

In and Around the Peninsula.

Bialik Celebration.

The Bialik evening to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of Ch. N. Bialik, which was held last Sunday night in the Zionist Hall under the auspices of the Zionist Socialist Party (Poale Zion-Zeirei Zion), attracted so large a gathering that there was not standing room left.

The Chairman, Mr. Ch. Achron, in his opening address, said: To-night we are celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of our great national poet, Ch. N. Bialik, who is one of those great spirits who influence not only the poetry and literature but also the life and history of a people.

Bialik was the first poet who broke down the artificial division between Jew and man. Judaism figures in his poems not as a product of the Ghetto but as a part of humanity. He emphasises the universal character of Judaism as the bearer of an ethico-social ideal.

Bialik had great belief in action. He had this belief even before the Congress period. In his poem "Birchath Am" (Techezaknah) he presents to us what is now called the Working Eretz Israel. He sees salvation not only as an outer manifestation but as an inner process of the Jewish youth and working man, and for this reason "Techezaknah" has become the anthem of the Working Palestine.

Dr. Sachs stressed the universality of Bialik's poetry. His poems are pearls strung on the thread of time, and if they are not determined by local colour they are anchored in the stream of Jewish life and lore. The vision of the historical homeland always looms on Bialik's horizon.

Dr. Sachs pointed out that Bialik's harrowing descriptions of the pogrom to-day achieved a sinister topicality, only that the scene has been shifted from Kishinev to Berlin.

Mr. Z. Avin emphasised the individual character of Bialik's poetry. Bialik expressing the strivings and experiences of the Jewish people. Therefore he is the direct successor of the Hebrew prophets.

The speaker gave a short account of the poet's biography and various periods of his life.

Bialik's creation consists not only of poetry but includes also fiction, legends and essays, the most famous being "Halacha Veagada."

Bialik is the champion of humanity and the friend of the Chalutzim whom he sees as the bearers of a new civilisation and creators of the Jewish Renaissance.

During the course of the evening musical items were rendered. A pianoforte solo was given by Miss F. Rogoff, Hebrew and Yiddish recitations by Miss D. Radowsky, violin solo by Mr. Ch. Kreitzer and songs by Miss Ch. Rabinowitz and Mr. Ch. Kovarsky.

The function was concluded with the singing of "Techezaknah."

Trumpeldor Evening.

The Revisionist Association held a meeting on Monday evening, March 13th, in commemoration of the death of Joseph Trumpeldor. Mr. Kluk, who presided, drew the attention of his audience to the paramount importance of disposing of as many Shekels as possible and he therefore called for suggestions for the forthcoming Shekel campaign. He spoke of the numerous obstacles besetting the movement, not the least of which was the lack of a suitable press. The "Jewish Tribune," a monthly paper preaching the Revisionist doctrine, supplied this deficiency, and it behoved us to give it our wholehearted support.

Mr. Snitcher then gave a brief resumé of the life of Trumpeldor, who had given us a new code of behaviour. Humility and meekness of demeanour were henceforth to be replaced by the more courageous attitude of never allowing an insult to pass unavenged.

Mr. Rogoff gave a brief sketch of the outstanding events in Trumpeldor's life.

Mr. Ben-Arie, who had been privileged to meet Trumpeldor personally, gave a report of the encounter.

Other speakers were Mr. Dektor and Mr. Rosenthal, both of the Brith Trumpeldor.

Mr. Kluk described the heroic achievements which had brought glory and renown to the Jewish name. The story of that magnificent struggle waged against fearful odds on lonely Tel-Hai, strangely stirs the imagination and recalls some legendary hero of old.

The ground consecrated by his life's blood is now Jewish soil. He acquired for us much in the way of material possessions, but he is immortal for the spiritual legacy he left us.

Concert.

Under the auspices of the Federation of Polish Jews in the Cape a concert will take place in the Old Synagogue, Gardens, on Sunday evening, March 26th at 8 p.m., for the purpose of raising funds for the relief of starving school children in Poland. An interesting programme has been arranged and it is hoped that this concert will be well patronised.

Meeting at Paarl.

On Purim night, March 12th, Dr. Mibashan addressed a large and representative gathering in the Paarl Talmud Torah Hall. The subject of the lecture was "What Zionism really is to us."

Dr. Mibashan expressed his pleasure at seeing such a large attendance, since Purim night, in Palestine, is considered a time of great revelry.

Referring to the fierce anti-Semitic attacks in Germany and Canada, the speaker said that Zionism was passing through a very severe crisis, and it was the duty of all Jews to further the aims of Zionism, which is striving to construct a national home. It is a challenge to assimilation and is teaching us to be upright Jews who owe our very existence to Zionism which has helped us to survive all persecutions.

The speaker then enlarged upon the rapid growth of agriculture in Eretz Israel and the important part that art, education and literature is playing. He also impressed upon the audience that the three main factors in attaining success, were time, patience and perseverance.

After Dr. Mibashan had replied to questions, Rev. Strelitz proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker. In seconding the motion, Mr. Horwitz pointed out that the Zionist atmosphere was such, that no ex-



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ternal influence was required to force Zionism upon the audience.

The meeting concluded with the singing of Hatikvah.

Hebrew Teachers' Association.

The Hebrew Teachers' Association devoted the evening of Tuesday, 21st instant, to celebrating the sixtieth birthday of our national poet, Chaim Nachman Bialik, at the Zionist Hall.

Mr. A. Levin, in his presidential address, spoke of the love Bialik had won from all sections of the people. He gave a brief sketch of the poet's biography, told of his hardships and sufferings in childhood and youth, until his poems brought him fame, and showed to what extent Jewry was indebted to him not only for his poems and in the field of prose, but for popularising the Bible, making it easy for children to learn.

Mr. M. Natas spoke of Bialik's tremendous influence, of his wide range of poetry, and of his ability to pick out the pearls and other precious stones from their sordid surroundings.

Mr. Z. Avin pointed out that since Yehuda Halevi (in the twelfth century) Jewry had not produced a poet with the true prophetic spirit till Chaim Nachman Bialik in our own days, whom he compared with the Prophet Isaiah.

Mrs. S. Rechtman and Miss Chana Rabinowitz sang some of Bialik's songs, Mrs. S. Gordon read three of his poems, and poems were recited by Miss Fanny Kolnick, Masters Abe Friedgood and Samuel Kaplan. Mr. Rabinowitz acted as accompanist throughout the evening and opened with a pianoforte solo.

The audience sang "Strengthen the hands of all our brethren." A vote of thanks to the artists and the singing of Hatikvah closed a very enjoyable evening.

On Sunday, 26th inst., at 8 p.m., a general meeting of Hebrew teachers will be held at the Talmud Torah, Hope Street, Cape Town. All teachers are requested to attend, as Mr. Lazar of Paarl, has promised to lecture on a subject of educational interest.

Oneg Shabbos.

The Oneg Shabbos was held in the Zionist Hall on Saturday, March 18th, and a large gathering enjoyed the proceedings of the afternoon. Mr. I. Fine presided.

Mr. Ch. B. Levinsohn delivered a lecture on "Three Leaders of the Jewish Nation," and he quoted Moses, Ezekial and Rabbi Jochanan Ben Zakkai.

Songs were rendered by Cantor Zive and Rev. Cassel. Mr. Friedland proposed the vote of thanks.

Cape Town Maccabee Organisation

Under the auspices of the Cape Town Maccabee Organisation a dance will take place in the Talmud Torah Hall, Argyle Street, Woodstock, on Sunday, March, 26th. A very enjoyable evening is promised.

Zionist Conversazione.

The next Zionist Conversazione will take place in the Zionist Hall at 8.15 p.m. on March 28th. It will be in the nature of a Bialik evening. Mr. B. L. Rubik will give a lecture on Bialik, in addition to the usual programme.

Owing to the fact that the Tuesday fortnight—the date on which the next Conversazione should be held—is Passover, the Conversazione will not take place until Tuesday, 18th April—Mozoei Pesach.

Wedding.

The marriage of Miss Lilian Pevsner to Mr. Frank Popper was solemnised in the Gardens Synagogue last night. Owing to the paper going to press too early, details of the wedding are not available.

Miss Pevsner is the eldest daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. Michael Pevsner, both well known for their generosity.

The late Mrs. Pevsner took an active interest in various institutions during her residence in Cape Town, and though the calls were many, never turned a request away unfulfilled. Her will was an excellent testimony to her generosity and charitableness.

Mr. Pevsner is the Treasurer of the Old Aged Home and is a generous donor to all charities and institutions. Miss Pevsner too follows the excellent example set by her parents and has given her services to the children of the Orphanage.

Mr. Popper is the son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Samuel Popper, of Johannesburg. He is a comparative newcomer to Cape Town.

To the happy couple heartiest felicitations are extended.

Orphanage Wedding.

On Tuesday, March 28th, the committee of the Cape Jewish Orphanage will be in the position of parents for the bridegroom at the wedding which will take place in the Gardens Synagogue at 11.30 a.m. is Mr. Jack Schrire, one of the lads brought out from the Ukraine by Mr. I. Ochberg in 1921. The bride is Miss Ray Lockitch.

The unterfuhrers will be Mr. I. Ochberg and his daughter, Mrs. J. Robinson, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Herzberg.

The committee of the Orphanage will be at home to all friends of the happy couple at the Home, Montrose Avenue, Orangezicht, after the ceremony.

Zionist Socialist Party.

Members and sympathisers are invited to the second Discussion Evening (Chaverim Tea) to be held in the Zionist Hall on Monday, 27th March, at 8.15 p.m.

Jewish Scouts.

On Wednesday, March 29th, at 8 p.m., there will be a gathering in the Zionist Hall of the 11th Cape Town Jewish Group of Scouts to which parents and all interested are invited.

This meeting will be in the form of a demonstration to show the work done by these scouts. It is the desire of the Committee to firmly establish this method of training in self-help and self-reliance amongst the Jewish youth of Cape Town.

Mr. H. L. Stern, Assistant Divisional Commissioner for Scouts, Cape Western Division, will address the gathering, and Adv. P. M. Clouts will take the chair.

The Junior Section of the Pack will shortly celebrate its thirteenth birthday in a fitting manner. The whole troop has been in existence for fifteen years and is under the guidance of Mr. F. M. Levenburg.

Attention is paid to the Jewish aspect and the group have always assisted at Jewish functions when required and the boys were available.

It is hoped that a large number of parents and friends will avail themselves of this opportunity of seeing what the Jewish scouts are doing.

Canvas for Shekolim.

We have been informed by the Shekel Committee that some of the districts which

should have been canvassed for Shekolim last Sunday were unfortunately omitted for various reasons.

These districts will be canvassed on Sunday next, March 26th, and it is hoped that all those who have not yet bought their Shekolim will do so without fail, as apart from other considerations, being Shekel payers entitles them to vote for delegates for the next Zionist Congress.

Obituary.

The death took place on Tuesday after a severe illness of Mr. B. Witten.

Mr. Witten was a very well respected member of the Orthodox Jewish community of Cape Town, and until recently took an active interest in communal affairs, and various institutions. For many years he was associated with the Bickur Cholim Sick Relief Society, on which committee he served for some time as chairman and treasurer.

Sympathy is extended to his wife and family.

Competition for Name.

We have been asked to draw the attention of our readers to the report of the meeting on Tuesday evening last, when the Committee was elected for the forthcoming Bazaar in aid of Zionist Hall funds. In this connection it was decided to have a competition for a suitable name by which to work and everybody can enter the competition. Send the name or names (with your own name and address) to the Zionist Office, by Tuesday, March 28th. The winning name will be announced in our next issue.

Dorshei Zion Concert.

An excellent programme has been arranged for this concert under the auspices of the Dorshei Zion Association in the Zionist Hall, on Sunday, March 26th, at 8.15 p.m. Come and spend a very enjoyable evening.

In Brief.

Councillor B. Nelson, Chairman of the Finance and Electricity Committee of the Paarl Municipality, leaves on Tuesday next by the "Carnarvon Castle" for Port Elizabeth, where he will attend the Municipal Electrical and Engineering Conference. Mr. Nelson hopes to return to Paarl on Monday, April 11th.

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