

IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

The Zionist Conversazione.

A very warm welcome was extended to Mr. Isaac Ochberg, who this week returned to South Africa from a visit to London, by Dr. S. E. Kark, the Chairman at the Zionist Conversazione on Tuesday night. A very large gathering was present.

Mr. Ochberg, who attended both the Zionist Congress at Prague and the Jewish World Conference at Geneva, reported on the deliberations at both after he had responded to the welcome.

As far as the Zionist Congress was concerned, he said, he had not found everything there as he would like to have found them. For one thing the Congress was lacking in a spirit of harmony and unity. Here in South Africa, even though there were various parties represented at the Zionist Conference, a spirit of unity prevailed because we were people all from the same country speaking the same language, etc. At the Congress there were people from all over the world—all speaking different languages and all having different mentalities and outlooks and characteristics. The result was discord and confusion.

Then there were too many parties at Congress, all pulling in different directions. There were five main parties and each of these again was divided into smaller parties. It was heartbreaking to see the enormous waste of time and energy and even genius which the party strife and quarrelling entailed.

Mr. Ochberg went on to speak of the methods of election to Congress, which he described as a farce. Those who were really entitled to it did not have sufficient representation at Congress. South African Jewry was one of the largest contributors to the work of Palestine upbuilding, yet we did not carry much weight at Congress. He would even go so far, said Mr. Ochberg, as to say he would like to see a larger hold and influence on the Congress by English-speaking Zionists. Britain held the Mandate for Palestine and it was far more likely that the English Jews, particularly, would understand her workings and mentality than others.

Many of the complaints against the Mandatory were of course justified, but he (Mr. Ochberg) did feel that the British Government was determined to carry out the terms of the Mandate as far as possible without disturbing things from her point of view.

"I don't for a moment think," said Mr. Ochberg, "that we shall see Palestine the real Jewish National Home in our lifetime in the sense and spirit we should like to see it, but we ought to be satisfied that important progress towards this goal has been made, and we can leave it to the next generation to carry the matter of upbuilding further." Nobody would have dreamt thirty or forty years ago that we would have in this short period built up what we had to-day in

Palestine. The Balfour Declaration was a miracle in Jewish life—was it so impossible that there would be other miracles to bring the goal yet nearer?

As far as the Geneva Conference was concerned, Mr. Ochberg emphasised that he had attended purely on his own initiative and as a Jew interested in what was taking place. He held no mandate from South African Jewry to attend.

The Conference had been held to decide on two important points—that a Jewish World Congress should take place with democratic representation from all over the world in 1934, or earlier if possible, and to proclaim a boycott of German goods by Jewry.

The boycott, said Mr. Ochberg, was a question in which he took a deep interest because it was our only weapon against Germany. "Any Jew to-day who buys a German article is not worth the name of man," he said amid loud applause. General Hertzog had objected to the boycott being exercised by South African Jews, but he would like to know what General Hertzog would have done if some Dutchmen had been treated in Germany in the way that the Jews were being treated. It was the duty of every Jew to pledge himself not to do or use anything which might result in Germany's benefit and to urge his Gentile friends to do likewise.

The Geneva Conference dealt at some length with the boycott, and Mr. Ochberg recalled particularly Dr. Stephan Wise's forceful speech on the subject. The Conference had voted to a man in favour of the boycott.

The Conference also decided that the World Congress be called in 1934.

A discussion followed the address in which a large number participated.

During the evening a pianoforte solo was given by Miss M. Bliden and a recitation by Miss Taylor. The Jewish news was read.

Green and Sea Point Congregation Executive.

At the first meeting of the newly-elected committee of the Green and Sea Point Hebrew Congregation the following Executive was elected: Chairman, Mr. A. M. Jackson; Vice-Chairman, Mr. A. Sacks; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. Hermann; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Kossick.

Maccabee Reorganisation Meeting.

That anti-Semitic activities were doomed to failure in South Africa was predicted by Mr. Morris Alexander, K.C., M.P., to a gathering which attended the reorganisation meeting of the Cape Town Maccabee movement at the Zionist Hall recently, which was presided over by Mr. M. Kahn. Justice and fair play, he said, would oust all unjustified anti-Semitic feeling.

Mr. Alexander waved aside the suggestion that the Jews could not make good South African citizens. The truer a Jew was to his tradition, the truer he would be to the country that had given him habitat.

He further added that he hoped that the Maccabee Organisation which dealt mainly with sport for the youth had come to stay in South Africa.

After Mr. Alexander's address a letter was read to the gathering from His Worship the Mayor (Mr. L. Gradner) wherein he apologised for his unavoidable absence from the meeting. He wished the society every success.

Mr. P. M. Clouts and others also addressed the meeting.

A Grand Concert.

A Grand Concert, which promises to provide a good evening's enjoyment, will be held in the Main Zionist Hall on Sunday night. An interesting musical and dramatic programme has been arranged. Among those who will participate will be Miss Margot Corda (late of the Cassel State Opera), Herr H. Weigert (late of the Berlin State Opera), Elvira Kirsch School of Dancing, Miss Ruth Cohen (piano), Mr. Ch. Kreitzer (violin), Misses Trackman and Radowsky, in a dramatic sketch, etc.

Corrections in Talmud Torah Report.

We have been asked by the Secretary of the United Hebrew Schools to state that a number of errors occurred in the printing of the annual general report.

In the list of subscribers the name of Mr. I. Cohen, Dolphin Hotel, was given instead of Mr. I. Cohen, Castle Printing Works. The name "L. M. Schachs," Buxton Avenue, should read "L. M. Sachs."

During the Annual Special Campaign Collection the amount of £1 1s. was donated by Mr. G. Kagan per Mr. K. Berret. This was inadvertently omitted in the report. The amount of £2 2s. was collected from Mr. B. Kaimowitz per Messrs. Bernstein and Chideckel.

Lecture at Woodstock.

The monthly meeting of the Woodstock and Salt River Jewish Cultural Circle will be held on Monday, 21st inst., at 8 p.m., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Basker, 51, Rhododendroem Road, Woodstock. Mr. B. Padowich will lecture on "The Land Problems in Eretz Israel." Members and friends are kindly invited to attend.

Wynberg Communal Hall.

A well-attended meeting of the Wynberg Jewish community took place on Monday night at Cogill's Hotel. Dr. R. Resnekov presided. After the Chairman had opened the meeting, Mr. B. R. Matz gave an outline of the Building Fund Committee's programme of campaign, and urged all present to help fulfil a long-felt want in the area.

Mr. A. Friedlander, M.P.C., then addressed the meeting and stressed the necessity of a hall for both the older, and especially for

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the younger and growing element of the community, and hoped that before long they would see the fruition of the night's work.

Musical interludes were provided by Mrs. P. Kaplan, Miss Gelfant, Miss Stella Myers, Miss R. Matz and Mr. Whitley.

During the tea interval over £700 was subscribed towards the Building Fund.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Julius Freedman for the loan of the hotel for the occasion.

Grand Order of Israel, Lord Milner Lodge, No. 21, Cape Town.

On Monday, 20th November, Adv. J. Herbstein addressed the members on "Legal Aspects of the Balfour Declaration and the Palestine Mandate."

The masterly way in which the speaker presented and dealt with the various facts was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by those present, and after questions had been answered, tea was served.

The function was concluded after the Chairman had thanked Mr. Herbstein for his lecture.

Cape Jewish Orphanage.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Cape Jewish Orphanage gratefully acknowledges the following bequests which have been credited to the Orphanage Bequest and Endowment Fund:

Estate late Maurice Levy per Colonial Orphan Chamber	£30 11 0
Estate late Mrs. Masha Sacks per I. M. Sacks, Esq.	£30 0 0
Estate late Mr. and Mrs. Zackon per Messrs. C. and A. Friedlander for endowment of two beds	£100 0 0

A Dance.

The Claremont Jewish Ladies' Society are holding a dance on Saturday evening, 2nd December, at the Talmud Torah Hall, Grove Avenue, Claremont.

Mrs. L. E. Berman, the Chairlady, and her active Committee are busy with all the arrangements for the affair which promises to be a success.

Tickets can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. H. Bloch, Main Road, Claremont, or from any member of the Committee.

Cape Town Herzlia.

At a recent meeting the Society held a Maurice Samuel symposium. Mrs. Maisel delivered a short talk on "Samuel, the Man," while reviews of his books "I, the Jew" and "You Gentiles" were given by Mr. H. Perlman and Miss E. Matthews respectively. The meeting proved highly enjoyable.

On Sunday, 19th inst., Adv. J. Herbstein, the Hon. President of the Association, addressed the Society. Adv. Herbstein dealt with the Balfour Declaration and the Palestine Mandate, and showed what the Jews had actually received as a result of these two documents. The lecture was both interesting and instructive, and many look forward to hearing him again in the near future.

The next meeting will take place on Sunday, 3rd December, at Carmel House, Kloof Street. Applications for membership may be addressed to the Secretary, 76, New Church Street, Cape Town.

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Death of Rabbi of Lublin.

50,000 AT FUNERAL.

The Rabbi of Lublin, ex-Deputy Meir Schapiro, died on October 27th, after a short illness at the age of forty-six.

The Lublin Rabbi was born in Buczawa in 1887, and had been Rabbi in Sanok, Glinjani and Piotrkow before he came to Lublin in 1929. From 1923 to 1927 he was a member of the Polish Sejm. For many years he had been President of the Polish organisations of the Agudath Israel and a member of the Rabbinical Council of that body. He built the "Chachme Lublin" Yeshiva at a cost of upwards of 100,000 dollars.

The sudden death of the great Rabbi has been a great blow to the orthodox Jewry of Poland.

Fifty thousand people attended the funeral and forty thousand Zloty were collected for the Yeshiva of Lublin, which was founded by Rabbi Schapiro.

Ninth Young Israel Camp.

31st DECEMBER, 1933, TO
14th JANUARY, 1934.

The Young Israel Camps held annually at the Strand have become so well established and are so well run that each year there is an increasing number of campers participating.

This year a special innovation has been introduced in the nature of a Summer School, which is to be modelled on such schools organised by the Junior Zionist movements of England and America. The Summer School is an entirely voluntary arrangement for campers desiring to intensify their Zionist and Jewish knowledge. The school will be addressed by leading Zionists and will be equipped with a complete library.

Apart from the programme of the school, outstanding functions have been arranged for the seniors and juniors. Among the functions are a civic reception, grand Chalutz masquerade, socials, dances, debate, living newspaper, propaganda meeting, mock trial, Oneg Shabbos and camp fire.

The camp is run on strictly Jewish lines. Kashruth being observed. Chaperones will be in attendance and medical attention is available at the camp itself. The fee for seniors of seventeen years of age and over is £2, and for juniors from twelve to sixteen inclusive, £1 15s.

Intending campers are advised to apply immediately to the Camp Secretary, P.O. Box 1588, Cape Town.

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A GRAND CONCERT

WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF

MAGOT CORDA, HERR WEIGERT,
RUTH COHEN,
KIRSCH DANCE PUPILS and Others.

WILL BE HELD IN THE

Zionist Hall, Hope St., Cape Town,
on the 26th November at 8.15 p.m.

In Brief.

Mr. Morris Alexander, K.C., M.P., returned to Cape Town on Wednesday from a visit to Johannesburg.

Mr. W. Harris has returned to Cape Town from a short visit to Johannesburg.

Mr. M. Sonnenberg, M.P.C., accompanied by his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Dick Sonnenberg, returned to Cape Town from Johannesburg on Wednesday.

Mr. Isaac Ochberg returned to South Africa on Monday by the "Warwick Castle."

Mr. and Mrs. D. Zuckerman returned to Cape Town on Monday from a visit to Europe.

Mizrachi Organisation, Cape Town.

SHEUREI SHABOS.

RABBI I. GURNIANSKY,
OF PALESTINE,

WILL LECTURE AT THE

Roeland Street Synagogue on
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THANKS.

Master SEYMOUR HOFFMAN, Fourth Avenue, Paarl, wishes to express his thanks to relatives and friends for the good wishes and handsome gifts received on the occasion of his Barmitzvah.

United Hebrew Schools, TALMUD TORAH.

THE Annual General Meeting

of the above Schools will be held in the

Zionist Hall, Hope St., Cape Town,
on Sunday, 26th November, 1933,
at which your attendance is cordially requested.

At the conclusion of the above meeting a Special Meeting will be held to consider the question of the new building and to confirm the agreement with regard to certain trust funds.

By Order,
GEO. LADEN, Secretary.

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