

In and Around the Peninsula.

Mr. Alexander at the University.

At a well-attended meeting of the Students' Jewish Association held on Tuesday, 7th inst., Advocate M. Alexander delivered an address on "Recent attempts to make South African Universities Denominational."

Mr. Alexander sketched the conditions prevailing, and the relations between Jew and non-Jew at the time he was at the University. Although the Jew was misunderstood, there were no real problems then. Now they had developed. It seemed that there was a growing spirit of intolerance among the predominant people in South Africa. The attitude they adopted was a reversion to the Mediaeval Ages when only members of the State Church were admitted to the University. This was in conflict with the modern conception of a university as a place of learning and research.

Mr. Alexander went on to give a comprehensive survey of legislation affecting the subject. The 1873 Act was the Magna Charta of the Jews and contained the famous "conscience clause," which protected minorities. All acts passed after this contained the clause. The tendency to do away with this clause was a "step back to the Middle Ages, a step from which will ensue Inquisitions and Torquemadas."

The various attempts, through the Potchefstroom College, to interfere with the conscience clause had fortunately failed, till this year when the Act was introduced to have the word "Christian" inserted in the name of the College. It seemed that the Bill would eventually be passed, but there was the consolation that legislation of such nature could only be introduced by the Universities affected.

The removal of the clause was not only an injustice to the Jews, but dealt a blow at education generally, for fine discussion of religious problems was wasted effort. The University was the place where future leaders of the country, Jew and non-Jew, could meet, and should be free to all.

Mr. Alexander replied to questions raised. After a vote of thanks had been proposed and seconded, he made a moving appeal for tolerance to others and asked those present not to forget their people when they left the University.

"The Jewish Woman."

"The Jewish Woman," was the subject of a lecture delivered by Miss Marcia Gitlin on Tuesday night at a meeting held under the auspices of the Bnoth Zion Association.

Miss Gitlin contended that in spite of all outer manifestations to the contrary, the Jewish woman had made no advance during

the twentieth century, that she was to-day just where she was in the nineteenth century in Russia. She had merely carried to a further point, perhaps to a more natural conclusion, that ability to adapt herself to surrounding conditions which her mother had shown on her entering the new country. Fundamentally she was just the same woman who a generation ago had little interest in life save for the problem of finding a husband. She was blessed with a high native intelligence, had plenty of energy, was practical and warm-hearted, yet made little real use of these qualities, but spent her time and labours on small and useless things.

Miss Gitlin then drew attention to the different type of Jewish woman in Palestine who was, it would seem, really proving her metal. Her values of life were sound, sane and simple, and she managed to keep mentally alive. This new type of woman who was developing in Palestine was one of the most interesting aspects of the national movement.

Miss M. Oblowitz presided and an animated discussion took place at the conclusion of the lecture. The following participated: Miss Oblowitz, Mrs. P. Clouts, Mrs. Ch. Cohen, Mrs. S. Gordon, Mrs. M. Gurland, Messrs. H. Kirsch and J. Rubik.

Address by Mr. Clouts.

On Thursday, June 2nd, a lecture on the subject, "New Objectives for the Zionist Organisation" was delivered in the Zionist Hall to the Zionist Revisionist Organisation. The speaker, Advocate P. M. Clouts, handled his theme in a very able manner.

In a world racked by economic and political issues, said Mr. Clouts, the position of Jews was becoming rapidly more and more unstable. It had to be conceded that recognition as a nation had now been internationally and legally bestowed upon us. But the perpetual *va et vint* of life would urge us either onwards to a greater destiny or backwards to comparative obscurity.

If driven onwards, our progress would mean recognition on the League of Nations. This should be the task of youth—undaunted by obstacles, untrammelled by the meekness and serenity that characterises our leaders. Jabotinsky, with his cry for self-assertion, for pugnacious independence, understood the spirit of the times far better than Weizmann. The speaker advocated a golden mean between the policies of these two statesmen—the policy of "Joint World Action." Whilst such concerted action might perhaps jeopardise our rights, and we had the consolation of knowing that these rights carried little real power with them, judicious action might avoid the loss of even these.

Arising from such joint action, we had the dual problem of (a) what should be the aim of concerted action of the Jews? and (b) the formation of a World Organisation. We should aim at obtaining representation and membership on the League of Nations, and obtain for the Jews in Palestine international standing as Jews and not as Palestinians.

We should convert our Zionist Organisation into the World Organisation, the need for which men like Rabbi Stephen Wise had given voice to. The establishing of a National Home in Palestine, the avowed purpose of the Zionist Organisation, would not cut the Gordian knot. Palestine was a small country into which it was difficult to obtain admittance, and besides, there was a strong counter attraction in a place like Biro Bidjan, for instance.

Hence we had to empower such a World Organisation with the far more elevated function of administrative action, e.g. controlling and financing our own education, taking joint action about boycotts, grappling with emigration problems, etc. We would still maintain the Jewish Agency and insist that its executive lived in Palestine and had representation in London.

The subject was then thrown open for discussion and the arguments were keenly debated by Mr. van Gelderen, Mr. W. Rubik and Mr. D. Melmed.

Adv. Clouts once more confirmed and enlarged on his previous remarks. A vote of thanks was then passed, and thus concluded a most instructive evening.

Address by Rev. Isaacson.

On Saturday, 28th ultimo, Rev. Isaacson, of Mowbray, lectured at the *Shiurei Shabbas* under the auspices of the Mizrachi at the Roeland Street Synagogue Hall.

Rev. Isaacson spoke on the Jewish conception of Socialism. He pointed out that Socialism must lead to chaos and that only our religious morality could maintain it.

He also gave an interpretation of the *Yovel* as applied to modern times, stressing that it meant the compromise between Socialism and private enterprise.

He concluded by saying that Social Morality as understood to-day is doomed to failure; true morality can only be induced by the creative spirit.

A large and interested audience listened to the address.

To-morrow afternoon an address in the Roeland Street Synagogue Hall will be delivered by Rabbi L. K. Frankel. All are welcome.

C.T. Jewish Youth Circle.

On Sunday, 5th June, an inter-debate between the Junior Mizrachi and the Cape Town Jewish Youth Circle was held in the Zionist Hall under the auspices of the latter Society. A large gathering filled the meeting place. The subject—"That the Jewish Religion is in a process of decay"—was moved by the representatives of the Cape Town Jewish Youth Circle: Mr. A. Nell supported by Miss F. Rachman. Mr. S. Levin, supported by Mr. S. Flax, for the Junior Mizrachi, opposed the motion.

The addresses of the above speakers was followed by a lively discussion from the floor. The result was finally declared a draw.

Mr. B. Helman, for the Cape Town Jewish Youth Circle, proposed a vote of thanks to the visitors, to which Mr. S. Kahn, of the Mizrahi, replied.

The meeting concluded with the singing of Hatikvah.

Annual Zionist Ball.

On Wednesday evening, 15th inst., the Annual Zionist Ball will be held in the Zionist Hall. This is the Zionist affair of the year and it is expected that this year the function will eclipse all previous efforts. The music will be provided by Louis Morris and His Band, and preparations are in hand for a novel decoration scheme. There will also be an interlude by the Kirsch studio.

It need hardly be emphasised how urgent it is that the ball should be supported and assistance thus given to the National Fund. To those who feel that the buying of dance tickets is unwarranted in these bad times—and there are, we are certain, many who feel that way—we offer the reminder that the ball is not a social function alone, but that it is a concrete effort on behalf of a fund to which every Jew should respond to the utmost of his ability.

Woodstock and Salt River Cultural Circle.

On Tuesday evening of this week a meeting of the Woodstock and Salt River Cultural Circle was held at the residence of Dr. C. Resnekov, at Woodstock. Dr. Resnekov presided and an address was delivered by Rabbi Lipshitz, of Parow, on "The Economic Structure of the Jewish Nation before the Destruction of the Temple." The address was a most interesting one and was attentively listened to by a large audience. A keen discussion followed in which a large number participated. The meeting was brought to a close after a vote of thanks to the lecturer had been moved by Mr. B. L. Rubik.

Woodstock and Salt River Hebrew Kindergarten.

On Thursday, 26th May, the Woodstock and Salt River Hebrew Kindergarten Committee and members of the Ladies' Society were "At Home" to Mrs. Toni Saphra and Mrs. B. Berezowski. The guests paid a visit to the "gan" and were much impressed by the work done there. They took note of the happy conditions in which the children found themselves and how naturally they responded to the teaching of their *Ganneneth*.

At present the Committee is organising a concert to be held on Sunday, 26th June, at the Talmud Torah Hall, Argyle Street, Woodstock, in which the children of the kindergarten will be the performers.

Dance at Muizenberg.

The first public function of the newly-formed South Peninsula Jewish Club will be held to-morrow evening. It will take the form of a dance at the Marine Hotel, Muizenberg, and much care at present is being taken with the arrangements. Music will be supplied by Johnny Mills and His Rhythm Boys.

Kindergarten Festival.

On Sunday morning, in the Zionist Hall, a Shevuoth concert will be given by the children of the Bnoth Zion Hebrew Kindergartens. It promises to be one of the most delightful of the Kindergarten festival concerts yet held and it is hoped that a large gathering will attend.

Meeting of Jewish Women.

The first public meeting of the newly-formed Union of Jewish Women will take place in the Zionist Hall on Thursday morning at 10.30 a.m. sharp. The draft of the proposed constitution will be presented for approval, whilst a number of general items will also be put forward for discussion. All women interested are requested to attend.

Death of Mr. A. Wynick.

The deepest condolences are extended to Mrs. Jennie Wynick on the death of her husband, Mr. Alfred Wynick, which took place on Friday last. Condolences are also extended to Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Stodel, parents-in-law of the deceased.

Social Items.

Advocate Morris Alexander, K.C., M.P., will deliver an address entitled "The History of Zionism," at the Talmud Torah Hall, Argyle Street, Woodstock, on Monday, the 13th June, at 8 p.m. The lecture will be given under the auspices of the Woodstock and Salt River Zionist Society. All interested are kindly invited to attend.

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The dance that is being held at the Hotel Majestic, Kalk Bay, on Wednesday, 22nd inst., in aid of the Orphanage Twenty-first Anniversary Fete, is being organised by Miss Dolly Weinreich together with Miss Cora Levenstein and not with Mrs. J. Weinreich as previously stated.

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The next Zionist conversazione takes place in the Zionist Hall on Tuesday evening, 14th inst.

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A Shevuoth Dance under the auspices of the Brith Trumpeldor, will be held in the Woodstock Talmud Torah Hall, Argyle Street, to-morrow evening.

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The engagement is announced between Janie Tuback, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Tuback, of 57, Fortescue Road, Johannesburg, and Hertz (Jimmy) Shames, son of Mr. S. Shames and the late Mrs. Shames, of Virginia Avenue, Gardens, Cape Town.

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Mr. M. Pevsner, Managing Director of the African Tobacco Manufacturers, and his daughter returned to Cape Town on Tuesday from Johannesburg.

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The usual monthly evening given by the Woodstock and Salt River Hebrew Congregation and Cultural Circle will be held on Tuesday evening, the 14th inst., at the local Talmud Torah Hall at 8.15 p.m. All are welcome.

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Mr. Leon Burman leaves during the week-end for Maritzburg, where he will attend the Public Servants' Conference.

Jascha Heifetz.

LEAVES FOR JOHANNESBURG.

For the last week musical circles in Cape Town have been stirred by the brilliant concerts given by Jascha Heifetz. Heifetz gave four concerts in all and in each case he evoked enormous enthusiasm. Musical critics are loud in their praise of him as a flawless player and one of the most perfect violinists of to-day.

Heifetz's accompanist is Mr. Isidor Achron, a highly accomplished and sympathetic musician, but on Wednesday night, at his last concert, he played with the Cape Town Orchestra during the first half of the programme. His reception was overwhelming.

Heifetz, Mr. Achron and Mr. Leo Cherniavsky left yesterday morning for Johannesburg. They return to Cape Town towards the end of next month and will probably leave immediately on their return to New York. We are certain we voice the sentiments of many when we express the hope that it will be possible for them to arrange yet one more concert in Cape Town before the final departure.

Combined Zionist Societies.

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RABBI L. K. FRANKEL

under the auspices of the Cape Mizrahi Association, in the

Roeland Street Synagogue Hall on Saturday (Second day of Shevuoth)

AT 5 p.m.