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## THE ALHAMBRA.

John Fox, Jun.'s beloved story of the Cumberland Mountains, "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," comes to the Alhambra next week in an all-colour motion picture version starring Sylvia Sidney, Fred MacMurray and Henry Fonda. Produced for Paramount by Walter Manger, and directed by Henry Hathaway, it was filmed outdoors using natural colours and natural backgrounds almost exclusively.

"The Trail of the Lonesome Pine" is a story of mountaineers and their feuds. Family battles family, clan battles clan, for years on end—and for causes long since forgotten. Miss Sidney and Fonda are members of the Tolliver clan, united in their love for each other and their undying hatred for the rival Falin clan.

Their first contact with civilisation and its way occurs when MacMurray, a young engineer, arrives to construct a railroad line through their remote hills. At first antagonistic and suspicious, they become his friends when he saves Fonda from death, and, as time goes on, Miss Sidney falls in love with him.

Fonda, knowing only one code—to fight and kill for what he loves—sets out to "get" MacMurray. But simultaneously, the rival Falin clan sets out to "get" Fonda. The events that follow when these opposing factions meet bring the film to a stirring climax.

In addition to the three stars, the cast includes such favourites as Fred Stone, Fuzzy Knight, Beulah Bondi, Spanky McFarland and Nigel Bruce.

## THE PLAZA.

"San Francisco," which opens on Monday at the Plaza Theatre, promises to become one of the most talked-about pictures in many months.

It features three of the most popular screen stars or the first time—Clark Gable, Jeanette MacDonald and Spencer Tracy, not forgetting Jack Holt. It is a picture brimming with romance, love, comedy, beautiful music and excitement, and it takes us through the disaster that levelled a beautiful city to the ground thirty years ago, in a series of the most realistic scenes ever filmed.

## Riversdale Hebrew Congregation.

The annual general meeting was held in synagogue on Sunday. Mr. H. Hyman was in the chair and welcomed those present.

Mr. Shemer (Treasurer) presented the Balance Sheet, which was very satisfactory.

Election to the Committee then took place with the following results: Mr. H. Hyman, president; Mr. T. Dissler, vice-president; Mr. R. Shemer, hon. treasurer; Mr. Morris Samuels, secretary. Committee: Messrs. N. Brenner, A. B. Samuels, Abe Aronson, S. Nainkin, J. Berman and Silbert.

## Cape Zionist Youth Activities

*Oratorical Contest.*

Another interesting and successful set of contests took place on Sunday night at the Zionist Hall, where two separate contests were held, and one at Claremont. At the first, in the Committee Room of the Zionist Hall, Woodstock-Salt River Junior Zionist Society met Cape Town Herzlia. Woodstock was represented by Mr. A. Kapelus and Mr. G. Baigel, and Cape Town Herzlia, the winners of this contest, was represented by Mr. A. Roberts, who was the best speaker, and Mr. M. Katofsky. In the Minor Hall, Muizenberg Young Israel Society beat Cape Town Young Judeans. At Claremont, Mr. Mendelsohn and W. Sebba represented Claremont-Wynberg, V. Traub and Mr. Masters represented Maitland, and Mr. R. Joffe and Mr. Tocker represented Observatory-Mowbray. Mr. Roy Joffe was voted the best speaker; while Maitland won. The three subjects which incidentally were the same for all three contests were:—

1. That the Synagogue wields a greater influence upon the moral and intellectual character of the Jewish youth than the home.
2. That the task of creating an independent Jewish State in Palestine to-day is more difficult than in the days of the Maccabees.
3. That Pinsker's and not Herzl's original conception of Zionism is the true one.

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My Dear Little Cousins,

Once again we are celebrating the beautiful festival of Succoth, which takes us back many hundreds of years ago when the Jews wandered in the desert after leaving Egypt, the land of bondage. They wandered for many days and nights and became very tired. And God, seeing how tired they were, told them to make themselves little huts or tabernacles (*Succoth*) out of greenery and to rest in the shade.

Ever since those days the Jews, wherever they have been, have kept up the festival of *Succoth*. It has always been the custom of the Jews to build *Succoth* in their gardens if they are lucky enough to have them. It is great fun building a *Succah* and decorating it with flowers and fruit. I hope you will all be fortunate enough to have a *Succah* in your home this year, but in any case I am sure you will all visit the *Succah* outside the Synagogue.

## Symbols.

The celebration of *Succoth* is marked with beautiful symbols that express some of the religious idea underlying the festival. The tabernacle itself reminds us not only of the wanderings of our ancestors in the desert, but that we are dependent on God's protection. We look to Him to "spread over us the tabernacle of peace." At this time, when sad to relate, weapons of destruction are once more doing their evil work and so many of our brethren are persecuted, we can utter that prayer with special feeling.

## Lulab and Ethrog.

Many poetic ideas are connected the *Lulab* and the *Ethrog*. The former composed of a branch of the palm that rises tall and erect over the desert sands, reminds us to stand steadfast and erect when all around us is moving and shifting. "The righteous shall spring up like a palm tree," declared the psalmist. The spreading branches of the palm are likened to the human hand and the poetic Biblical writers perceived in the rustling of the leaves Nature worshipping the Creator—the clapping of the hands of the trees. So we make the leaves of the *lulab* clap as we point it in all directions. God is everywhere.

Bound with the palm are branches of myrtle and willow, fragrant the one, lowly the other. Whether we be rich or poor, gifted or not, we can all join in God's praise and service.

Carried with the *lulab* is the *ethrog*, the sweet-smelling citron from Palestine. It must be perfect, or it is rejected. "Walk before me and be ye perfect." We must do nothing to spoil ourselves in God's sight. Our lives must be fragrant; our deeds must "smell sweet."

## Children's Succoth Party.

Do not forget the Children's Succoth Party at the Zionist Hall on Monday after-

noon, 5th October, at 3 p.m. There will be conjuring, dancing and singing and you are promised a lovely time. It is in aid of the Hebrew Kindergartens and the cost of admission will be 1s.

## "Chronicle" Seaside Fund.

The "Chronicle" Seaside Camp for poor Jewish children will again be held at the Strand in December. I hope you will all send me as much as you can towards this, so that the children can have a lovely holiday.

## Succoth.

We live in narrow alleys  
Where hovels stand in rows—  
Our hearts are in the valleys  
Where rose of Sharon grows.

From bartering, peddling, selling,  
We seek a moment's calm—  
Our hearts to-day are dwelling  
Where citron grows with palm.

We come from stinting, suffering  
From streets that pennies yield,  
And bring the Lord our offering,  
The produce of the field.

Unlanded, robbed and driven  
And happy to escape,  
Our dreams to-day are given  
To farm and flock and grape.

In many a stone-bound city,  
Still roofed beneath the skies,  
The Lord of boundless pity  
Lets little bowers arise.

And in those tabernacles—  
The wanderer's blessed relief—  
He turns our heavy shackles  
To strings of fruit and leaf.

Who bring in want and sorrow  
The stranger's fruit with psalms  
Shall plant in joy to-morrow  
Their citrons and their palms.

—*Jessie E. Sampter.*

## Correspondence.

*Aubrey Hodes.*—Thank you for your letter. I am pleased you are doing so well at school. Please write again soon.

*Archie Bloch.*—Welcome to the Circle. You do not to pay anything to become a member. I am giving the 1s. to the Seaside Fund.

Your loving,

COUSIN HELEN.

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

## CAPE ZIONIST YOUTH ACTIVITIES.

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The judges at the Zionist Hall Committee Room were Mr. Simenhoff and Mr. D. Lazarow. In the Minor Hall, Mr. C. K. Friedlander and Mr. H. Stern, and at Claremont, Dr. H. W. Altschul and Mr. L. Feinberg.

## Oudtshoorn Young Israel Society.

The Society held its annual general meeting on the 19th September. Mr. B. Borkum acted as presiding officer. The President, Mr. S. Cohen, and the Treasurer, Miss H. Sladen, each gave a favourable report. The following members were elected to the Committee for the ensuing year: Chairman, Mr. B. T. Arenstein; Vice-Chairlady, Miss P. Woll; Treasurer, Mr. S. Cohen, Joint Secretaries, Mr. S. Weinstein and Miss P. Woll. Committee: Misses S. Simanowitz and P. Lezard; Messrs. Sammy Miller, H. Paradisegarten, Lewis Miller. "Menorah" and "Chronicle" reporter, Mr. Sammy Miller.

On the 23rd September an inter-debate was held between the above Society and the Oudtshoorn Jewish Guild in the Templar Hall.

Mr. B. T. Arenstein was in the chair and stressed the fact that it was the first time in the history of local Jewry that an inter-debate was held between the two major Zionist societies. On behalf of the Y.I.S. he welcomed the parents and the members of the Oudtshoorn Jewish Guild.

Mr. V. H. Aschman, Chairman of the Guild, responded.

The first item for evening was a piano solo by Miss C. Wolff (Y.I.S.), next followed a sing-song of Jewish folk songs by members of the Y.I.S. This was listened to with great enthusiasm and was exceptionally well received by the audience.

The next item, viz., the debate was the chief item of the evening. The Guild were represented by Miss L. Sindler, Mr. D. Weinstein, Miss E. Sladen, and the Y.I.S. by Messrs. S. Cohen, S. Weinstein and S. Miller. When the debate was thrown open for discussion about twenty members participated. The motion was lost, the last mentioned society putting up a strong resistance.

A talk in Yiddish by S. Weinstein (Y.I.S.) followed; he made an urgent appeal to local Jewry to support the Y.I.S. The talk was very much appreciated by the audience.

Thanks are due to Mr. B. Tobias Arenstein, the Chairman, for the enthusiasm he imbued into the Society, which caused their recent success.

The meeting terminated at 11 p.m. with the singing of Hatikvah and God Save the King!

The Committee are working out a very interesting programme for their next meeting and request their members, and all those interested in Y.I.S. work, to watch this column and keep the following dates open so that they may be able to attend.

11th October.—"Talk on Palestine" by Mrs. R. Berman. "My Impressions of the Palestinian Stall at the Empire Exhibition" by Miss H. Sladen. Sing-song and very many more interesting items in store.

An Oneg Shabbos will be held in the near future.