



IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

Social and Personal.

Combined Zionist Societies.

Rabbi Dr. Solomon Goldman, the well-known American author and lecturer, will address a mass meeting at the Zionist Hall on Sunday, 4th July, on "Palestine—its soil and soul."

This is the only address which will be delivered by this eminent orator in the Cape Peninsula.

Cape Town Hebrew Congregation.

At a meeting of the newly-elected committee the following executive was elected:—

Mr. Woolf Harris, President; Mr. S. Gesundheit, vice-President; Mr. L. Gradner, Treasurer.

Cape Jewish Orphanage.

A somewhat unique gathering was held at the Home in Montrose Avenue on Sunday afternoon last.

In view of the urgent need for extensions and alterations of the present inadequate premises a formal inspection of the Home and all its amenities was arranged in order that all the newly elected members of the Committee might make themselves intimately acquainted with its needs before formulating a scheme of extension and additions. The whole Committee carried out a meticulous examination of every department of the buildings and grounds and in addition to the Committee the Rev. I. Levine and Mrs. Levine of the Sea Point Community and Mrs. S. Fryde, Mrs. J. Kadish and several other Orphanage well-wishers were also present.

After the inspection, afternoon tea was tastefully served by Mrs. Beresinsky, the Matron when the President, Mr. J. M. Weinreich took the opportunity of welcoming the visitors and congratulating Mrs. Fryde on her seventieth birthday. He felt sure that all present must realize that apart from the crowded dormitory accommodation the building lacked many up-to-date necessities of a Home for the children. He hoped that in the near future the Committee would be able to formulate a scheme for remedying the present unsatisfactory conditions.

Zionist Socialist Study Group.

Mr. L. Melamed will deliver a lecture on Wednesday, 7th inst. in the Zionist Hall at 8.15 p.m. The subject will be: "Is Socialism Compatible with Zionism?" All welcome.

Zionist Conversazione.

The next fortnightly Conversazione will take place at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday, 6th July at 8.15 p.m. Dr. H. W. Altschul will lecture on "Sorts of Zionism." All welcome.

Youth Conversazione.

Dr. Felix Gross will give "A review of Music through the ages" at a Youth Conversazione under the auspices of the Cape Town Herzlia at the Zionist Hall on Thursday 8th July. Dr. Gross will deal particularly with the work of Meyerbeer, Mendelssohn, Mahler and Schönberg. The lecture will be illustrated by records and piano and violin solos.

Maitland Hebrew School.

On the 23rd June a Hebrew play entitled "Bat Jephthah," was presented by the children of the above school.

The play consisted of four acts, the theme being a Biblical episode. The different characters were so well portrayed that it proved without doubt, that the children were imbued with the spiritual understanding of that historic background. Their interpretation of the happy and sad events relative to that period, also their skilful characterisation, was deeply appreciated by a very large and representative audience, for whom the atmosphere and environment of the Jew of that ancient Biblical epoch was revived and depicted in its natural and beautiful setting. The appropriate costumes, the dances, music, songs and a lively Eastern market, full of atmosphere and colour peculiar to the East on the whole, and to ancient Jewry in particular helped to resuscitate that remote period. Furthermore, the easy and fluent use of the Hebrew language as a medium of the play, afforded the participants wider scope for the correct expression and interpretation of the theme.

This was the first time that a full length play in Hebrew was undertaken by the school and presented by children, and it proved very successful; it is hoped that the precedent will be followed by other schools for the great educational and cultural value of such a production cannot be overestimated.

Mr. H. Lederman, principal of the school, and his assistant Mr. Flaxman are to be congratulated on the production of the play.

The invaluable assistance rendered by Mr. Kaufman, as Chairman of the Cultural Sub-Committee of the Maitland Hebrew Congregation is deeply appreciated.

Amongst those present were Dr. C. Resnekov, Chairman of the Board of Hebrew Education, Rabbi M. Morgenstern, Dr. B. Rabinowitz, Inspector of Hebrew Schools, Mr. B. Chideckel, Mr. Z. Avin, Chairman of the Hebrew Teachers' Association, Mr. M. Natas, Mr. A. Sive, Hon. Secretary of the Hebrew Teachers' Association, and Mr. J. Abitz.

Speeches of congratulation were delivered by Dr. Resnekov, Dr. Rabinowitz and Mr. Avin.

Thanks are due to all those who kindly lent costumes and rendered other assistance in connection with the play. Special thanks are due to Miss R. Vilensky for coaching the children in dancing, Miss Kaufman and Mr. Shevelson for musical accompaniments.

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Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gradner left on Tuesday in the "Winchester Castle" for Durban. They will later visit their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Israel Blumberg, in Johannesburg, and expect to return to Cape Town towards the middle of August.

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Mr. and Mrs. Max Cohen returned on Wednesday in the "Giulio Cesare" from a visit overseas.

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The engagement is announced of Isabel (Bella), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Belchetz, of Kingwilliamstown, and Simon, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Abel, of Cape Town.

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Miss M. Oblowitz left yesterday on a few weeks' visit to Johannesburg.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Spektor (née Sally Mauerberger) are being congratulated on the birth of a son.

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Mr. Nathan B. Gurland returned on Wednesday in the "Giulio Cesare" from a visit to Palestine and Europe.

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Mr. M. Frank returned on Wednesday in the "Giulio Cesare" from a visit to Europe.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pevsner (née Lily Volks) are being congratulated on the birth of a son.

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Mr. and Mrs. P. Marks and family left on Sunday for Bloemfontein.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. Dirmeik of Parow are being congratulated on the birth of a son.

SILVER WEDDING.

SALBER-SROLOWITZ.—Married at the Gardens Synagogue on 30th June, 1912, by the Rev. A. P. Bender, assisted by Rev. B. Strod, Moses Salber to Fanny Srolowitz.

ENGAGEMENT.

HATCHUEL-LEAR.—The engagement is announced between Florence, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hatchuel, and "Julie" Julius David Lear, eldest son of Mrs. Lear and the late Mr. Solomon Lear, of Cape Town. London "Jewish Chronicle" please copy.

BIRTH.

SPEKTOR.—To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Spektor (née Sally Mauerberger) on 29th June at the Inverugie Nursing Home, Sea Point, a bonny son. Both well.