

In and Around the Peninsula.

The Deputies Congress.

The forthcoming Congress of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies to be held at Bloemfontein during the coming week-end will no doubt be a significant one in view of recent local happenings. Unfortunately, we understand that the delegation from Cape Town and the Peninsula will be a small one, and Mr. Morris Alexander, Chairman of the local Board and one of its most active and hard-working members, will not be able to attend at all, since nomination day for the bye-election at Woodstock, in which he is a candidate, has been fixed for January 5th.

The Conference has many important matters before it with which to deal, and one can only hope that the deliberations at it will be fraught with success.

Cape Town Junior Mizrachi.

A fair number of members of the Junior Mizrachi were present at the general elections of the Society held on Sunday, 20th inst., in the Talmud Torah Hall. Unavoidable circumstances necessitated a change, and the personnel of the Committee will not be announced till later.

In place of the usual Friday night study circle, a function in the form of an Oneg Shabbos was held on Saturday, 26th inst., at the residence of Mr. Kahn, Mill Street, Cape Town. Mr. S. Kahn read a paper entitled "Hassidism and its Founder." In the course of an hour Mr. Khan gave a broad survey of a large and relatively unknown subject, and drew a skilful picture of the Besht, the Founder of Hassidism.

Keen discussion followed the paper, Mr. Kahn replying to several questions.

Refreshments were served and animated discussion took place upon several topics introduced by Mr. Rogoff.

The Committee wishes to place on record its appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. Kahn's hospitality in offering the use of their residence and in providing refreshments for a successful function.

Dr. S. Zuckerman.

The large number of friends and acquaintances in South Africa of Dr. S. Zuckerman must have read with no small amount of pleasure the excellent review of his book, "The Social Life of Monkeys and Apes," which appeared in the London "Sunday Times" of December 6th and which was reprinted in the "Cape Times" this week. Dr. Zuckerman, who is an ex-student of the University of Cape Town, is the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Zuckerman, of Cape Town.

The review is by Professor G. Eliot-Smith who says "it is no exaggeration to claim

that Dr. Zuckerman's book marks the beginning of a new epoch in the critical study and convincing interpretation of a subject which is the essential foundation of the biological approach to sociology."

Zionist Socialist Party.

The amalgamation of the Zionist Socialist Party and the Cape Town Kadimah Association was celebrated at a social gathering on Tuesday, the 29th inst., in the Zionist Hall. Despite the heavy south-easter the function was very well attended.

Mr. G. Telem, in his opening address, delivered in Hebrew, explained the aims and ideals of the Socialist faction in Zionism, and the vital part it plays in the upbuilding of Palestine, and stressed the necessity of all supporters of the Working Palestine to stand together in this hour of despair and unite in working for a better national future.

Mr. Z. Avin, speaking on behalf of the Kadimah Association, set out the reasons which led them to amalgamation, and ably defended the attitude of his organisation. He claimed that inasmuch as the aims and activities of two bodies coincided it was most natural for them to unite.

Mr. C. H. Achron dealt in brief with the history of the Zionist Socialist Movement, and declared that their true aims were twofold—namely, the work for the creation of a productive Jewish community in Palestine and for the bringing about of a more socially just order in the Diaspora.

Mr. Achron was followed by Mr. M. Ben-Arie, who made a special appeal to the socialistically minded local English-speaking Jewish youth to join their banner and co-operate in working for the realisation of common ideals.

During the interval Mr. B. Padowich extended a few words of welcome to the gathering.

The musical programme comprised a pianoforte solo by Miss Goldstein, recitations in Yiddish by Miss Radowsky, and songs by Miss Rabinowitz and Messrs. Kovarsky and Kaminsky, accompanied on the piano by Mr. Kurland.

The Conversazione.

Due to our having to go to press on Wednesday this week on account of its being a public holiday to-day, we are unfortunately not able to publish a report of the conversazione which took place on Wednesday evening. As far as we understand, a large number of visitors were invited to attend, and great care was taken with the arranging of the programme. Dr. Julius Herman, who was the speaker of the evening, has been good enough to give us a copy of his paper which we publish elsewhere in this issue.

The Young Israel Camp.

Crowds of youngsters drawn from all the Cape Province and even beyond will assemble to-day at the Strand to join one of the jolliest Jewish camps in the country. They are members of various Young Israel Societies affiliated to the Judean Central Council of the Cape Province, the body which organises this camp annually and which so far has been most successful in its efforts. Elsewhere in this issue we publish details of the camp programme, and the wide range of interests represented gives promise that the camp will be a very happy affair for all participants. It is also gratifying to note that cultural functions have not been overlooked, and that definite attempts are being made to utilise the excellent field for Jewish educational work created by the meeting of some 130 Jewish boys and girls who will spend some fourteen days together in an environment as Jewish as is possible under the circumstances.

The Young Israel Camp is indeed an excellent institution.

11th Cape Town (Jewish) Scout Group.

The 11th Cape Town (Jewish) Troop of Boy Scouts are holding their annual camp at Ceres. This is their second furthest camp from Cape Town, the furthest being the one held at Sandhills, near Worcester, a few years ago. A neighbouring river affords excellent bathing and a great deal of amusement to the scouts.

Owing to the indisposition of the Scoutmaster—Mr. Levenberg—the camp is being run by the Assistant Scoutmaster, Marcus Opland, commonly known as "Chetowaik."

At present the A.S.M. is undertaking a practical demonstration of bridge building. A bridge, made entirely by the scouts, is being flung across the river.

The Scouts attended synagogue the first Friday night at camp. The following day a special service was conducted by the Rev. N. Natas. "Alijas" were given to the boys and Maftir was read by Scout David Goldberg.

Social Items.

Dr. David Slome and Mr. Isidore Slome, M.Sc., sons of Mr. and Mrs. S. Slome, of Cape Town, left for London in the "Nyassa" on Monday to continue their studies. Dr. Slome has been awarded the 1851 Exhibition Research Scholarship for South Africa. He was recently capped M.B., Ch.B., and is in addition a Master of Arts and a Doctor of Philosophy. He gained distinction in all three of his professional examinations, took his degrees with honours, and won the City Council's gold medal as the most brilliant medical student of his year. Mr. I. Slome holds the Michael Hiddingh Scholarship of the University of Cape Town.

The marriage was solemnised at the Great Synagogue, Gardens, on Wednesday evening last of Roma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harris, of Kensington Crescent, Cape Town, to Julius, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Gottlieb. Rev. A. P. Bender officiated. A well attended reception was subsequently held in the City Hall.

The marriage was solemnised on Sunday last at the Great Synagogue of Tobie, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilensky, of Malmesbury, and Louis, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Volks, of Worcester.

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The marriage took place at the Gardens Synagogue on Monday evening last of Kathleen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Stoller, to Hyman, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Sloom. A reception was subsequently held in the City Hall and was well attended. We are informed that Mr. Stoller has donated the sum of £20 to have the name of his daughter and son-in-law inscribed in the Golden Book.

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The engagement is announced of Helena, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Hersman, of Hidding Avenue, Cape Town, to Abe, son of Mr. I. C. Lieberman and the late Mrs. Lieberman, of Johannesburg.

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The Hon. Mr. Justice Greenberg, accompanied by his son and daughter, has arrived in the Peninsula and is staying at the Hotel Majestic, Kalk Bay.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ph. Millin arrived from Johannesburg on Monday and are spending a holiday at the Hotel Majestic, Kalk Bay.

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Dr. and Mrs. D. Ordman, of Johannesburg, arrived in the Peninsula this week and are staying at Sea Point.

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Mr. Isaac Ochberg left for Bloemfontein on Wednesday to attend the Board of Deputies Congress.

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Mr. J. Gitlin and Mr. D. Getz left last night for Bloemfontein in order to attend the Board of Deputies Congress.

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Mrs. J. Lurie, of Port Elizabeth, and her daughter, Miss R. Lurie, are at present in Cape Town, where they are staying at the Hotel Assembly.

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The marriage of Miss Rebecca Beckman and Mr. Gerson Luck was solemnised on Friday, 25th December, at the Claremont Synagogue. The ceremony was performed by Rabbi A. R. Abrahamson. The reception was held at "Halycon," where a large gathering of relatives and friends met to congratulate the young couple. Toasts were proposed by Rabbi Abrahamson and Mr. H. Gorfinkel, Chairman of the Congregation.

THANKS.

MASTER NATHAN SPEKTOR

thanks all his friends for their good wishes and valuable presents received on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah.

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A SERMON FOR THE MONTH

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funct. Events are conspiring to make us nationally self-conscious, and we shall be forced to seek an answer to the ultimate problems of life, and it can only be found in a profound study and reappropriation of the spirit of the Torah, which has proved itself in actual fact a Torah of life.

In an article in the current number of Harper's Magazine, a writer commenting on the disabilities imposed universally on Israel, yet admits the present spiritual bankruptcy of Western civilisation, and asserts that in spite of all, it is just Israel, despised and rejected of men, which is in a position to help the world out of its difficulties. Not even in this distant outpost of civilisation have we any cause for despair. Compare the South Africa of to-day with that of the time of the Boer War, and can we doubt that a vast development has taken place in our community. Especially during the last ten years, our intellectual forces have markedly increased. Dr. Weizmann will meet no derelict Jewry in this country, but one eager to build up and to be built. We have had in South Africa a continual series of ups and downs. We are coming to realise that whereas individuals rise and fall, come and go, there is a common cause greater than all, which if we serve, we most truly serve the cause of our children and children's children. By our wholehearted participation in the activities of universal Israel, we build up our own spiritual life. We have helped Eastern Europe with money, we are none the poorer for that. On the contrary, we have derived thence the human forces which have made us what we are to-day. We have sent large sums to Palestine, but is not Zion the star of our hopes and aspirations, has it not given us an inner power which can and will save us from the forces making for disintegration? We have many institutions that need development, our schools, and schools, and Young Israel societies, the various associations fostering Jewish learning, and making for the unification of the community in the deepest and truest sense. We have our press, and new libraries are continually being established, and we need to foster to the utmost this process of the extension and popularisation of Jewish knowledge. We stand and fall with the Hebraism that is the *raison d'etre* of our existence as an organic body. The day will come when new leaders will arise to give us a United Synagogue of South Africa, and ever we must bear in mind the supreme fact that redemption is finally dependent upon the word of God being upon our lips and the lips of our children. When we really appreciate the fact, a new spirit will dominate our communal life. Our Board of Education will be amply endowed, and we shall seek as our truest policy the continual strengthening of our intellectual forces. We shall attain our goal when we exhibit the same self-sacrifice for the cause of Jewish education that is being shown to-day by our brethren in Poland. Let us start with this faith as an experiment and we shall have it as an experience, surely the most precious that life has to offer. That is our way of advance as a community. And let us remember the great lesson of Jewish history, that not the will of our enemies determines our fate, but only the Jewish soul within us. And as we work hard and loyally, so may we pray for heavenly Grace, for redemption inner and outer. Let the word of God be in our hearts, and then the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and to all that love her.

Mrs. Lili Frishman.

HER WORK IN CAPE TOWN.

Cape Town Jewry will have the opportunity during the next few weeks of learning a great deal about the late Hebrew poet and author, David Frishman. Mrs. David Frishman, who is at present in Cape Town, has visited this country with the express purpose of creating interest in her husband's work, and she will deliver a number of lectures during the course of her stay here.



Interviewed by a representative of the "S.A. Jewish Chronicle" this week, Mrs. Frishman explained why she had devoted herself to the task in the interests of which she had come to South Africa after touring America, England, France, Belgium and Germany. "David Frishman," she said, "was the founder of modern Hebrew literature. Into the rough and unpolished thing that the Hebrew language was he introduced a spirit of European culture, and gave it the veneration that was necessary for it to become the language of a cultured people. No one will deny the importance of this. Hand in hand with the upbuilding of the land in the work of national revival must go that of cultural revival, and in this cultural revival the development of the Hebrew language plays a foremost part. And when one speaks of the development of the Hebrew language and its existence to-day as a modern tongue, one must immediately associate it with the name of David Frishman."

Mrs. Frishman stated that she had already managed to publish sixteen of her husband's books. But there was still a large number to be published. It was the moral duty of Jewry, she said, to provide the means whereby the works of one of our greatest spirits could be given fitting completion.

"So far," Mrs. Frishman stated in reply to a question as to how she had fared in this country, "I have been very well received. In Rhodesia particularly the response to my appeal has been very warm. I only hope that Cape Town Jewry will respond as well. A Committee, headed by Rev. A. P. Bender, has been formed here, and I sincerely trust that the results will be such as the cause deserves."

We understand that the B'nai Zion Association has arranged for a lecture to be delivered by Madame Frishman shortly.