

## In and Around the Peninsula.

### Farewell to Dr. and Mrs. Weizmann

Tickets for the farewell reception being given to Dr. and Mrs. Chaim Weizmann in the Zionist Hall on Thursday evening, 12th inst., are selling rapidly. A limited number of tickets is being issued, and those who intend being present at this function and of hearing both Dr. and Mrs. Weizmann deliver their last public speeches in South Africa will be well advised to secure their tickets immediately.

Dr. and Mrs. Weizmann arrive in the Peninsula on Wednesday, 11th inst., and leave South Africa on Friday, 13th inst., by the "Windsor Castle."

Dr. A. Goldstein will also arrive on the 11th but will stay in South Africa for yet another few months, during which period he will visit various centres where the Keren Hayesod campaign has not yet been launched.

### The Zionist Conversazione.

An animated discussion was provoked by Mr. A. Shacksnovis at the Zionist conversazione last Tuesday night, when he delivered an address in defence of Hitlerism.

Hitlerism, stated Mr. Shacksnovis, was started as an anti-Government, anti-war reparations movement and was stimulated by the example of Fascism. As such its main object was by no means anti-Semitism. Those who identified themselves with the government forces ran the risk of having anti-government forces working against them, and if the Hitlerist threats of terror and massacre ever materialised, as many full-dyed, blue-blooded Prussians would fall as Jews.

Hitlerism was both an economic movement and a movement of extreme nationalism. Anti-Semitism was just a byplay and a catchword of the Hitlerists and not of Hitlerism. A popular method of gaining the vote of the ignorant man was to tell him that the Jew was to blame for all that was wrong, whilst those in power gained the votes of the Jews by pointing out what might happen under a Hitlerist regime. Actually, if Hitler were in power, the extreme Right of to-day might in all likelihood use his present methods of cadging for votes, such as stressing the evil of the Jew, whilst he ventured to prophesy, said the speaker, that Hitler's own administration would be a very different thing from that which he to-day indicated it would be.

As far as the nationalism of Hitlerism was concerned, we Zionists were such extreme nationalists ourselves that we had to respect the nationalism of others and acknowledge that in itself it was not a bad thing.

One excellent result Hitlerism had had in Germany as far as the Jewish community was concerned. It had strengthened Jewish consciousness, had united Jews as Jews and not as German politicians, and had stimulated Zionism in Germany. Its good effects were probably worth all the sacrifices which it entailed. Previously Germany had not been a stronghold of Jewry.

Those who took part in the discussion were: Messrs. J. Weinreich, D. Getz, J.

Sachs, B. Mirvish, O. Basson, H. Snitcher and H. M. Bloch, and Mr. Shacksnovis summed up the debate.

Mr. Bloch acted as host and during the course of the evening Mr. Beinart gave a song and Miss F. Rogoff a pianoforte solo. The Jewish news was read as usual.

### Orphanage Twenty-first Anniversary Fete.

The ladies who have undertaken responsibility for stalls at the Orphanage Twenty-first Anniversary Fete, which is to be held in the Zionist Hall, Hope Street, on August 23rd and 24th, are becoming very active, now that Passover holidays are over. A full meeting of stall-holders and assistants is being held to-day. Meanwhile a number of functions in connection with the Fete have been held.

Last Sunday evening Mrs. H. Kruyer entertained a large gathering at her house in Tamboers Kloof, and we understand that the function was a huge success, socially and financially.

On Saturday evening Mrs. H. Marks, of Sea Point, received over seventy guests at her residence. It says much for Mrs. Marks' competence as a hostess that everybody had a splendid time and that the financial result was eminently satisfactory.

On Tuesday afternoon a very successful afternoon tea-party was given by Mrs. J. W. Golding at her residence in Roseberry Avenue, and on Wednesday afternoon an "At Home" given by Mrs. B. Joseph was equally successful.

Mrs. Marks' two sisters, the Misses Annie and Peggy Goodman, are organising a dance to be held at the Clifton-on-Sea Hotel on Saturday evening, the 14th inst. Over two hundred tickets (3/6 gentlemen and 2/6 ladies) have already been taken up. Applications for further tickets may be phoned to Mrs. Marks, Sea Point 660.

Mrs. H. Stodel is organising a dance to be held at the Queen's Hotel, on Saturday even-

ing, the 23th inst., and this promises to be a very fine function.

Many other ladies are organising special efforts in preparation for this Fete, and competition between them as to who can raise the largest amount before the Fete is very keen.

### Mr. Morgenstern gives Sabbath Lecture.

A large gathering assembled at the Roeland Street Synagogue Hall last Saturday afternoon when Mr. M. Morgenstern delivered a lecture on "Pirke Avoth." Mr. M. Gurland presided.

The speaker dealt with the importance of the Jewish customs and the idea of a distinction between oral and written law. He spoke of his ideal of a Jewish nation built upon pure traditional lines. He divided his subject into sections. The customs had taken a place which bound the individual to the group and which beautified the life of the nation. They were in accordance with practical life. We need only adapt ourselves to them.

Owing to the lateness of the hour the discussion was adjourned to the next Sabbath lecture.

### Cape Jewish Aged Home.

Passover was spent very pleasantly by the inmates of the Cape Jewish Aged Home. The *Sedorim* on the first two evenings were conducted by Rev. S. Kibel, who was present with Mrs. Kibel, and a number of members of the Aged Home Committee attended.

On Sunday evening, 24th April, the Young Jewish Aid Society held a film entertainment at the Home for the benefit of the inmates. A number of musical items were rendered during the evening, Miss Levin contributing a recitation, Miss Charness singing, and Miss Belle Satz reciting. The evening proved a very enjoyable one.

### Zionist Socialist Party.

Under the auspices of the Zionist Socialist Party a dance will be held in the Minor Zionist Hall on Saturday evening, 7th May, at 8 p.m.

A lecture by Mr. P. Barsky on "The Attitude of Social Democracy towards Russia," will be delivered on Wednesday evening, 11th May, at 8.30 p.m. in the Zionist Hall.

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**Oneg Shabbos.**

Dr. J. Mibashan will be the speaker at the Oneg Shabbos to be held in the Zionist Hall to-morrow afternoon. The subject of his address will be "Jewish Agriculture in Biblical Times." The function will commence at 5 p.m. All are welcome.

**Meeting of Jewish Women.**

Mrs. Toni Saphra, who is at present in Cape Town, is deeply interested in questions affecting the Jewish woman. She has given a great deal of her time and resources towards improving the conditions as well as the general outlook of the Jewish woman in this country, towards rendering her a more effective unit in the community than she is at present, and at the same time towards obtaining for her recognition of her services actually performed. For that end she has in mind the formation of a Union of Jewish Women in South Africa, such as exists in England, America and many other countries, among the many duties of which will be that of establishing contact between the Jewish women in all the centres and organisations scattered throughout this country. She has received substantial support for her scheme in Johannesburg, East London, Port Elizabeth and other centres.

A meeting to discuss this matter is being held in the Zionist Hall on Wednesday afternoon, 18th inst., and Mrs. Saphra will outline her scheme. All women interested are asked to be present.

**Social Items.**

Mr. Max Sonnenberg, M.P.C., returned to South Africa on Monday by the "Warwick Castle."

Mr. B. Cohen, Mayor of Kimberley, arrived in Cape Town on Sunday on a short visit.

Miss Muriel Alexander, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Alexander, returned to South Africa from New York on Tuesday.

Mr. Isaac Ochberg left during the week-end for Johannesburg.

Mr. Benzion S. Hersch returned to Johannesburg during the week-end after a short visit to Cape Town.

Mrs. Toni Saphra arrived in Cape Town last week from Johannesburg and will make a short stay in the Peninsula.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Policansky left on Monday on a short visit to Bloemfontein.

Mr. D. Getz, of Johannesburg, is at present on a visit to Cape Town.

Mr. I. Mauerberger leaves on Tuesday, 10th inst., by the "Llangibby Castle" on a trip to Europe. He will be away about four months.

**MARRIAGE AMONG THE JEWS OF ADEN.**

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names of the ancestors of the bride and bridegroom in accordance with the whims and fancy of the powers that be, and also to describe the names of the married couple by the words "bachelor," "virgin" or otherwise. This very often creates a very unnecessary invidious and unpleasant feeling, and is a negation of the Jewish view which regards all Jews as equals. The bridegroom signs the Kethuba in the presence of the two witnesses, who also append their names. No register of marriages is kept by the Beth Din.

The bridegroom is then conveyed in a procession, singing and dancing all the way, to the house of the bride. Here the seven special blessings are recited and the bride and bridegroom enter the canopy, when the bridegroom places the ring on the finger of his bride. It is not the custom here to break the wine glass but to put ashes on the forehead of the bridegroom. After this the bridegroom has to go back to his house. The bridegroom is not allowed to have the intimate company of his bride till the following Friday night, and even then a chaperon has to sleep with the couple till they become better acquainted. No music is employed in these festivities.

These quaint rites and ceremonies were very well suited to the older generation, but times have changed and it is high time, that these expensive and tedious series of festivities be reduced to a minimum to suit the purse of the poor; but the fact remains that all attempts to minimise them have been frustrated by the incurable tenacity of the Community to stick to its old customs. It is not customary to send out invitation cards and even if cards are issued, guests will consider it beneath their dignity to attend the wedding celebration, unless called by two or more messengers. There is one standard of obligation for all marriage contracts, to wit Rs. 160/- in case of virgins and Rs. 90/- in all other cases, irrespective of the financial and social status of the parties.

It is customary for the newly-married couple to have their furnished quarters in the house of the parents of the wife. This very often tends to mar and impair the "oneness" and unity of soul and spirit that must rule between husband and wife and, more often than not, has resulted in the estrangement of the couple. This is brought about when husband cannot see eye to eye with the parents, whose influence over the wife tends to sway her away from him, or the whole-hearted devotion of the wife to her husband has to be shared by the parents. The implication is that by marrying, the husband has entered into his father-in-law's family and that the father-in-law, as chief of the family, has the patriarchal authority over the husband as well as his wife. There are unscrupulous fathers who compel their daughters to leave their husbands. As to the practice of the father taking his daughter from her husband, illustrations may be found in the Bible. King Saul took his daughter Michal away from her husband David and gave her to another, and in the same manner Samson's father-in-law took his wife away from him.

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