

OUR CHILDREN'S CIRCLE

Conducted by COUSIN HELEN.

Our Motto:

"Do not unto others, what you would not have others do unto you."

"A little child shall lead them."—Isaiah xi., 6.

My dear little Cousins,

Many years ago, not far from Jerusalem, there lived a little boy, Eliezer ben Hyrcanus. As he helped the men on his father's farm to pick the olives and grapes he was always thinking of the school of Jochanan ben Zakkai at Jerusalem. How he would love to be a pupil at that school!

One day, Eliezer's father, Hyrcanus, called his family together and told them that they would have to leave their farm with him and go elsewhere to live. The servants got the cattle ready and put household goods on the backs of camels. Eliezer cried when his father announced this sad news, for the village to which they were going was still further from Jerusalem. He had always dreamed of the day when he would be allowed to take his father's beautiful Arabian horse and ride to the city of Jerusalem to see the famous teacher and his school. And now his father was asking him to go far, far away.

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tee generally have derived many suggestions etc. from the very constructive suggestions that emanated from the members. In all the enthusiasm and interest shown augurs well for the future.

B.O.Z. Society.

An interesting meeting of the above society took place at the residence of Chaver R. Abrahamson on Friday, 19th March. Chaver A. Walt was in the Chair. In welcoming the members the Chairman explained the programme for the evening which took the form of a Ma Nishtana evening. Mrs. Ch. Maissel addressed the members on Pesach, after which questions were handed out to the members. Mrs. Maissel then answered the questions. Hebrew Songs were sung and an interesting cultural meeting was brought to a close with the singing of Hatikvah at a late hour.

Muizenberg Y.I. Society.

A "Seder Evening was held on 29th inst. The programme opened with an enlightening talk on the significance of Pesach delivered by Mr. M. B. Saacks. This was followed by four questions:—

1. What are the effects on Palestinian Jewry of the Arab riots.
2. What is the difference between Palestinian Youth and S. A. Youth.
3. Are the Grey Shirts good "Zionists."
4. What is the future of S. A. Jewry.

These questions were ably answered by the members of the Society, and the answer on the effects of the Palestinian riots by Mr. I. Wolfsohn is deserving of the highest credit. After light refreshments a hat-

Hyrcanus and his family were soon ready to go on this trip, but they went without Eliezer, who set out on the road to Jerusalem alone without a single penny in his pocket. He spent the first two nights sleeping in the open fields underneath the starry skies. On the third day he rose at sunrise and noticed that he was getting nearer and nearer to the Holy City. At last he saw the Temple on the hill. He walked faster and faster so that he might reach the city as quickly as possible. He was so weak and hungry that he could hardly stand, but he made up his mind that he must see Jochanan ben Zakkai and his school before he could do anything else. It was the happiest moment of his life when he reached there.

One day Eliezer ben Hyrcanus was to become the most famous pupil of Jochanan.

Your loving,

COUSIN HELEN.

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debate followed by the singing of Hatikvah brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

Oudtshoorn Young Israel Society.

A very successful meeting was held on Sunday night, 21st March.

Mr. B. Arenstein was in the chair. He announced that Miss Noll had taken over the position of Menorah Commissioner.

This meeting proved to be culturally a great success; only ladies participated.

The first item was a reading on Pesach by Miss H. Sladen.

Thereupon followed the debate, the subject being "That our Lives are Happier than our Ancestors'."

Miss F. Sanders, Miss I. Rollnick and Miss C. Levitton spoke for the motion, and Miss S. Katzman, G. Katz and E. Barron against. After much discussion from the floor, the motion was carried.

Miss P. Lazard gave a recitation and Miss S. Gutstein a piano solo. The meeting terminated with the singing of Hatikvah.

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BIRTH.

TALBERG.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. Talberg (nee Bessie Danker). at Delherbe Nursing Home, on the 26th March, a daughter.

Cape Zionist Youth Activities

Oratorical Contest.

The first Oratorical Contests of this year are being held on Sunday 4th April. At Woodstock the Societies participating are Green and Sea Point, Woodstock and Muizenberg. At Claremont the Contest will be between False Bay Herzlia, Cape Town Young Judeans and Claremont-Wynberg, while the third Contest at which the Maccabi will act as hosts will be between Maitland, Observatory - Mowbray and Cape Town Maccabi. Interesting subjects have been chosen, and a high standard of oratory is expected. Interested persons are cordially welcomed to all these functions. The judges will be Dr. Altschul, Dr. Hurwitz, and Messrs. Feinberg, Stern, Stakol and Bobrov.

Rally.

An enjoyable programme has been arranged for the Stellenbosch Rally to be held on 10th and 11th April. On Saturday night in the Talmud Torah Hall the Stellenbosch Society is presenting a concert while on Sunday there will be an all-day picnic at Jonkershoek a feature of which will be an informal talk by Mr. Harry Salber, a Chalutz from G'vat, who is at present staying at Cape Town. In the evening there will be a dance at the Talmud Torah Hall.

Societies are informed that the provisional date for the Conference is the long week-end 22nd—24th May.

We are also pleased to announce that Mr. Maurice Samuel will be arriving in South Africa shortly to deliver a series of lectures throughout the country. Those who remember his brilliant oratory will look forward with interest to hearing him again shortly.

The Menorah Secretary informs us that lots of subscriptions have lapsed and many commissioners or members themselves have not troubled to renew them. Members are please requested to give this matter their immediate attention.

Another successful J.N.F. Study Circle was held at the Office on Tuesday 30th March. These lectures are held monthly and anyone requiring particulars can obtain same from the J.N.F. Secretary.

Leaders' Classes.

Two very interesting lectures have already been delivered to this class, and the next will be held on the 8th April.

Claremont-Wynberg J.Z. Society.

The first meeting under its new Committee took place in the Talmud Torah Hall, Grove Avenue, Claremont on Sunday, 28th March, 1937. Mr. A. S. Silber, the Chairman, extended a warm welcome to the very satisfactory audience present. The News Service was delivered by Miss L. Atkins, and followed by a J.N.F. talk by Mr. Wulf Sebba. A lecturette re the Menorah and its value was delivered by Mr. R. Meyerowitz. These three items will be a regular occurrence at subsequent meetings.

Many members of the general body participated in the discussion on what lines the Society should work and the Commit-