

IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

Sium Hatorah at Wynberg.

The first function to be held in the Wynberg Communal Hall since its official opening was a Sium Hatorah which was celebrated on Wednesday, 25th August, the Torah having been presented by Mr. and Mrs. J. Freedman.

There was a gathering of about 600 people from all over the Peninsula, over whom Mr. S. M. Kaplan presided.

Rev. Ch. Gordon explained the significance of the occasion, after which almost everyone in the hall inscribed a letter in the Torah. As a result over £200 was realised, and this will be a valuable addition to the funds of the Communal Hall.

The host, Mr. J. Freedman, was appointed Hagboh, and Mr. W. Freedman, Gellah. The honour of placing the cover on the newly-inscribed Torah was given to Mrs. Freedman, and that of placing the Silver Crown to Mrs. J. Freedman.

The impressive ceremony was conducted by Cantor G. Golub, at the conclusion of which a stately procession of all those present led by Mr. Freedman, carrying the Torah, proceeded to the Synagogue, where they were met by eight prominent Peninsula Rabbis, each carrying a Sofer Torah. With due ceremonial, all Torahs were placed in the Ark, and the celebrants returned to the Communal Hall where a reception was held.

Speeches were delivered by Rev. Ch. Gordon, Rabbi Gravitzy, Rabbi Morgenshtern, Rabbi Bornstein (of Palestine) and Mr. S. M. Kaplan.

Replying as host, Mr. J. Freedman thanked all for their attendance, for which he was honoured. He particularly thanked Mr. W. Freedman for presenting to him (Mr. J. Freedman) the Sefer Torah which had been presented to the Congregation and inscribed that day.

Mr. J. Freedman then presented to the Congregation an enlarged photograph of Mr. S. M. Kaplan, to be placed in the office of the Synagogue. It was, said Mr. Freedman, a token of recognition of the good work done by Mr. Kaplan for the Community, and of appreciation of his services as Chairman of the Wynberg Congregation. He also presented to Mr. Kaplan a life membership certificate of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies which had been received from Johannesburg.

Mr. H. Dubow announced that the names of Mr. and Mrs. J. Freedman were being inscribed, by the guests, in the Golden Book.

During the reception musical items were rendered by Cantor G. Golub and Cantor H. Katzin, and were much appreciated.

A memorable occasion terminated with Hatikvah and the National Anthem.

Cape Jewish Aged Home.

A pleasant evening was spent at the above Home when members of the Cape Town Jewish Girls' Association gave a con-

cert to the old people on Sunday evening, the 29th August.

Songs were rendered by Mrs. F. Weinreich, Miss T. Chanarin, Miss A. Nurick and Miss J. Charnass, whilst Miss H. Obowitz and Miss A. Nurick recited. A sketch in Yiddish by Miss Lewis and Miss Friedgoot proved very popular, as did a sketch in English by Miss Dickman and Miss Cohen. A piano solo by Miss R. Zuckerman and a dance by Miss Vilensky completed the programme.

Mrs. Weinreich, who was responsible for the concert, expressed her pleasure at being able to give this concert to the old people and hoped that they all enjoyed same.

On behalf of the Jewish Girls' Association, Mrs. Weinreich presented each of the old women with handkerchiefs and the men with cigarettes as a New Year gift.

Mr. Harry Rosen on behalf of the Aged Home thanked the Association for giving the concert as well as for their kind thought in giving a New Year gift. He hoped that this fine example would be followed by other Jewish bodies as well.

Mrs. Lewis, the Chairlady of the Home, endorsed Mr. Rosen's remarks and said that she was pleased to see what happiness this concert had given the old people.

Refreshments, which were supplied by the Association, were served during the evening.

Claremont Hebrew Congregation.

Rabbi A. R. Abrahamson will preach on the second day of Rosh Hashona.

Hebrew Teachers' Association.

The re-elected committee consists of the following: Mr. A. Sive (Chairman), Rabbi B. Isaacson (Vice-chairman), Rabbi A. R. Abrahamson (Treasurer), Mr. I. Bitnum (Hon. Secretary), Messrs. J. Abitz, H. Lederman and M. Natas, additional members. All communications should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, 4 Avenue Street, Gardens, Cape Town (phone 2-5949).

Claremont Jewish Ladies' Society.

The annual general meeting took place in the Talmud Torah Hall, Claremont, on Sunday evening, 29th August. The meeting was opened by the Chairlady (Mrs. H. Gorfinkel), who welcomed all present. The Secretary (Mrs. B. Freedman) read the minutes and annual report, and this was carried unanimously. The report of the treasurer, Mrs. J. Levy, who was unavoidably absent, was read out. The balance sheet was adopted, with thanks to the treasurer.

Mr. R. Newstead spoke on the benevolent work of the Society. He paid a tribute to the outgoing chairlady who had been in the chair for the last 14 years, and to the members of the Ladies' Society who had given to the Hebrew Congregation great

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Social and Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stodel returned on Monday in the Winchester Castle from a visit to England.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leon Segal returned on Saturday in the Giulio Cesare from a visit to Europe.

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Miss Jessie Grodzinski returned on Saturday in the Giulio Cesare after a year's holiday in Europe.

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Dr. and Mrs. S. N. Sennett returned on Saturday in the Giulio Cesare from a visit to Europe.

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Rev. and Mrs. S. Efron of Malmesbury are being congratulated on the birth of a son.

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help in the building of the synagogue and communal hall.

Mr. Gorfinkel gave a detailed account of the work of the Ladies' Society. He spoke of his experience on the Board of Guardians and said if it were not for the workers in the cause of charity the poor would suffer greatly and many of them would go under.

Mrs. Gorfinkel heartily thanked the speakers and her honorary committee for their confidence for so many years. She said her reason for resigning from the chair was due to her poor health.

The following officers and committee were elected: Mrs. Gorfinkel, President; Mrs. Freedman, Chairlady; Mrs. Levy, Treasurer; Miss K. Abromovitz, Secretary; Committee, Mrs. R. Newstead, Mrs. Meyerowitz, Mrs. Abromovitz, Mrs. Sharfman, Mrs. Rubin, Mrs. Goodman, Mrs. Cynkin.

Muizenberg Hebrew Kindergarten.

A gathering of parents and those interested in the Muizenberg Hebrew Kindergarten took place at the Talmud Torah Hall on Tuesday, the 24th August. They watched with pleasure their various games and noted the progress that had been made in Hebrew under Mrs. Telem who has so ably run the kindergarten for the last few months. This new venture on the part of the Muizenberg Talmud Torah which has sponsored the kindergarten deserves every success.

Oneg Shabos.

The Oneg Shabos Society has resumed activities again after an interval of several months. The first lecturer to-morrow at the Zionist Hall (Saturday, 4th September) will be Mr. B. L. Rubik, who will lecture on "Miracles in Jewish History." Proceedings will begin at 4.30 p.m. sharp. All members and friends cordially invited.

Bellville, Parow and Durbanville Women's Zionist Society.

A social was held on Sunday evening in the Communal Hall, Parow. The speaker of the evening, Mr. Wolozinsky, M.A., who was introduced by the chairlady, Mrs.

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Hoffmann, gave an interesting talk on "The Philosophy of the Hebrew National Revival." Recitations were rendered by Clara Friedman, Lina Stander, Thelma Daitsh and Rachel Leiserowitz. After the tea interval Mr. Wolozinsky spoke in Yiddish on the "Keren Kayemeth". Mrs. B. Berold proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer and the artists.

Zionist Conversazione.

Mrs. Mary Segal, who was one of the South African delegates to the 20th Zionist Congress at Zurich, will report on the proceedings at Congress, and give her impressions, at the next fortnightly Zionist Conversazione at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday evening, 7th inst.

Mr. Jacob Waislitz.

Mr. Jacob Waislitz, the celebrated Jewish actor, will participate in the programme at the next fortnightly Zionist Conversazione at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday evening, 7th inst., by rendering several items.

United Hebrew Schools.

The annual general meeting will be held on Sunday, 5th September, at the Zionist Hall, at 10 a.m.

Muizenberg Talmud Torah "Oneg Shabbos."

The Muizenberg Talmud Torah had an "Oneg Shabbos" on Saturday afternoon at the Talmud Torah Hall. This was a great success; the hall was crowded with enthusiastic children and even more enthusiastic parents.

The Chairman, Mr. Shagam, welcomed Dr. B. Rabinowitz, Inspector of Hebrew Schools, and parents of the Muizenberg children.

Mr. Natas, the principal of the Talmud Torah, then called upon the children, who sang Hebrew songs and rendered recitations and stories in a lively and fluent Hebrew. Refreshments were then served.

After the interval Dr. Rabinowitz addressed the children in English, explaining to them in a very interesting manner the actual meaning of the Shabbos and the Jewish New Year. He then addressed a few words in Yiddish to the parents, stressing the importance of the Talmud Torah and the attitude of the parents towards the Talmud Torah.

Mr. Shagam then proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Rabinowitz and also to Mesdames Jocum and Satusky and Miss Guinsburg, in whose very capable hands the catering had been placed.

The "Hatikvah" terminated the "Oneg Shabbos."

Bnoth Zion Association.

A general meeting of the Maitland Branch was held at the residence of Mrs. Stoltzman, St. Ann's Street, Maitland, on Tuesday, 31st August. There was a fair attendance of members. Mrs. M. Kramer was in the chair.

Miss Maggie Oblowitz spoke on some of the problems facing Congress with particular reference to Partition. After tea was served, questions were asked and a general discussion took place.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the speaker proposed by Mrs. S. Sieff, and a vote of thanks to the hostess, proposed by Miss L. Kramer.

The Mark Hambourg Concert.

Mark Hambourg needs no introduction in South Africa, and a fair-sized audience attended the opening concert of his tour on Tuesday night. The main item of his programme could not have been better chosen. Mr. Hambourg is chiefly celebrated as an exponent of Beethoven, and the "Appassionata" gave full scope to his wide range of technique and feeling. The slow movement, especially, made a deep impression. The playing of the Chopin group was sensitive and delicate, but at times one felt the bass was over-emphasised. Of the other short pieces, a spirited rendering of Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody No. 10 was particularly effective.

In his share of the programme Mr. George Baker showed himself possessed of a fine baritone voice, which was most appreciated in the lighter pieces, such as the two songs from "Iolanthe" and the amusing Handel Skit by Hely Hutchinson, "Mother Hubbard."

Local music-lovers are fortunate in hearing another international celebrity so soon after the Elman concerts. It is time we had a new piano, however—Mr. Hambourg seemed not quite at ease upon the present instrument at the beginning of the "Appassionata." M.

NOTICE.

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 - (a) Keep Kosher meat only.
 - (b) Close their butcheries from before sunset on Fridays to Saturday evenings, the same on holidays.
 - (c) Are visited by a Masgiach of the Board of Shechita;

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3. All poultry sold as Kosher must bear a stamp with the name of the Shochet and the date of killing.

On behalf of the BETH-DIN,

B. CHIDECKEL, Hon. Secretary.

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Cape Zionist Youth Activities

CAPE ZIONIST YOUTH EXECUTIVE.

Youth J.N.F. Conversazione. Dr. H. W. Altschul, in addressing a well attended Youth J.N.F. Conversazione held at the Zionist Hall on Sunday night, the 29th August, 1937, dealt with the "Future of the J.N.F." Condemning the prevalence of non-committalness, Dr. Altschul proceeded to discuss the present and visualise the future. As far as the inner conceptions of the Keren Kayemeth LeYisrael are concerned its aim for the future is to obtain by purchase or gift all the land comprised within the ancient borders of Eretz Israel and to hold it as inalienable till it could be handed over to the future Jewish State to be held as inalienable State domain.

At the moment out of 50 million dunams of land in Palestine (including Tarns-jordan) the total Jewish holding is about 1½ million dunam, and of that the J.N.F. possesses about one third. Referring to Partition Dr. Altschul said that it behoved the S.A. Jewish Youth to gather their forces to fight against it. In the discussion which followed the following participated: Messrs. M. Shevelev, R. Kotlowitz, S. Rechtman, and G. Gitlin. The Misses Myrtle Kaplan and Doreen Meyers provided items which were appreciated by the gathering.

Youth Choir. The services of Mr. Himmelstein have been obtained as choir-master. Those interested are requested to attend the first rehearsal on Sunday, 5th inst., at 10.30 a.m., at the Zionist Hall.

Young Israel Ball. The Arthur's Seat Hotel was the meeting point of the Cape Zionist Youth Movement on Saturday night, when the 14th Y.I. Ball was held. To the music of Harry Hecker and his Band, dancing was enjoyed to the full by the large number present.

The entrance to the ballroom was tastefully decorated in blue and white and looked most effective.

Little Miss Mignon Furman and her young sister provided an interlude of tap dancing which was greatly appreciated. The Committee responsible are to be congratulated on a highly successful event.

Variety Concert. Rehearsals are already in progress for the Variety Show which is to be held in October. The production is in the capable hands of Mr. Julian Harris. All those desirous of taking part are requested to get in touch with the Secretary, 85, Plein Street, Cape Town.

MUIZENBERG Y.I. SOCIETY.

At the last meeting the usual reminders with regard to subscriptions, Menorah and Library having been made by the Chairman, Mr. I. Cohen, a paper on the Jewish National Fund was read by Miss N. Haft. This was followed by a talk given by Miss L. Guinsberg on her experiences during her Palestinian tour. Miss Guinsberg gave the audience a vivid description of the circumstances under which the pioneers in the construction of the homeland were labouring. The significance of the High Festivals was discussed by Mr. I. Saacks. A very successful mock Congress was the last item on the evening's programme which concluded with the singing of Hatikvah.

Owing to pressure of space further "Youth Activities" have been held over.