

## IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

### Farewell to Mrs. Zuckerman

A large gathering of past and present members of the Bnoth Zion Committee assembled at an "At Home" held in the Zionist Hall yesterday morning for the purpose of bidding farewell to Mrs. M. Zuckerman, who leaves on Tuesday on a visit to Europe and Palestine.

Mrs. S. Gordon presided and the speakers were Mrs. Ch. Cohen, Mrs. P. M. Clouts, and Mrs. Max Cohen. All of them expressed very great pleasure at the fact that Mrs. Zuckerman was at last going to see Palestine. Few women in South Africa had done more than she for the national cause. She had not only been closely associated with the Bnoth Zion Association for many years in her capacity as Chairlady, but she had taken an active interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of Zionism in this City. She had been a live and active force in the movement, whose growth was in no small measure due to her untiring efforts.

As a mark of appreciation of her services and in order to commemorate this auspicious visit to the National Homeland, it was announced, the ladies had decided to inscribe Mrs. Zuckerman's name in the Golden Book.

Mrs. Zuckerman, in replying to the speeches, spoke of the work the Bnoth Zion had done during its existence. The value of that work was little appreciated to-day. For instance, it was now forgotten that it was the Bnoth Zion which had, during her Presidentship, arranged for the first National Fund boxes to be brought into this country, long before the S.A. Zionist Federation had thought of them.

She appreciated this little function before her departure to see the land for which, acting under the inspiration of a great ideal, she had rendered much service and which she would continue to serve in the future.

### Simchath Torah Ball.

The Simchath Torah Ball, held on Wednesday night at the Hotel Bordeaux, Sea Point, was a very successful affair. There was a fair gathering present and dancing took place till an early hour in the morning to the music of Toby Marks and his Orchestra.

Interludes were provided by Vera Kaiser and Eileen Scott, pupils of Miss Pearl Lazarus, who gave a very attractive tap number. Miss Miriam Geffen followed with some very fine dancing, whilst after supper the pupils of Miss Sadie Marks, of the Court Dance Studio, provided a pleasant little interlude entitled "A Gipsy Fantasia."

The supper itself was served in the lounges and on the lawn, which had been lit up with fairy lights, and left nothing to be desired.

The convenors of the dance, Mrs. M. Rosen and Mrs. E. Lewis, and their band of helpers, are to be congratulated on the success of the function, and the Cape Jewish Aged Home, in aid of which it was held, should benefit considerably.

### "Maccabee" Organisation.

At a meeting held on Sunday, 15th inst., at the Roeland Street Synagogue Hall, Mr. M. Alexander, K.C., M.P., was elected Honorary Life President of the above Society. Mr. and Mrs. Maisel were elected Vice-Presidents.

A tennis section was formed under the control of Mr. Kahn. Mr. I. Bekker was elected to control the cricket section.

All members interested in tennis should communicate with Mr. Kahn, P.O. Box 3057, Cape Town, and those interested in cricket with Mr. Bekker, 22, Kloof Street.

Intending members are requested to communicate with the Honorary Secretary, Mr. Freeman, 22, Maynard Street, Cape Town.

### Soup Kitchens in Kiev.

As a result of Mrs. J. Goodman's efforts in this town a Committee has been formed by Mrs. S. Freedman and Mrs. M. Fig in conjunction with the North London Ladies' Committee of the Federation of Jewish Relief Organisations, of which Mrs. Goodman is President. The Committee will undertake work for the Jewish Soup Kitchens in Kiev, an appeal for which appears elsewhere in this issue.

A mass meeting is being arranged by the Committee to take place at the residence of Mrs. Freedman, 19, Alexandria Avenue, on Monday, 23rd inst., at 3.30 p.m. All interested are asked to attend.

### A Successful Concert.

A very successful concert in aid of the Rainbow Fete was held on Sunday evening last in the Zionist Hall. The concert was held under the auspices of the Jewish Girls' Association, who are running the Babies' Stall, and the result should benefit the fete appreciably.

The programme was an interesting and well varied one. Those who contributed to it were Mr. R. Bowman (pianoforte solo), Mr. Charles Kraitzer (violin solo), Miss Hannah Oblowitz (recitation), Mr. A. G. Hart (song), pupils of the Kirsch School of Dancing, Mr. G. Laden (Yiddish recitation), Miss Elma Feinhols (musical monologue), Miss Hilda Schwalbe (pianoforte solo) and Mr. M. Losman (Yiddish recitation).

The accompanists were Miss H. Schwalbe, Miss F. Rogoff and Mr. L. Bowman.

The Association is to be congratulated on the success of the function.

### C.T. Hebrew Circle (Talmide Ezra).

On Sunday, 15th inst., in the Zionist Hall, the above Society held a successful Simchath Torah evening. Mr. Z. Avin delivered a lecture on the significance of the festival season—Succoth and Simchath Torah—describing at first the manner in which the former festival was celebrated in ancient

times. Succoth had a national significance—the return of the Children of Israel to Palestine—and consequently makes us ever turn our eyes to the growing Jewish nationalism of to-day.

A story by Shalom Aleichem was read by Miss H. Wolozinsky; refreshments were served and the singing of songs created the real festive spirit.

### Oneg Shabbos.

The speaker at the last Oneg Shabbos was Mr. L. Hirschon, who chose as his subject "Reform and Orthodoxy." The lecture was thought-provoking and interesting.

Mr. Hirschon dwelt on the three aspects of reform: firstly, the most recent reform which had started at the beginning of the last century; secondly, the reform of the Karaim; and thirdly, the reform of Ezra. The lecturer pointed out that the first two reforms had failed, but the reforms of Ezra had been of lasting benefit to the Jewish nation. The period of Ezra's reform activities and the happenings immediately after them—altogether a period of about two hundred and ten years—were shrouded in historical obscurity. But after this period we find Jewry completely changed and reformed. The old ethical principles of Judaism were broadened and deepened, the priority of country in Jewish nationalism was substituted by higher ideals of Divinity, Justice and Conscience.

The lecturer ascribed the success of this reform to the fact that it was brought about not by the breaking of the old forms of Jewish nationalism, but by a broadening of these very same forms and by introducing reform within the frame of old traditional Judaism. He concluded by expressing the hope that if any further reform were brought about, it should be done within the framework of traditional Judaism.

Mr. Asher read a humorous sketch which was much appreciated, and the function was greatly enjoyed by the large gathering which attended. Mr. Z. Avin presided.

### Mass Meeting on Congress.

Under the auspices of the Zionist Socialist Party (Poale Zion-Zeire Zion) a mass meeting on the Eighteenth Zionist Congress will be held at the Zionist Hall on Monday, 23rd October, at 8.15 p.m. Prominent speakers will address the meeting in English and Yiddish.

### Lecture on Chassidism.

The monthly meeting of the Woodstock and Salt River Jewish Cultural Circle will be held on Monday, 23rd inst., at 8.15 p.m. at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. Press, 28, Milner Road, Woodstock. Mr. M. Natas will lecture on Chassidism. Members and friends are kindly invited to attend.

### League for a Working Palestine.

The next meeting of the League will take place on Tuesday, 24th October, at 8.30 p.m. in the Zionist Hall. Prominent speakers will address the gathering. During the evening musical items will be rendered, and refreshments served. All are welcome.

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## Observatory-Mowbray Hebrew Congregation.

At the annual general meeting of the Observatory-Mowbray Hebrew Congregation held at the Synagogue on Sunday, 8th October, the Chairman in his report said that the attendance at the Synagogue had improved enormously during the year. Financially they were practically in the same position as last year, this being due to the general depression through which the country had passed.

A discussion then took place on the question of admitting ladies to the Committee. Owing to the lateness of the hour, however, the discussion was postponed till the next Committee meeting.

The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year: Mr. A. Tockar, chairman; Mr. M. L. Jaffe, hon. treasurer; Mr. A. Gamsu, secretary. Committee: Messrs. Goldstein, Zabow, Chapman, L. Lizerbrum, Saaen, Shapiro, Dr. Lizerbrum, Faber, Manoim, Rubin, Stollar and Goldman.

## Mr. Lehrmann Welcomed.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lehrmann, who have returned from a tour of Europe, Palestine and America were given a reception at Muizenberg at Mr. Seftel's Private Hotel. Mr. Lehrmann, who brought greetings from Palestine, spoke enthusiastically of the zeal and devotion of the Chaluzim, and the great progress made in Palestine. Mr. Lehrmann's brief remarks were followed by an address on Palestine by Rabbi Gervis, which was greatly appreciated.

Mr. Grabkin contributed to the programme by giving a recitation.

## Bnoth Zion Executive.

At the first meeting of the newly-elected Committee of the Bnoth Zion Association, Adv. Maggie Oblowitz was elected President, Mrs. J. Wise, Vice-President, Mrs. J. Weinreich, Hon. Treasurer, and Mrs. M. Epstein, Hon. Secretary.

## In Brief.

Mr. A. M. Abrahams, Hon. Life President of the S.A. Zionist Federation, and Mrs. Abrahams, returned to South Africa on Monday by the "Winchester Castle."

Mr. P. Policansky returns to Cape Town on Saturday by air from a visit to Palestine.

Mrs. M. Zuckerman, the well-known Zionist worker, leaves on Tuesday, 24th inst., by the "Llandoverly Castle," on a visit to Europe and Palestine.

Dr. R. Getz left on Tuesday evening on her return to Johannesburg.

Rev. A. Levy, of Port Elizabeth, is at present on a short visit in Cape Town.

Adv. and Mrs. A. Shacksnovis left yesterday by air on a visit to Windhoek.

The marriage will be solemnised at the Great Synagogue, Gardens, Cape Town, on Tuesday, 24th October, 10.30 a.m., between Polly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Rogalsky, Cape Town, and Maurice, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Perl, Cradock. Reception: Zionist Hall at 11 a.m. All relatives and friends cordially invited. (No cards).

Mr. Benzion S. Hersch left on Friday on his return to Johannesburg.

Mr. S. Jocum returned to South Africa during the week-end from a visit to Europe.

## The Zionist Hall.

## A Woman's Impressions and Appreciation.

When I was at the official opening of the New Zionist Hall in Hope Street in 1927, I looked at this large and impressive centre wondering if it would ever justify its existence in the general activities of Jewish communal life. It seemed so colossal and awe-inspiring in comparison with its tired and tiny parent lower down the road; for many years Zionist meetings were successfully held there in inadequate space and under most trying difficulties.

As I sat on the stage in the main hall, along with many other communal representatives, and gazed at the sea of faces in front of me all radiant with excitement and pride, I, too, became thrilled and proud, but still wondered about the future. Soon that thought was dispelled from my mind. Very quickly the community realised the great value and importance of the hall. Since the day of its opening the doors of the Zionist Hall have never been closed. The hall readily became the permanent and central home for our young boys and girls, and their meetings were held there in full pleasure and freedom. To-day they find its portals a happy hunting ground for their cultural and social efforts.

The members of an Association comprised mostly of business girls meet there regularly each Monday evening for mental and physical relaxation after a hard day's work at office and elsewhere. The seniors, too, come together for their meetings, and vital matters are discussed pertaining to Zionism and local communal problems. In another section we see men and women coming to seek knowledge at lectures and debates and then in turn going out to the outlying districts to those who live too far away to come in direct contact with matters relating to Zionism. Everybody comes there for a common interest: Zionism, charity, sport and culture.

The various ladies' societies—benevolent and otherwise—meet to discourse on their relative interests and later adjourn for tea upstairs in the Minor Hall. Here tea and

light refreshments are served, freshly prepared by the caretaker, and made in the commodious and up-to-date kitchen which is a sheer joy to all those who have need of it when arranging tasty sandwiches and dainty dishes for the various dances held in the halls.

The Library, free to all, which is the best of its kind, containing innumerable and invaluable books of Jewish interest and in which one finds place for quiet and concentrated reading, seems to me to be the most important of all amenities enjoyed in this busy communal hive.

Then we have the Hebrew Kindergarten, attended by little boys and girls too young to go to school. Under the careful attention and supervision of capable teachers they spend the morning hours in play and song under most hygienic conditions in a special room, airy and light, arranged and furnished to delight the hearts of all those interested in the welfare of tiny tots.

And all these activities go on morning, noon and night, the hall offering sanctuary to all societies, large and small, and yet seldom charging for its services. I see it definitely fulfilling its purpose in every walk of Jewish life, and now it has to undergo alterations and extensions. It is inadequate for the requirements of the younger members who want to concentrate all their activities under one roof. The stage needs modern improvements; the girls and boys want an up-to-date gymnasium, and then we find the committee rooms are too few. My heart fills with delight when I hear all this and gladly will I assist to achieve these objects.

The Rainbow Fete is being held for this purpose and as one of the united body the Jewish ladies have been working for many months to bring this event to a successful financial issue. In doing this they fully realise for what the Zionist Hall stands to-day—not only for the all-round benefit of the younger generation of the Jewish community, but also as a valuable asset to the city as a whole.

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## BIRTH.

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## BRIS-MELAH.

SINGER.—The Bris-Melah of the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Singer, 33, Devon Street, Woodstock will take place on Monday, 23rd inst., at 2.30 p.m. at the above address. Relatives and friends kindly invited.

## TUITION.

HEBREW: Group and individual tuition, also preparation for Matriculation and Bar-Mitzvahs—Jacob Lehrmann, Mountain View Hotel, Muizenberg. Telephone: Muizenberg 0053.