

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,

Next Wednesday, as you all know, will be Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. It is the holiest day in the whole year for the Jews, a day of prayer and fasting. On that day Jews all over the world pray to God for forgiveness of their sins; they "atone" for their misdeeds and ask God for his love and mercy.

Kol Nidrei.

As with all other Jewish holidays, the service begins on the eve of the day (Tuesday night, this year) and is continued throughout the whole of the next day. The eve of Yom Kippur is also called *Kol Nidrei* night, because of the prayer with which the Yom Kippur eve service begins—a prayer in which the Jews pray to God to relieve them of all the vows (*Nidrei*) which they have made so that they may begin the year anew with better and holier thoughts and resolutions.

It is not known who composed the original music of *Kol Nidrei*, which is very beautiful, but it is believed that it was composed in Spain during the Inquisition when many of our people died the most terrible deaths rather than give up their religion. There were many who pretended to become Christians but in their hearts remained Jews, practising their religion secretly. It was on Yom Kippur that they expressed their feelings of regret for having taken false vows and in the sad beauty of *Kol Nidrei* they expressed all their sorrow and suffering.

It was the great composer Max Bruch who composed the modern version of *Kol*

Nidrei for violincello and orchestra which is so often played to-day and which seems to express the entire soul of the Jewish People.

Although most of you are too young to fast the whole day, I am sure that you will all go to shul, and I hope you will sit there quietly and listen to the beautiful service. Try and remember that Yom Kippur is a very holy and serious day and that even children should behave in a seemly manner especially in shul.

Your loving,

COUSIN HELEN.

Yom Kippur.

To Thee we give ourselves to-day
Forgetful of the world outside,
We tarry in Thy house, O Lord,
From eventide to eventide.

From Thy all-searching righteous eye
Our deepest heart can nothing hide;
It crieth up to Thee for peace
From eventide to eventide.

Who could endure, shouldst Thou, O God,
As we deserve for ever chide?
We therefore seek Thy pardoning grace
From eventide to eventide.

O may we lay to heart how swift
The years of life do onward glide;
So learn to live that we may see
Thy light at our life's eventide.

—G. Gotthiel.

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Rally at Muizenberg. Members of Zionist Youth Societies are cordially invited to attend all the sessions of the Town and Country Rally to be held at Muizenberg during the coming week-end. The full programme appears elsewhere in this issue.

OBSERVATORY-MOWBRAY Z.Y.S.

A Study Circle meeting was held at the residence of the Chairlady, Miss H. Hodes, on Thursday, 18th inst. Miss M. Danilewitz read the News Service. The guest speaker was Mr. W. Sebba, of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive, who dealt with "Bialik—his life and works." Discussion followed and the meeting concluded with the usual Hebrew sing-song.

ZIONIST ASSOCIATION OF STUDENTS.

A bumper Motze Yom Kippur dance will be given by the above Association on Wednesday, 1st October, in the Major Zionist Hall. There will be an orchestra in attendance and an enjoyable evening's entertainment is assured. Tickets are obtainable at the door—3/6 double, 2/6 single. Dress informal. Bring your friends.

Bnoth Zion Association.

Dr. A. Birnbaum gave a talk to members on "Current Events in Jewish Life" at the Zionist Hall on Monday, 15th September. Mrs. F. Winokur, who presided, deplored the fact that due to the very bad weather the attendance was so small. In introducing the speaker she pointed out what an asset Dr. Birnbaum was to the cultural life of the community.

Before the tea interval Mrs. S. Aaron read a very interesting paper on the significance of Jewish history—"The Grandest Poem of all Time." Mrs. M. Segal moved a vote of thanks to both speakers, expressing the appreciation of all present.



German Immigrants engaged on Building Operations in Palestine.