

## In and Around the Peninsula

### Histadruth Ivrit.

A lecture in Hebrew on "Our Tasks after the War," was delivered by Professor Rabbi I. Abrahams at the Talmud Torah Hall, Muizenberg, on 4th January. There was a large attendance of members and visitors.

Dr. A. Birnbaum presided and said that the fact that the Rabbi chose to talk in Hebrew on such a subject signified in itself the importance he attached to the cultural aspect of our work of reconstruction. He highly commended the work done by the Brith Ivrit Olamith in this connection. In all countries of the Middle East the Hebrew movement has been given life by this important organisation which deserved greater support from all lovers of the Hebrew language and culture.

Rabbi Abrahams gave a survey of the historical events in Jewish life during the last two decades. The Hitler period for the Jews meant a two-fold tragedy, for not only did those Jews suffer whose fate brought them under Nazi domination but the bulk of Jewry all over the world were in a state of confusion as to their own problems and needs. A large number of Jews (including Zionists) and also liberal Gentiles came to believe that the destruction of Hitlerism in itself would mean the salvation of Jewry. This was a fatal mistake. An analysis of the position of the Jews since their emancipation would show an unbiased observer that the Jewish tragedy existed even before the arrival of Hitler—a tragedy of homelessness, of dependence. It will thus be our main task to reorientate public opinion in this respect and particularly to bring home this simple historical truth to the minds of other Jews and Jewesses. Rabbi Abrahams went on to emphasise the importance of the study of Jewish ethics and Jewish culture; he was convinced that a knowledge of our cultural values both by the youth and by adults would lead them on the right road of salvation, the road to the rebuilding of our homeland. Zionists who did not endeavour to imbue their children and their surroundings with this spirit of Jewish culture were only Zionists in name. In order to rebuild the Jewish state so that it will be a real national home for the Jewish nation a Jewish Home for the individual Jew must first be established. "Make the homes of the Jews Jewish and you will be able to build a national home for the Jewish people," said the Rabbi in conclusion.

The Chairman then called upon Mr. S. Blumenthal, Chairman of the Merkaz of the Histadruth Ivrit of South Africa, and Mr. J. Mizrachy, Chairman of the Histadruth Ivrit of Port Elizabeth, to convey greetings to the meeting. Both speakers reported briefly on the activities in the different centres and urged the Jewish public to support, enlarge and widen the work for Hebrew culture in the Union.

### Goodwood Zionist Society.

At a very pleasant Chanuka evening held at the residence of Rev. and Mrs. Dorogow, Mr. R. B. Egert gave a vivid description of historical events surrounding the festival and its cultural, religious and national significance.

Mr. E. Charlaff spoke on Dr. Chaim Weizmann, giving a biographical sketch of his life and stressing his great activity in the Zionist movement.

During the evening Mr. G. Laden read two humorous sketches which were thoroughly enjoyed by all. The evening concluded with a vote of thanks to the speakers and host and hostess.

### Cape Jewish Ministers' Association.

A meeting took place at the Muizenberg Talmud Torah Hall and was presided over by Rabbi E. W. Kirzner. Among the visiting ministers present was the Hon. Secretary of the Transvaal Hashachar, who reported on their activities and stressed that the Hashachar in Johannesburg has been registered as the S.A. Jewish Ministers' Association.

After a discussion in which Revs. Gulis, Efron, Isaacson, Melamed, Krook, Frank and the Secretary, Rabbi Lipshitz, took part, the following resolution was adopted: "That the Cape Hashachar applies for representation on the Board of Shechita to co-operate with the Hebrew Teachers' Association with regard to the salary, scale and pension scheme and to work in close harmony with the Hashachar in the Transvaal.

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## Ella Goldstein Concert.

The Colosseum was once again crowded to capacity on Monday night when Ella Goldstein, the distinguished pianist, gave her final solo concert. Once more she held her audience spellbound by her versatility and remarkable memory.

Miss Goldstein's programme commenced with two Sonatas of Scarlatti which were distinguished by unusual clarity and liquidity of tone. The Adagio Favori of Mozart followed, equally notable for its crystal-clear simplicity.

The Etudes Symphoniques by Schumann, one of the main works of the evening, with its varying moods, lent itself ably to Miss Goldstein's interpretative powers. Next came Chopin's Sonata in B flat minor, which was perhaps the most important and satisfying item. The "Marche Funebre" particularly was awe-inspiring in its solemnity. Miss Goldstein concluded with three movements from "Petrouchka" by Stravinsky—a brilliant and vigorous finale to an enthralling evening.

Miss Goldstein, in her usual generous fashion, contributed three encores in response to rapturous applause. They were Moussorgski's "Gopak" and Prokofieff's "Suggestion Diabolique," and by special request the ever-popular "Ritual Fire Dance" by de Falla.

Miss Goldstein will play with the Cape Town Orchestra at the Colosseum next Monday evening. Music lovers are eagerly awaiting this event.

## Catering for Visitors.

In view of the arrival of large numbers of visitors to the Cape Peninsula in recent days, public attention is again drawn to the arrangements made by the Western Province Zionist Council in conjunction with the Zionist Societies of Muizenberg. A special information bureau has been established in Beach Road, Muizenberg, and visitors are cordially requested to call in and register their names in order to receive invitations for various functions that are being arranged for their benefit. In addition, the Bureau carries a large variety of Jewish publications, current papers, etc.

### CONVERSAZIONI

Weekly Conversazioni are held every Tuesday evening. The next one will be held on Tuesday, 16th January, at 8.15 p.m., at the Talmud Torah Hall, Muizenberg. The speaker of the evening will be Mr. Jack Gering, and his subject "Economic Possibilities of Palestine." There will be musical items and refreshments. All welcome.

## Goodwill Day.

Goodwill Day will be observed on Sunday, January 11th, 1945. The Goodwill Council has sent a letter to all clergy in the Union to remind them of the date and to ask for their co-operation. The letter says:—

"The Goodwill Council is conscious of the fact that the mere preaching of goodwill as a sentiment may have very little effect upon racial tensions which it is our desire to remove. We know that the root causes of such tensions lie in inequalities of economic opportunity, deeply entrenched prejudices, in conflicting political ideologies, and that the cure involves the whole process of creating a new and just order. Realism as well as idealism must enter into the process.

"Nevertheless we believe that in church and synagogue, where men seek the vision of God, knowledge of his purpose for men, and a vision of our wills to His will, must be given the spiritual force to accomplish the creation of that new order of justice, tolerance, courtesy and fellowship.

"The Goodwill Council trusts that you and your congregation will, with many others, seek to inaugurate Sunday through prayer and praise and worship new vision, renewed faith and courage to undertake with God the creation of a new and better world of human relationships."

## Social & Personal.

The marriage of Lieut. Stanley Kark, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Kark, of Johannesburg and Bernice, only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Resnekov, of Wynberg, took place in the Goodwood Synagogue on Sunday, 7th January.

The marriage of Gershon (George) Yonson of Mrs. R. Maze and the late Mr. A. Yonson and Cyla, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dobrin, both of Cape Town, will take place in the Roeland Street Synagogue on Sunday, 13th January, at 7 p.m.

The marriage took place at the Sea Point Synagogue on 9th December, between Mr. Wilder, of Queenstown, younger son of the Rev. and Mrs. Wilder, and Millie, youngest daughter of Mrs. R. Rabinowitz, Maraisbosch, Sea Point.

The engagement is announced of Joshua of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. Cristol, of Johannesburg, and Sally, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harris, of Boksburg.

# MATZO BOARD

## PASSOVER 1945.

### Announcement to the Jewish Public.

Notice is hereby given that a Matzo Board has been constituted to control and supervise the distribution of Matzo for Passover, 1945.

Every Jewish Householder will have to fill in an Application Form, giving details of the members of his household, and this will entitle him to receive the ration of Matzo for his household for Passover, 1945.

The forms are now obtainable by members of the Public from grocers and other retail distributors of Matzo and when completed must be returned to them not later than the 1st February, 1945.

The retail price of Matzo has again been fixed at 1/4d. per lb. at the point of manufacture. This does not include the round "tea" Matzo.

Members of the public are earnestly requested to order the smallest possible quantity of Matzo and to obtain and complete their application form as soon as possible.

**LATEST DATE 1st FEBRUARY.**

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD.