

## Cape Zionist Youth Activities

### Cape Zionist Youth Executive.

Mr. S. M. Levin, Chairman of the Executive, left on the 23rd September to tour the Eastern Province and visit a number of our affiliated societies. He will address mass meetings at East London, Cradock and Kingwilliamstown, and will also meet committees of various societies.

### Oratorical Contests.

The next round in the oratorical contest series takes place on Sunday, 27th inst. At Claremont the contest is between Observatory-Mowbray, Claremont-Wynberg J.Z.S. and Maitland, at the Zionist Hall, Cape Town (Minor Hall). Cape Town Young Judeans, Maccabi and Muizenberg Y.I. Society, and at the Zionist Hall (Committee Room), Woodstock-Salt River J.Z. Society, Cape Town Herzlia and False Bay Herzlia. Everybody is invited to attend these contests which is anticipated will reach the high standard of previous ones.

### Town and Country Rally.

The next combined societies' interfunction takes place at the Woodstock Talmud Torah Hall on Saturday and Sunday, 17th and 18th October, 1936. A very interesting programme has been arranged and will be announced in these columns next week. Those intending to participate are asked to make their arrangements well in advance.

### Claremont-Wynberg J.Z. Society.

A meeting was held in the Talmud Torah Hall, Claremont, on Sunday, 20th instant. Mr. M. Meyerowitz was in the chair and presided over a moderately large audience of members of the Society and visitors, the Mowbray-Observatory Jewish Guild. The lecturer for the evening was Adv. Gerald Gordon who delivered a brilliant and informative address on "The International Situation and its effect on Jewry." Many members participated in the discussion that followed to which Mr. Gordon ably replied.

Mr. A. J. Silber proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer which was heartily endorsed by all. An inter-debate followed on the following subjects: "That the Modern Jewish Parent has no Influence over their children with regard to Religion and Zionism, and do not wish to have such influence. Mowbray-Observatory, represented by Miss P. Lipschitz and Mr. M. Kaplan moved, while Claremont-Wynberg, represented by Messrs. Sam Kriger and H. Anziska opposed. Much keen discussion followed, Messrs. W. Sebba, Wingerin, Sounders and Benjamin participating. The motion was declared a draw and a pleasant evening concluded with the Hatikvah.

### Muizenberg Young Israel Society.

The above Society held a fairly well-attended Festival Evening at the Talmud Torah Hall on Sunday, 20th inst. Mr. I. J. Cohen was in the chair, and after making a brief but solicitous appeal for the Menorah, he introduced Mr. S. Shagam, recently returned from Eretz Israel, who gave a comprehensive and very optimistic account of Eretz Israel and the life of the Chalutzim, laying much stress on the national and united spirit which prevails amongst them. This was followed by an informative address by Mr. N. Natas on "The Significance of the High Festivals," after which a very pleasant evening concluded with the singing of Hatikvah.



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### Observatory-Mowbray Jewish Guild.

A cultural evening of the above Guild was held at Dr. H. W. Altschul's Office on 9th September. Mr. Rabinowitz was in the Chair. Despite the bad weather there was an excellent attendance. The news service was rendered by Miss Kaplan, and this was followed by a poem entitled "Onward Jordan" recited by Miss E. Gamsu. Mr. A. Barron read a prepared paper on the subject "Solutions which failed to solve the Jewish Problem." A discussion ensued. Miss Hodes then instructed members from the second Hebrew lecturette. The meeting closed with the singing of Hatikvah.

### Boys' Own Zionist Society.

The last meeting of the session took the form of a "Wireless Evening," the first of its kind ever organised by the Society. The programme opened with songs and recitations, and was followed by a lecture on "Hebrew" by Mr. Victor Resnekov. A

play produced by Chaver H. Press was then given, and Chaver P. Zuckerman gave an interesting talk. Very popular features were greetings sent by prominent world statesmen, and also the children's session under the direction of Chavar J. Wolff. During the evening listeners were taken over to London for a relay of the talk by Mr. Resnekov, and the broadcast of a play entitled "Josephus."

### Cape Town Herzlia.

In the light of the present events in Eretz Israel, the Herzlia on Sunday night staged its version of the Royal Commission for Palestine. The Commission, consisting of Adv. M. S. Comay, who acted as Chairman, Dr. H. W. Altschul and Mr. M. Rabinowitz, was constituted to determine the causes of the present unrest and disturbances in Palestine and to suggest some resolution to the problem.

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## OUR CHILDREN'S CIRCLE

Conducted by **COUSIN HELEN.**

My Dear Little Cousins,

To-morrow, as you know, is Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. The Bible tells us: "It shall be a statute forever unto you: on the tenth day of the month of Tishri ye shall afflict your souls and shall do no manner of work, the home-born or the stranger that sojourneth among you. For on this day shall atonement be made for you, to cleanse you; from all your sins ye shall be clean before the Lord." Yom Kippur is a day of rest, of fasting, of prayer and penitence.

The Hebrew word for repentance is *Teshuba*, which means literally "return." The idea is that the sinner has strayed from the straight path of righteousness and must return before he can be forgiven for his sins.

### Kol Nidrei.

As with all other Jewish festivals, the service begins on the eve of the day and on the day itself is continued the whole day. The eve of Yom Kippur is also called *Kol Nidrei* night, because on it the famous *Kol Nidrei* prayer is sung in synagogue. This prayer is very sad and beautiful and in it the Jews ask God to relieve them of all the vows (*Nidrei*) which they have made, so that they may begin the year afresh, with new vows and resolutions. Who composed the music of this prayer has never been discovered; it is believed it was composed in Spain during the Inquisition. The melody has in recent times been arranged for playing on various musical instruments; it is played by the greatest musicians and always makes a very deep impression.

### A Festival.

In spite of the solemn significance of Yom Kippur, it has nevertheless always been looked upon as a festival. In synagogue you all see that the minister and cantor are clothed in white and it used to be the custom of our forefathers to clothe themselves also in white on Yom Kippur. Originally these garments were worn as a sign of the festal character of this day. "When men are summoned before an earthly ruler," says the Talmud, "to defend themselves against some charge, they appear downcast and dressed in black like mourners. Israel appears before God on the Day of Atonement dressed in white as if going to a feast, because he is confident that as soon as he returns penitently to his Maker, He will not condemn, but abundantly pardon."

### Prayer for Yom Kippur.

By B. YEHUDAH.

Lord, thine humble servants hear,  
Suppliant now before Thee;  
Our Father, from Thy children's plea  
Turn not, we implore Thee!

Lord, blot out our evil pride,  
All our sins before Thee;  
Our Father, for Thy mercy's sake,  
Pardon, we implore Thee.

Lord, no sacrifice we bring  
Prayers and tears implore Thee;  
Our Father, take the gift we lay,  
Contrite hearts before Thee.

Lord, Thy sheep have wondered far,  
Gather them before Thee,  
Our Father, let Thy shepherd's love  
Guide us, we implore Thee.

Lord, forgive and comfort all  
That in truth implore Thee;  
Our Father, let our evening prayer  
Thus find grace before Thee.

Lord Thine humble servants hear,  
Suppliant now before Thee;  
Our Father, from Thy children's plea,  
Turn not, we implore Thee!

(Translated by Solomon Solis-Cohen).

### Children Succoth Party.

I hope you will all be at the Zionist Hall on Monday, 5th October, at 3 p.m., when a Children's Succoth Party will be held in aid of the Hebrew Kindergartens. There will be conjuring, dancing and singing and you will spend a lovely afternoon. The cost of admission will be 1s.

### Correspondence.

*Joyce Volks.*—Thank you very much for your card. It was very sweet of you.

*Abie Goldenbaum.*—Thank you for your letter. I hope you will enjoy the exhibition. Please write and tell me all about it.

*Edna Sennett.*—Thank you very much for your interesting letter. I am glad you did well in the Hebrew examinations, and wish you luck for the music examinations. Please write again soon.

Your loving,  
COUSIN HELEN.

דורשי ציון

Dr. J. MIBASHAN

will deliver an Address with special  
reference to the death of

Mr. MEIR DIZENGOFF,

Founder and Mayor of Tel-Aviv,

at the

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מנין

ZIONIST HALL, HOPE ST., CAPE TOWN,  
on SATURDAY (Yom Kippur) at 3 p.m.  
before Mincha Service.

### CAPE ZIONIST YOUTH ACTIVITIES.

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This was achieved by examining a number of witnesses who were representatives of all sections of population of Palestine and including among others, an effendi, a fellah, the editor of the Arab daily "Falastin," Nagheb Reb Mashastebi, ex-Mayor of Jerusalem, Professor Selig Charloff, a Chalutz, the directors of Colonisation and Immigration Departments of the Jewish Agency, the head of the Histadruth, together with the responsible officials of the important Government departments.

Evidence on behalf of the Arab Supreme Council was lead by Messrs. G. Kalk and M. Katovsky, while the Jewish Agency had "briefed" Messrs. S. M. Lvein and S. L. Schach. The Arabs demanded cessation of all Jewish immigration and sale of land to the Jews, bringing forward evidence to show how detrimental the unrestricted flow of Jewish immigration was to the existing Arab population.

The Council for the Jews on the other hand laid evidence before the Commission to show that there was a shortage of labour, that the Jewish immigration had benefited the country beyond all responsible doubt. In addition, counsel demanded the repeal of the Land Cultivators' Protection Ordinance and the right to establish a Jewish Defence Force.

When both counsel had delivered their closing addresses, the Commission reported its decision, which was a compromise between the demands of the Arabs and the Jews.

The organisers of the meeting are to be congratulated on devising so novel and interesting a method of acquainting its members, who filled the Minor Hall, of what is happening in Palestine.

### Future Functions.

*Malmesbury Maccabean Society.*—A Flannel Dance will be held in the Talmud Torah Hall, Malmesbury, on Monday, the 5th October, at 8 p.m. Bring along a party and roll up to make this a roaring success. Donation 2s. 6d.

Sunday, 27th September.—Oratorical Contests.

Saturday, 26th September.—Woodstock-Salt River J.Z. Society's Yom Kippur Dance.

Saturday, 26th September.—Muizenberg Y.I. Society's Yom Kippur Dance.

Saturday and Sunday, October 17th and 18th October.—Town and Country Rally at Woodstock.

October 10th.—Cape Town Herzlia's Dance at Hout Bay Beach Hotel.

Sunday, 27th September—Green and Sea Point's Old Boys' Reunion.

Saturday, 31st October.—Green and Sea Point's Annual Ball.

### Gedud Rachel, Paarl.

The Habonim concert held at Paarl on Sunday night proved both a social and financial success, the hall being filled to capacity with an appreciative audience, which included amongst others, Western Province Ba-koach, Mr. H. L. Stern, and other members from headquarters.

The two sketches, "Evening in the Emek" by the Hashtilim, and the "Sea Scence" were very well arranged with regard to setting and songs. The plays, one of which was dramatic and the other humorous, were much appreciated, while the ball drill and individual items are also worthy of mention. Local talent was ably displayed throughout the evening, especially so in the Gedud Orchestra.

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