Owing to the lateness of the hour the discussion had to be closed at this stage, although there were a number who yet wished to speak, and Mr. Achron replied to the various points raised.

During the course of the evening Miss Hurwitz obliged with a song, and the Jewish news was read as usual.

The evening was concluded with the singing of Hatikvah.

Mr. and Mrs. Gradner at Maccabean Guild Luncheon.

The guests of honour at the Maccabean Guild Luncheon on Tuesday were the Deputy-Mayor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. L. Gradner. The work of the Municipal Council was the subject of Mr. Gradner's address.

At the outset, after a short introduction by the Chairman of the Luncheon Club, Mr. Gradner emphasised the fact that his being a Jew had never militated against his rise to office in the Council. Racial barriers did not exist there.

The average man, went on the speaker, though he realises that the decisions of the Council affect his welfare vitally, takes but little interest in the conducting of Municipal affairs. He is satisfied to leave matters in the hands of a few "mysterious enthusiasts." Mr. Gradner then went on to explain the form, workings, and intricacies of Municipal Councils—in other words, of what the public calls "Red Tape." Through a maze of figures the gathering was led to see how and why the ratepapers were taxed and how their money was spent; not quite as freely and carelessly as the man in the street imagines. Unlike private businesses where quick decisions are made, municipalities are surrounded by rules of order, ordinances, laws and restrictions. In fact at the moment, said Mr. Gradner, there was too much control.

In concluding his address, which was somewhat curtailed owing to the pressure of time, Mr. Gradner expressed the hope that some of the young people present would one day develop an interest in municipal affairs and so eventually take the place of the older members.

Mr. Bender, in an apt little speech, proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker. He hoped that he would see the guest of honour at this luncheon serve the highest Jewish traditions when filling the greatest and highest civic office.

A Physical Culture Display.

Despite the heat which prevailed during the week, there was a very fair attendance at the Physical Culture Display given by the pupils of the Radiant School of Health in the Zionist Hall on Tuesday evening in aid of the funds of the Jewish Students' Aid Society.

At the outset of the evening's entertainment, Advocate M. Barnett apologised for the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of the J.S.A.S., Adv. M. Alexander, K.C., who had been called away to the country on business. Mr. Barnett explained the aims and objects of the J.S.A.S., but pointed out the severe handicap under which it was labouring through lack of funds. He also thanked Mr. R. Miller for his generous action in staging the evening's display to assist the Society out of its present financial embarrassment.

The display was of a very varied nature, consisting of wrestling bouts, boxing, muscle control, s'atues and "daily dozen" exercises for ladies and men. Special mention must be made of the display given by Miss D. Glasser, Messrs. Jarburg, Frappier, Babbins and Wood. The pupils of the Helen Webb's Dancing Academy contributed a great deal to the enjoyment of the evening's entertainment by their delightful dancing. Further items on a very long programme were songs by Mrs. P. Dickman and Mr. J. Cohen.

Junior Mizrahi.

There was a fairly good attendance of members of the Cape Town Junior Mizrahi at the first Friday night gathering held last week at the residence of Mrs. J. Homa.

A discussion on the Sedrah of the week *vayetse* based on Midrash and other commentaries, took place, in which the following members participated: Messrs. A. Mirvish, H. Rogoff and E. Homa.

Refreshments were served during a short interval.

The next Mizrahi Circle meeting will be held at the residence of Rabbi Mirvish, on which occasion the Rabbi will be the lecturer of the evening.

All those interested in the movement should apply to the Secretary, L. Sandler, 11, Wesley Street, Cape Town.

Kadimah Association.

A Grand Novelty Dance will be held at the Zionist Hall on Saturday evening, the 28th inst., under the auspices of the above Association. Miss Sarah Disner will be at the piano.

Observatory and Mowbray Hebrew Congregation.

A very successful social evening in aid of the funds of the Observatory and Mowbray Hebrew Congregation, was held at the residence of Mr. J. Goldstein, Mowbray, on Tuesday, the 17th inst.

Eighty-two people attended, and a pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent.

The Committee desire to tender their thanks to all those who assisted in arranging the function. The sum of £32 was realised as a result of the function.

Orphanage Concert at the Adelphi.

A glance at the programme of the Cape Jewish Orphanage concert which is being held in the Adelphi Kinema, Sea Point, on Sunday evening, 29th inst., convinces one immediately that the concert will be no dull affair. No programme which includes such names as Jenny Sonnenberg, Marjorie Burger, Joel Myerson, Felix De Cola, not to speak of a large number of other well-known and popular artists could possibly be dull, and we have no doubt, therefore, that it will be well attended. The concert is being organised by Messrs. Kinemas Ltd.

Mr. Rubik on the Talmud.

A lecture on the subject of "The Talmud" was given by Mr. B. L. Rubik at the Oneg Shabbos last Saturday.

Jewish law, according to the Talmud, said Mr. Rubik, took account of the rights and liberty of the individual, and restricted these only when they were in direct conflict with the welfare of the community. It really attempted a compromise between the individual and the community. It was essentially human and just. He was convinced, said the speaker, that it was only through ignorance of its existence, and in many cases prejudice, that the lawmakers of the Middle Ages had overlooked the Talmud and turned their attention to Roman Law instead, which certainly did not contain the human qualities of the former.

Perhaps it was a good thing in a way that this had happened, for now the Talmud was essentially *ours* and had not become internationalised. But sooner or later the ideas and principles contained in it were bound to convince the non-Jewish world of their soundness, and attention was bound to be directed to it for an interpretation of and commentary to the Bible.

Mr. Ch. B. Levinsohn presided. Owing to the lateness of the hour no discussion took place.

Talmud Torah Ball.

There was not a very large gathering at the Talmud Torah Ball on Wednesday night, but the affair was nevertheless a most enjoyable one.

The City Hall was beautifully decorated. Fairy lights twinkled in exquisite settings of foliage and flowers, whilst from the roof hung baskets of wisteria and greenery. A very novel touch to the decoration scheme were the banners on the walls depicting the Jewish festivals.

Norrie Sowman and his Revellers supplied the music, and during the evening Miss Pearl Lazarus and her pupils gave a short dancing exhibition. The refreshments served in the Banqueting Hall were excellent.

The convenors of the Ball Committee were Mrs. Max Cohen and Mrs. M. Zuckerman.

The members of the Ball Committee were Mesdames Phil Marcus, L. Gradner, M. Rosen, S. Zuckerman, Michael, J. Cohen, Leon Sacks, F. Spektor, J. Homa, T. Marks, B. Levy, M. Kleinman, Vilensky, J. Benson, A. Cohen, M. Reuben, Ch. Cohen, Labovitz, S. Schneider, J. Lurie, I. Mauerberger, L. Schrire, G. Laden, Z. Maister, T. Snitcher, P. Fisher, and Misses O. Chall and E. and B. Cohen.

Children's Fancy Dress Parties.

The Children's Fancy Dress Party held some time back by the Bnoth Zion Association was, it will be remembered, a very successful affair, and the Committee have been so much encouraged as a result, that they have decided to hold two more similar functions. The first will be held at Crosby Hall, Sea Point, on Monday, December 14th, at 3 p.m., and the second on Tuesday, 29th December, at Muizenberg. The parties will be great fun and mothers will be providing very happy treats for their children by allowing them to attend.

Social Items.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Stodel returned to South Africa on Monday by the "Winchester Castle."

A Chanukah Concert will be given by the Bnoth Zion Hebrew Kindergartens in the Zionist Hall on Sunday, 6th December, at 10.30 a.m.

Mr. B. Weinronk, chairman of the Port Elizabeth Mizrachi, is at present in Cape Town on a short visit.

Mrs. Greenberg, wife of Mr. Justice Leopold Greenberg, arrived from Johannesburg on Monday and left by the "Llangibby Castle," the following day, for England.

The engagement is announced of Cyril, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Stodel, to Miss Clarre Cohen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Cohen, of Salisbury.

Mr. J. Zuckerman also returned to South Africa on Monday by the "Winchester Castle."

Dr. and Mrs. Ben Bernstein have returned to Cape Town from Oudtshoorn.

The many friends and acquaintances of Mr. and Peretz Cornfeld in Cape Town will join with us in wishing them godspeed on their return to Eretz Israel. Mr. and Mrs. Cornfeld, accompanied by their children, left for Johannesburg on Wednesday, 25th inst, for Lourenco Marques, where they will embark on the s.s. "Usumbara" for Palestine.

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BNOth ZION ASSOCIATION.

A Grand Chanukah Festival

will be given by the Children of the Hebrew Kindergartens at the ZIONIST HALL, CAPE TOWN,

ON Sunday, 6th December, 1931, AT 10.30 a.m.

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Mizrachi Organisation, Cape Town.

A MASS MEETING

WILL BE HELD IN THE ZIONIST HALL, HOPE ST.

ON Tuesday, 1st December, 1931, AT 8.15 p.m.

Speakers:
RABBI MEIR BERLIN, President, World Mizrachi Organisation.
RABBI M. Ch. MIRVISH.
Mr. B. WEINRONK, President, Port Elizabeth Mizrachi Organisation.
M. GURLAND, Esq., will preside.

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