

Cape Zionist Youth Activities.

Cape Zionist Youth Executive.

Young Israel Ball.—The thirteenth Annual Young Israel Ball will be celebrated at a Barmitzvah Carnival at the Zionist Hall, Cape Town, on 22nd August, 1936. As usual this Ball will be one of the outstanding social events of the year, and no pains are being spared by the Committee concerned to make this the most successful ball on record. Tickets, which are 10s. 6d. each, are obtainable at the Office.

The first Oratorical Content of the season will take place on the 19th July at Claremont and Woodstock, the societies concerned being, Woodstock, Observatory-Mowbray and Maccabi at Woodstock, and Claremont-Wynberg, Cape Town Herzlia and Cape Town Young Judeans at Claremont. This year, participants will be given prescribed subjects to speak upon, for which they are allowed one week's preparation.

The first Town and Country Parliament of this session will be held at Worcester on 1st, 2nd and 3rd August. The Parliament will take the form of a League of Nations Assembly and there will be over sixty participants from various societies.

During the course of the next few weeks, all Town and Country societies will be visited by members of the Executive.

Woodstock and Salt River Junior Zionist Society.

The eighteenth annual general meeting was held at the Talmud Torah Hall, Argyle Street, Woodstock, on Thursday, 2nd July, in the presence of a fair gathering. Mr. Duncan Lazerow officiated as chairman for the evening.

Mr. G. Baigel delivered his chairman's report dealing briefly with the position of Jewry in the Diaspora, and also outlining the work of the Society during the past year.

Mr. S. M. Levin, Chairman of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive, gave a comprehensive survey of the entire Zionist Movement and its ideology. He stated the arguments advanced against Zionism as (1) Arab Problem, (2) British Imperialism, (3) smallness of Eretz Israel, and advanced convincing arguments against such objections. Mr. Levin concluded his address by clearly pointing out what part societies played in the Zionist Movement.

The Percy Yutar Floating Trophy was presented to Miss T. Ruskin, who was congratulated by Mr. Lazerow on her fine work in connection with the J.N.F.

The general election then took place, the following office-bearers being elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, Mr. A. Kapelus; Vice-Chairman, Mr. G. Baigel; Treasurer, Miss J. Kalmonowitz; Secretary, Mr. D. Meyerowitz; J.N.F. Commissioner, Mr. A. Kassel; Menorah Commissioner, Miss B. Kopelowitz; additional members, Messrs. M. Lazerow, L. Meyerowitz, and H. Resnick; Misses L. Kassel, R. Stein and S. Sonenscher.

Claremont-Wynberg J. Z. Society.

A meeting took place at the Claremont Talmud Torah Hall on Sunday, 5th inst.

Mr. L. Mendelsohn was in the chair. The meeting took the form of an inter-debate with the False Bay Herzlia on the subject: "That in the event of the failure of the present Zionist Movement, the Jews will be absorbed by the peoples of the Diaspora." Mr. J. Blum (False Bay) moving, stated that if our national egoism is removed, we will lose our identity. Landless we cannot exist."

Mr. S. Kriger (Claremont-Wynberg) seconding, believed that religion had lost its moral force and that we are now nationalistic Jews. If the future had a Socialistic State in store for us, then the Jews would be absorbed. He gave the example of Russia.

Mr. A. M. Cohen (False Bay Herzlia) approving, contended that the Jewish religion would always be a binding force.

Mr. W. Sebbā (Claremont-Wynberg), who supported him, strongly denied that religion was bankrupt. The Jews would continue to be "The people of the Book."

There was considerable discussion of a speculative topic from the floor. After the summing up by the respective leaders, the motion was won by thirty votes to nineteen.

After refreshments had been served, dancing took place. The Chairman then thanked the visitors, and a highly successful interfunction concluded with the singing of Hatikvah.

Owing to the Memorial Meeting in the Zionist Hall on the 12th inst., the Herzl-Bialik Memorial Meeting of the Claremont-Wynberg Junior Zionist Society has been postponed to Thursday, 16th inst. It will take place at Claremont Talmud Torah Hall, Grove Avenue, Caremont. There will be prominent speakers and Cantor M. Katzin will intone the Haskorah. All Zionist Youth societies are requested to attend.

Paarl Junior Zionist Society.

On Sunday evening, 5th inst., a social and dance for members was held and was attended by members from many other neighbouring societies, viz., Wolseley, Ceres, Wellington and Stellenbosch. Musical items were as follows: Recitations by Miss Hannah Shedrin and Mr. Claude Rietstein, violin solo, Miss Lucy Faktor; songs by Miss Kalma Kawarsky; dances by Miss Naomi Shoolman, Selda Kaplan and Miss Mirian Esterman, and Pearl Orolowitz.

The Chairlady, Miss F. Gross, presented on behalf of the Committee, a beautifully bound book on the History of the Jews, to the ex-Chairman, Mr. J. Levinsohn, as a token of appreciation for the valuable work he had done for the Society while he was Chairman. Mr. Levinsohn suitably replied.

Cape Town Herzlia.

The general meeting took place on Sunday night at the Zionist Hall, and was attended by a large gathering.

Mr. E. Charloff, in delivering his presidential report, stressed the necessity for the existence of such a society as Herzlia in the Peninsula. Mere existence, however, was

insufficient. It was a matter for serious consideration that with the large Jewish population, and the number of Jewish youth in Cape Town, only sixty young men and women of the ages for which the society catered, viz., 18-26, were mindful of the Zionist ideal and thought fit to work for it. Where were the hundreds who graduated from the Hebrew School, from the Junior Youth Societies in the Peninsula? He urged that steps be taken to approach these, to teach them about the Movement, and to draw them into it. He said that the best available lectures and lecturers had been obtained for the Society covering a wide sphere of Zionist and Palestinian matter. Concise summaries of current news had been delivered at each meeting. A Bialik circle had been successfully run by Mr. Schach for more intensive study and the "Victor Resnekov" scheme of Hebrew study inaugurated and followed at each of its meetings. The latter scheme, and others embarked upon by Herzlia had been taken over by the Cape Youth Executive. Mr. G. Kalk had given wide publicity to the society's activities and programmes, and had done excellent work in drawing up circulars. Despite all this, however, attendance had been mediocre. The incoming Committee would have to remedy the position. Concluding, Mr. Charloff thanked his Committee for its sterling support, and in particular, the Secretary, Miss L. Levy, for her efficient and meritorious assistance.

In the discussion which followed, it was determined that each member be a Shekelholder, that the new Committee, by personal canvass attempt to increase the membership, that the programme for the ensuing session be somewhat different from the last.

Reports were delivered by the Bialik Circle Convenor, the J.N.F. Commissioner, Miss L. Levy, and by the Treasurer.

Mr. Gerald Kalk was elected Chairman. Mr. Gross, Vice-Chairman; Miss L. Levy Secretary; Miss Blumberg, Treasurer; and Messrs. Charloff, Phillips and Schach, Misses Rachman and Wolozinsky, members of the Committee.

Mr. Kalk thanked Mr. Charloff for his invaluable work during the year and the audience paid him no small tribute by their applause.

Green and Sea Point Jewish Guild.

Mr. J. Hanson was in the chair at a meeting held on the 2nd July at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Rose.

A humorous turn and piano solos were given by Miss D. Wittenberg and Miss L. Landon respectively. As the anniversary of the deaths of Herzl and Bialik occur this month, Mr. J. Hanson gave a short appreciation of these great men.

After the tea interval, a short play, produced by Miss E. Kossick, was enacted, the players being Miss R. Schoschen, R. Wolff, D. Wittenberg, Messrs. J. Hanson, L. Phillips and C. Lubinsky.

Thanks for the loan of their homes are due to Mr. and Mrs. Wolff and Mr. and Mrs. Rose.

The annual general meeting of the Guild will take place at the Synagogue Hall on 30th July. All are welcome.