

Cape Zionist Youth Activities.

Cape Zionist Youth Executive.

This week-end all sections of Zionist Youth will be "en fete." At Worcester the Cape Zionist Youth Executive are having a Town and Country Rally. In Cape Town, the first Western Province Habonim Hagigah is taking place. The Hagigah is in two sections, sporting and athletic, and cultural. On Sunday morning at 9.30 a.m. sharp, at Ackermans Football Field, Belvedere Road, Claremont, Mr. H. L. Stern, the Ba-Koach, will formally open the Hagigah. Thereafter numerous inter-Gedud and championship athletic events for both Bonim and Bonot will be held. After lunch, there will be inter-Gedudim Soccer matches for the Bonim and hockey matches for the Bonot. At seven o'clock, Habonim will assemble for supper at the Claremont Talmud Torah Hall, and thereafter, a social will be held.

The Cultural Hagigah takes place at the Zionist Hall, on Monday, commencing 9.30 a.m. sharp. There will be numerous competitions in the cultural sphere of Habonim activity, e.g., singing, reciting, hora dancing, play-acting and individual and orchestral musical items. The essays, Levenim (bricks) and hobbies will be exhibited. Everybody interested is cordially invited to be present at all sessions.

At Worcester, town and country societies' representatives will participate in a "World Jewish Congress." A representative of the British Government will deliver a report on the Mandate for the year, after which a motion of no confidence in the Mandatory Power will be moved. Another report on the activities of the Jewish Agency will be moved and discussed by Congress. Everybody interested is cordially invited to attend all sessions. On Monday (weather permitting) delegates will be entertained out of doors.

A Tree Drive was held last Sunday by the Youth in the Peninsula and about £40 worth of trees were sold.

C.T. Maccabi Cultural Group.

A meeting took place on Wednesday, 22nd July, at the residence of Miss L. Symons. Mrs. Ch. Maissel was in the chair. Mr. A. Gordon read a news-sheet, and report on the J.N.F. Study Circle of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive. He made an appeal for members to assist in the tree drive. Mr. M. Woloziński, M.A., then delivered an interesting and informative address on the "Life and Works of Bialik," which was very much appreciated by all. Mr. M. Shewlew passed the vote of thanks to the speaker.

Hottentots Holland Young Israel Society.

The Society entertained members of the Muizenberg, Sea Point and False Bay societies to a dance at the Victoria Hotel on Saturday, 11th inst. On Sunday the visitors spent the morning at Somerset West, and in the afternoon, motored out to the Faure Marine Drive. In the evening, the local members and visitors listened to an address at Somerset West, delivered by Mr. A. Roberts and Miss P. Salber, the former speaking on the "Life of Theodor Herzl," and the latter on "Chaim Nachman Bialik." From the audience, Mr. Resnekov gave an address on the "Present Position of Jewry in Eretz Israel." It was stressed that societies should pay more attention to cultural work.

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Zionist Conversazione.

Adv. H. M. BLOCH ON "RACEOLOGY."

The fortnightly Conversazione took place at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday night.

Dr. S. E. Kark was in the chair.

Adv. H. M. Bloch gave a very interesting lecture on "Raceology," giving an analysis of Dr. Julian Huxley's book "We Europeans." The term "race," he said, was difficult to define and had no exact connotation. In the popular sense it was used in different ways, e.g., to characterise an imaginary, hypothetical group of which the present group are the descendants; hence the Nordic theory. Sometimes the term race was used to describe a group using the same language, e.g., Aryan.

Analysing the Nordic theory, Mr. Bloch said that it was the Scandinavian people mainly who belonged to the Nordic type having certain physical characteristics. It had been proved difficult to trace the descent of the Germans of to-day back to their remote Germanic ancestors. Assuming even a hypothetical Nordic or Alpine race, it was difficult to trace direct descent back. Under modern conditions it was difficult to establish a chain of descent. Amongst German-speaking peoples the proportion of illegitimate births was the highest. It was very difficult to trace racial purity.

With regard to the term "Aryan," Mr. Bloch said, this was connected only with language and not with race. A large number of languages were included in the term "Aryan" or Indo-Germanic.

Referring to the Jews, Mr. Bloch said there was as much variation in physical type amongst them as amongst other peoples. All characteristics usually attributed to Jews were variable, although as a people the Jews had the greatest possibility of breeding true to type.

The group sentiment of the Jews was due to certain cultural, historical and geographical factors; to living a similar mode of life, to the existence of common traditions and to external pressure.

The Jews were not a race but a nation which depends on common language, traditions, troubles, etc. It was this that made up the group sentiment we know in modern life to-day.

A discussion followed in which Mr. Witebsky, Adv. G. Gordon, Dr. I. M. Hurwitz and Dr. Kark took part. Mr. Bloch replied.

Miss Skoll gave a pianoforte solo.



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spoke of the success of Jewish colonisation in the Argentine for the last forty years and of the work done in Brazil, building up of schools and communities, and in Eastern Europe, where Jewish agriculturists were trained and prepared for a future life overseas. He was very grateful for the assistance given by the social workers to the Ica everywhere.

The next speaker was Dr. Karpf, who spoke of the social and constructive work in the Jewish community.

It should be the task of the conference, Dr. Karpf concluded, to learn from the experience of all countries and to co-ordinate that experience without fear or favour. The great aim of the conference was to win the help of those who were willing to help their neighbours.

Mr. Girmounski next spoke on behalf of M. Louis Oungre, of Paris, on the present problems of economic assistance. He said that never before was help for Jews needed more urgently. However necessary it was to further immigration and to give assistance in the immigration countries, there was also that necessity to give help where it was needed. An important factor of the Jewish distress might be found in the wrong professional diversions. Recent trends to shorten the way from production to consumption had led the Jews to experience a severe economic crisis, for the Jews were mostly tradesmen. A readjustment had, therefore, to be undertaken by planned vocational guidance and training in other professional groups. As the need was very urgent, one should try to avoid too expensive and extensive training. One of the most important professions was, in spite of the great difficulties of the present situation, agriculture. Great numbers of Jews ought to be trained for agricultural pursuits.

By means of loans, Mr. Girmounski said, farmers ought to be assisted to rebuild their homesteads. Such economic aid should be given mostly in immigration countries. A warning, however, ought to be issued against exaggerated notions in training Jews for agricultural pursuits and settling them on the land. The personality of those who desired to take up agriculture had to be carefully examined, and that examination should be extended also to his family.

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My Dear Little Cousins,

Miriam Markman, one of our little cousins, has sent me the following composition which I am sure you will all like.

The Life History of a Drop of Water.

I was born in a fleecy cloud high up in the heavens. One day this cloud became very sad and began to cry and I fell down as one of her tears. I do not know how I fell through the air, but with a thud I suddenly fell into the heart of a beautiful rose, which closed its petals over me and I fell into a sound sleep.

Next morning I awoke feeling bright and fresh and I lay looking at the rose's beautiful petals and at her heart on which I was pillowed.

A sudden thought made me have a little peep at the other flowers in the garden and as I reached the edge of the rose I fell down and with a light thud reached the ground. The rose beckoned to me, but to my distress I could not go back.

Before I could think I felt myself being pulled down into the darkness; I shrieked and cried for help but no help came. Unwillingly I let myself be pulled into the darkness and as I looked around I shuddered with fear. I went a little further and to my delight met some of my companions and away we bubbled. We soon formed a stream and trickled along over stones and ledges. After a while I saw a beautiful golden ladder which was a sunbeam, and I began to ascend and very soon was high up in the sky. As I looked about I found myself once more in the cloud I thought I would never reach again. I vowed that if I ever should come upon earth again I shall visit my beautiful rose palace.

The Destruction of Jerusalem.

From the last hill that looks on thy once holy dome,
I beheld thee, O Zion, when render'd to Rome:

'Twas thy last sun went down, and the flames of thy fall
Flash'd back on the last glance I gave to thy wall.

I look'd for thy temple, I look'd for my home,
And forgot for a moment my bondage to come;

I beheld but the death-fire that fed on thy fane,
And the fast fetter'd hands that made vengeance in vain.

On many an eve, the high spot whence I gazed
Had reflected the last beam of day as it blazed:

While I stood on the height and beheld the decline
Of the rays from the mountain that shone on thy shrine.

And now on that mountain I stood on that day,

But I mark'd not the twilight beam melting away!

Oh! would that the lightning had glared in its stead,

And the thunderbolt burst on the conqueror's head!

But the gods of the Pagan shall never profane

The shrine where Jehovah disdain'd not to reign;

And scatter'd and scorn'd as thy people may be,

Our worship, O Father, is only for thee.

Lord Byron.

Correspondence.

Miriam Markman.—Thank you very much for your letter and composition. Please write again soon.

Aaron Brener.—Many thanks for your letter. Please write again soon.

Your loving,

COUSIN HELEN.

[To become a member of Our Circle write down your name, age, address and anything else you choose, and send it to Cousin Helen.]

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bulletin was next read and discussed, after which Miss L. Segal delivered a short address on Maimonides. Hebrew songs were sung, and the Circle closed with the singing of Hatikvah.

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False Bay Herzlia.

The fortnightly meeting of the above society was held at the Talmud Torah Hall on Sunday night, 26th July. Mr. S. M. Levin delivered a lecture on the meaning and significance of Tishe B'Av. This lecture was given to both the Herzlia and the Young Israel Society. Mr. J. Bloom read a paper on the present Palestine situation and thereafter Miss M. Hart read another paper entitled "Is Jewish Settlement Responsible for Driving the Arab off his Land." A Hebrew song and Hatikvah terminated the meeting.

Maitland Junior Zionist Society.

On the 16th July, the society held its bi-annual elections at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Carlin, and the following were elected office-bearers for the ensuing six months: Hon. Chairman, Mr. S. Sacks; Hon. Vice-Chairlady, Miss R. Kaufman; Hon. Secretary, Mr. B. Kaufman; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. D. Kramer. Additional Committee members: Misses B. and S. Kramer, Messrs. B. Katzeff and A. Nochemowitz. Joint Menorah Commissioners, Messrs. A. Joffe and B. Katzeff. J.N.F. Commissioner, Miss H. Carlin.

Cape Town Herzlia.

On Sunday night, 25th inst., Mr. V. Resnekov delivered a lecture on "Sons of Hagggar." After tracing the history of the Arab people briefly, he went on to describe the component sections—the tribesmen, the villages, and those dwelling in the larger towns. He showed the effect on them of, and their reaction to, Zionism, and the havoc wrought by their extreme susceptibility to fiery oration of any nature. Mr. Resnekov well merited the vote of thanks which the audience gave him.

On Sunday night, 9th August, at the Minor Zionist Hall, at 8.15 p.m., Herzlia holds the first Youth Conversazione. Mr. Walter Bone will be the guest of the evening and will give an address on the "Idea of Liberty in the Modern Community." Musical items will be rendered and refreshments served. All Peninsula societies are invited to attend.

Remember the Herzlia Dance at the Beach Hotel, Hout Bay, on the 10th October, 1936. The tickets (6s. 6d. double) can now be bought.

Muizenberg Young Israel Society.

The above society held a Tisha B'av evening at the Talmud Torah Hall, on Sunday, 26th July. Mr. D. Ipp was in the chair, and after welcoming the audience, introduced Mr. S. M. Levin, Chairman of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive, who gave an interesting and illuminating address on Tisha B'av; stressing the fact that the 9th of Ab commemorated Jewish history in five distinct stages, he traced the events connected with Tisha B'av from 2,600 years ago until the outbreak of the Great War in 1914. This was followed by a debate "That the celebration of Jewish festivals is absolutely necessary for the welfare of the Jewish people." The motion was supported by Mr. D. Ipp and Miss N. Haft and opposed by Messrs. E. Levinsohn and I. Sacks.

Stellenbosch Young Israel Society.

The study circle held by the Stellenbosch Young Israel Society on Wednesday, 22nd July, was well attended. The monthly news

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