

IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

Secretaries of Societies are kindly asked to send in reports of functions the same week as they occur. Late reports will not be inserted in future.—Editor.

Chanukah Services.

In commemoration of the festival of Chanukah services were held last Sunday evening in most of the Synagogues in the Peninsula, and were well attended.

At the Gardens Synagogue a choral service was held under the leadership of Mr. Boris Rome. Rev. A. P. Bender delivered a sermon.

At the Sea Point Synagogue a special service was held. Cantor Konwiser, assisted by the Sea Point Synagogue Choir (augmented by the Hazomir Choir under the leadership of Mr. W. Sher) officiated. Rev. P. Rosenberg delivered a sermon.

At the Muizenberg Synagogue a service was held, Obercantor Katzin officiating. Rabbi Gervis delivered a sermon.

The Mayor and Mayoress Entertain Inmates of Cape Jewish Aged Home.

It was a happy thought that prompted His Worship the Mayor and Mrs. Gardner to give the inmates of the Cape Jewish Aged Home a Chanukah "treat" on Sunday night, and judging by the reception which greeted them they can be assured of a warm place in the hearts of the old folk. Mr. and Mrs. Gradner were welcomed by the President, Mr. H. Rosen, who referred to their life-long interest in all charitable movements, particularly so far as the Aged Home was concerned. Through their generosity, an excellent evening's entertainment had been provided, and on behalf of the inmates the committee and the Matron and staff, he thanked them most sincerely. Incidentally, Mr. Rosen said he understood it was Mr. Gradner's birthday that day, and he therefore wished him "many happy returns of the day."

Both Mr. and Mrs. Gradner responded and at the close of their speeches rousing cheers were given in their honour.

Very tasty refreshments, arranged by the Mayoress, were served, and each inmate was also given appropriate gifts.

A fine and varied programme of musical and other items had been arranged to which the following contributed:—

Al Roberts and his Bronx Club Band, Mr. Jack Ryder, Little Ronnie Pinn, Mr. Rodeigues (conjurer), Mr. Boris Rome, Miss Freda Marks, Miss Olive Rosen, Mr. Phil Moss, Little Rosemary Fisher, Miss Freda Fernandez, Mr. Benjamin Gorfinkel. By special request the Mayoress sang "Eli, Eli," and she received a tremendous ovation. Mr. Rosen thanked the artists and a happy evening ended with Hatikvah and the National Anthem.

Dorshei Zion Chanukah Concert.

The Chanukah concert held last Sunday night under the auspices of the Dorshei Zion Association was a great success. The programme opened with the Dedication of the Candles by Cantor B. Konwiser, and the "Hazomir" Choir, under the direction of Mr. W. Sher, who immediately became very popular. The other items contributed by this choir to the programme were greatly applauded and the members of the choir were recalled time after time. The choir is certainly a great asset to the Cape Town Jewish community and will, we trust, often be heard on concert platforms.

Mr. M. Losman gave a number of recitations in Yiddish and received a tremendous ovation as did Miss D. Radowsky for her recitations from the works of Bialik and Peretz.

Songs by Mr. Joshua Herison and Mr. Israel Lipshitz were very much appreciated. Mr. H. Rabinowitz, who also acted as accompanist, rendered a pianoforte solo, and the programme ended with duets by Cantor Konwiser and Mr. H. Bloom which were very much enjoyed by the audience.

During the evening Rabbi Z. Schwartz delivered an interesting address on Chanukah.

Maitland-Brooklyn Talmud Torah.

The annual prize distribution and a special Chanukah service was held at the Maitland Synagogue on Monday evening. After the impressive service which was conducted by Cantor B. Konwiser assisted by Mr. H. Bloom and the Hazomir Choir under the direction of Mr. W. Sher, the pupils of the Talmud Torah gave a number of Hebrew items which were of a very high standard and enjoyed by the large gathering of parents and visitors.

Mr. A. Kaufman, Chairman of the Talmud Torah, in introducing Dr. C. Resnekov, Chairman of the local Board of Jewish Education voiced his appreciation of the valuable work being done by this body, and particularly by its Chairman who was devoting so much of his valuable time for the improvement of Hebrew education.

Dr. Resnekov congratulated the Congregation on having so fine a Talmud Torah to which he referred as the "Jewel in the Crown of the local Board of Education," and such excellent teachers as Messrs. M. Natas and H. Lederman. He stressed the great importance of giving our children a sound Hebrew education and instilling in them a fine Jewish spirit such as helped the Maccabees; he urged the community to make an effort to erect a suitable building to house the school as the present conditions left much to be desired.

The Hebrew Teachers' Association was represented by Messrs. Ch. Berezinsky and A. Levin. The latter, in his address, spoke highly of the work done and the fine progress shown by the pupils.

Mr. Natas, the Principal of the Talmud Torah, then thanked the speakers for their encouraging words, and voiced his appreciation to the local committee, the Board of Education and Mr. Kaufman for valuable assistance given him and Mr. Lederman, wherever possible. He expressed his pleasure that the work of the Talmud Torah had met with so much satisfaction.

Mr. Kaufman, before presenting the prizes, spoke on the significance of Chanukah, pointing out that the beneficial results of this event were only realised after the actual happening, and in the same way he hoped that the pupils would reap the benefits of their sound Hebrew education in the years to come. He expressed his thanks to the teachers and to the committee.

Mr. W. Samson, Chairman of the Congregation, proposed a vote of thanks to the visitors, the teachers, and particularly to Mr. Kaufman.

Union of Jewish Women.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 11th inst., at 3.15 p.m. at the Zionist Hall. Miss Emilie Solomon will deliver an address on "Women and Peace." Mrs. L. Burman will review "Solal of the Solals," and Mrs. P. M. Clouts will talk on "The Introduction of Hebrew in a School Curriculum." Mrs. L. H. Lewis will report on the monthly meeting of the National Council of Women.

Hebrew Kindergartens Concert.

Those who intend to be present at the Chanukah concert to be given by the pupils of the Hebrew Kindergartens next Sunday morning at the Zionist Hall have a great treat in store for them. The Kindergartens concerts are always delightful, but this one promises to eclipse all previous records. The teachers have not spared themselves in their efforts to make the concert a huge success, and the little tots will convey the true spirit of Chanukah through the medium of Hebrew song and play. A very enjoyable morning is assured.

Hebrew Teachers' Association.

A farewell reception to Mr. J. Abitz before his departure on a visit to Europe and Palestine and to Mr. M. Lazar, Principal of Paarl Hebrew School, who is leaving to take up a position in Johannesburg, was held at the Zionist Hall on Wednesday evening.

Mr. Ch. Berezinsky was in the chair.

Dr. C. Resnekov, representing the Board of Hebrew Education, wished Mr. Abitz a pleasant and enjoyable holiday, which he fully deserved after seven years hard work. He was sorry that the Cape was losing the services of such a fine teacher as Mr. Lazar who had achieved excellent results.

Mr. J. Gitlin, on behalf of the Cape Town Hebrew Circle, also extended best wishes to Mr. Abitz and Mr. Lazar, and said that he considered it to the benefit of Hebrew education that teachers should not always remain in the same position. He would like to see a Teachers' Exchange system established between South Africa and Eretz Israel.

Mr. Z. Avin gave a short talk on Chanukah.

Mr. M. Natas spoke of the great services Mr. Lazar had rendered to the cause of Hebrew education, not only in Paarl but in the whole of the Cape Province. He was the ideal teacher. Mr. Abitz had also been most successful and he wished them both the best of good luck.

Mr. A. Levin, Principal of the Cape Town Talmud Torah, made a presentation to Mr. Abitz.

Mr. Berezinsky, on behalf of the Hebrew Teachers' Association, made presentations to Mr. Lazar and Mr. Abitz, who suitably responded.

Mr. Natas proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman and those responsible for the arrangements and the evening concluded with the singing of Hatikvah.

C.T. Young Judeans.

On Saturday, 1st inst., a most successful Chanukah evening was held in the Zionist Hall. After a humorous item had been rendered by Mr. Donald Sieradzki, Mr. S. N. Herman, B.A., addressed the gathering.

Confining himself almost entirely to a description of the period from which the festival of Chanukah resulted, Mr. Herman succeeded in conveying, in a very apt and interesting manner, the historic occurrences of the time. Commencing with a brief description of the period of the Hellenists and Nationalists and the drawing of an analogy between these and the Assimilationists and Zionists of a few decades ago, he passed on to the reign of Antiochus, King of Syria and the term of office of the infamous Meneleus as High Priest. After narrating the deeds of the Chashmonaim leading up to the rededication of the Temple, Mr. Herman stated that the knowledge of the majority of the younger people stopped here, but it should be remembered that this event did not by any means bring to a close the historical epoch.

Next on the programme was a Chanukah sketch acted by members of the Society, the theme being taken from J. L. Peretz's "Not a Golden Lamp."

At this meeting there was also on sale the first copy of the Society's new paper, "The Young Judean," in which were announced the particulars of a literary competition with the first prize a free holiday at the Young Israel Camp at the Strand. After a number of Hebrew songs had been sung the meeting closed with the singing of the Hatikvah.

With regard to the above competition, members should note the following: All entries must be in by 15th inst. Dr. H. W. Altschul has kindly consented to act as judge.

Woodstock-Salt River Talmud Torah.

A Chanukah Concert arranged by the Ladies' Society and the Talmud Torah Committee will be held at the Talmud Torah Hall, Woodstock, on Sunday evening at 8.15 p.m. Sketches in Hebrew and Yiddish will be given by the children. A prize distribution will also take place.

Production of "Der Fremder."

The Zionist Socialist Party are producing "Der Fremder" on Sunday night at the Zionist Hall. This play has already been produced at Paarl and Worcester with great success. The principal actors will be the same and the production is in the able hands of Mr. H. Kowarsky.

Cape Town Jewish Girls' Association.

Last Monday evening Rabbi Gervis delivered a lecture. Mrs. J. Weinreich was

in the chair. The lecturer stated that the Maccabees were the first to protest against the tyranny and injustice of their oppressors. He went on to touch on different phases of Zionism and tried to analyse the psychology underlying each. He gave the example of the Jew who asked a sojourner from Palestine for some momento of the Holy Land and was given a faded flower. This withered token acquires in the hand of the Jew the virtue of sanctity. A vote of thanks to the lecturer was moved by Mrs. J. Weinreich, the President.

A needlework display will be held at the Zionist Hall on Monday, 10th inst., at 8.15 p.m. A cordial invitation is extended to all interested.

Oneg Shabbos at Claremont.

Oneg Shabbos was held in the Talmud Torah Hall, Claremont, on Saturday, the 1st December, under the chairmanship of Mr. R. Newstead.

The Chairman expressed his pleasure at seeing such a large gathering present, and extended a hearty welcome. He also thanked the committee members for the arrangements made regarding refreshments, etc. He then called upon Rabbi A. R. Abrahamson, who read a humorous sketch by Ansky (in Yiddish), to the great delight of the gathering.

Thereafter Mr. A. Silber, Chairman of the Junior Zionist Society, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman, and Rabbi Abrahamson, and requested the latter to continue the series of lectures on history.

Mrs. L. E. Berman expressed her thanks to the Chairman for the remarks made by him. The proceedings then terminated with the singing of the "Hatikvah."

The next Oneg Shabbos will be held on Saturday, 29th December, when Rabbi Abrahamson will deliver an address entitled "Authority of the Prophet."

Wynberg Communal Hall Building Fund.

A very successful dance both socially and financially was held at the Royal Hotel, Wynberg, on the 28th November in aid of the Wynberg Communal Hall Building Fund.

The organisers, Messrs. A. Smith and Dr. Kaufman, wish to thank the many ladies who helped to make this affair so successful, especially Mrs. Jaffe, Mrs. Berelowitz and the Misses H. and L. Atlas.

The music was provided by Mr. Hecker and his orchestra.

Oneg Shabbos.

Rabbi M. Ch. Mirvish was the speaker at the last Oneg Shabbos gathering in the Zionist Hall. Mr. I. Fine presided.

The Rabbi dealt eloquently with the spiritual significance of the Menorah. He said the Menorah as seen with the spiritual eyes of the Prophet Zacharia—the olive tree, olives and Menorah hammered out of one piece—has given to us the idea of a combination of the pure Jewish thought, moral culture and constitution without foreign influences and imitation of customs. The struggle between the Jews and Greeks was not for the expansion of territory or wealth, but for the moral supremacy, and therefore we celebrated our conquest by lighting the Menorah as the symbol of culture.

A vote of thanks to the lecturer was passed by Mr. M. Wolozynski.

Cantor B. Konwiser, Rev. N. M. Rabinowitz, Cantor Zieve, Mr. H. Bloom, and the newly-formed Hazomir Choir contributed largely towards making the Oneg Shabbos a success.

Woodstock Cultural Circle.

A lecture on "Galuth and Geulah" will be given by Rev. A. R. Abrahamson at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Furman, 236, Victoria Road, Woodstock, on Tuesday, 11th December, at 8.15 p.m.

Wynberg-Claremont Zionist Society.

The annual general meeting was held at the Talmud Torah Hall, Claremont, on Sunday, the 2nd instant.

At the opening of the meeting a letter was read from the Chairman, Mr. L. E. Berman, thanking the Executive for its expression of sympathy in the loss sustained by him by the death of his father, the late Mr. Harris Berman, who was one of the pioneer Zionists of South Africa.

Advocate P. M. Clouts addressed the gathering and dealt with the basic causes of anti-Semitism. He made a strong plea for a more organised Zionism so that it could be a thoroughly strong and representative body for the voicing of Jewish opinion. In this way, he said, we could build something worth while in Eretz Israel.

After a vote of thanks was passed by Mr. Matz to the speaker the meeting proceeded with its agenda. The balance sheet for the year was adopted and the election of officers took place. The following were elected:—Mr. L. E. Berman, Chairman; Mr. H. Bloch, Treasurer; Mr. S. Glass, Hon. Secretary. The following committee was appointed: Messrs. I. Schock, H. Gorfinkel, W. Freedman, A. Katz, J. Gerber, S. Kaplan, J. Nossel, S. Galloon and I. Zinmon.

League for Working Palestine.

On Tuesday, the 11th December, at 8.15 p.m., a "League Evening" will take place in the Zionist Hall. Mr. B. Padowich will lecture on "Is it desirable that the present form of Colonisation in Palestine be revised?"

Social and Personal.

Mrs. B. Sagorsky and Miss Vera Sagorsky returned on Monday in the "Warwick Castle" from an extended visit to Palestine and Europe.

Miss R. Atlas returned in the "Warwick Castle" on Monday from a visit to Palestine and Europe.

Mr. Ralph Rechtman of Cape Town and Miss Blotnick of Orchard, C.P., left on Tuesday for the Chalutz Farm, Transvaal, to undergo training with a view to settling in Palestine in the near future.

Mr. E. Kluk, President of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive, is leaving to-day in the "Kenilworth Castle" on the Youth Tour to Palestine. Mr. Kluk has been appointed one of the leaders of the tour.

Mr. I. Sandler, of the Mechanical Engineers Staff, S.A. Railways, is leaving to-day in the "Kenilworth Castle" on a three months' visit to Europe and Palestine.

Miss G. Gerber, Almoner at the New Somerset Hospital left yesterday in the "Guilio Cesare" on a visit to Europe.

Miss S. Kuperholz left yesterday in the "Guilio Cesare" on a visit to Europe and Palestine.