

## IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

### The Maccabi Campaign.

On Thursday, the 18th inst., there was a very successful function held in the Zionist Hall in honour of Dr. A. Rosenfeld. Among those present were the Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. L. Gradner), Mr. and Mrs. A. Shacksnovis, and many others. Mr. C. Maisel was in the chair, and in opening the meeting introduced Advocate Shacksnovis and Dr. Rosenfeld, both of whom he described as staunch Maccabim. Mr. Shacksnovis then addressed the gathering in connection with the Maccabee movement, to which, he said, he had been converted by the arrival of Dr. Rosenfeld to this country. After an interval for refreshments, Dr. Rosenfeld gave an interesting address both on his mission to this country, and on matters Jewish in general.

Mr. L. Gradner stated that the Maccabee movement would always have his support and referred to the need of Jewry to stand united in the present difficult times.

The meeting concluded with the singing of "Hatikvah" and "God Save the King."

#### Forthcoming Events.

Sunday, 28th October.—Mystery picnic. Those taking part are asked to meet at Zionist Hall at 8 a.m. and to bring mugs and food for the day.

In the evening all members are requested to attend an interesting function at the Zionist Hall at 8.15 p.m., when there will be an inter-function with the Sea Point Jewish Guild.

A meeting will be held at Paarl at 8 p.m. on Sunday, the 28th October, 1934, in aid of the campaign launched in the Cape Province in connection with the Second Maccabiah and the future organisation of Jewish sporting youth in South Africa.

Dr. Rosenfeld will be the guest of honour, and will address the meeting after the very attractive film of the first Maccabi Games held at Tel-Aviv in 1932 has been screened. He will be accompanied by Advocate A. Shacksnovis, Chairman of the Cape Maccabi Council and Sports Committee.

A big reception will be held in the Zionist Major Hall, Hope Street, at 8.15 p.m. on Monday, 29th October, 1934.

The function is being held in honour of Dr. Alexander Rosenfeld, member of the World Maccabi Executive. His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Louis Gradner, will act as host and it is expected that the Rev. A. P. Bender, Honorary President of the Cape Province Second Maccabiah Council, will address the guests.

A feature of the evening should be the screening of the film brought out by Dr. Rosenfeld. It was taken and issued under the auspices of the British Maccabi Union and gives not only high lights of the first Maccabiah Games but also an insight into the work of Maccabi generally.

Owing to an oversight, some of the invita-

tions issued did not include the wives, daughters and families of those invited. For this apology is made and it can be taken that invitations are meant to be inclusive, more particularly because not the least side of Maccabi activities for the Games and elsewhere relates to Jewish girlhood and womanhood.

### Cape Jewish Aged Home; Opening of New Building.

The official opening of the new building of the Cape Jewish Aged Home, which is to take place on Sunday, 28th instant, at 3.30 p.m., by His Worship the Mayor, Mr. L. Gradner, will be an outstanding event in the Jewish community. The splendid addition to this indispensable institution has been made possible by the generosity of the community, and is a monument to their steadfast support, ever since the inception of the Home.

The committee has long felt the need for more accommodation, and before the completion of the new wing, it was necessary to hire an annexe. Many deserving applicants were unable to gain admission, owing to lack of room, but with the extra accommodation now provided, the committee has been able to overcome their difficulty, at any rate for the time being, and to find a refuge for many aged men and women, who in their advancing years sought sanctuary in the institution.

On Sunday supporters and friends of the Home will have an opportunity of seeing for themselves how well-cared for are the old folk, and the inmates will be able to meet many of those through whose beneficence their present comfortable circumstances is due.

The committee extend a cordial invitation to all subscribers, donors and friends to be present at the opening ceremony. Should a printed invitation not have been received, the committee trust this intimation will be accepted.

### Annual Ball.

The annual Simchas Torah Ball, under the auspices of the Cape Jewish Aged Home, will be held at the Hotel Edward on Wednesday, 31st October, 1934.

While excellent entertainment will be provided, patrons will have the satisfaction of knowing that they will be supporting a worthy cause—providing a refuge for old and needy Jews and Jewesses.

Johnny Mills and his Rhythm Boys will play for dancing, which will commence at 8.30 and continue to 2 a.m., and interludes by pupils of the Jean Stevens School of Dancing will be a feature.

### Oneg Shabbos.

"The Jewish Tragedy" was the subject of an interesting lecture given by Dr. A. Rosenfeld at the Oneg Shabbas gathering last Saturday afternoon. Dr. Mibashan presided.

The lecturer ably unfolded the tragic picture of our present situation amongst the civilised and half-civilised nations, and came to the conclusion that although our forefathers suffered more pain and humiliation, they were better off than we, because they had their ideal, great vision and true conception of Judaism for which they were ready to be buried alive, having then inner satisfaction and conviction that the sacrifice was for a worthy cause.

"But in our generation, said the lecturer, "our children are strangers to our cultural values and aspirations and therefore their suffering at present is much greater than before, because they do not know why they are persecuted and hated.

"The only solution is to strengthen our ranks, to consolidate our moral forces, to teach our youth the greatness of our culture and the wisdom of our learning in order to make them self-conscious and proud Jews, who will be able to continue the task of our history."

Cantor Konvisser, Mr. Blum, Rev. Kassel and Master Kassel rendered several songs greatly appreciated by the large audience.

Mr. A. Levin proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer.

### Bnoth Zion (Oranjezicht Branch).

A well-attended meeting of the Oranjezicht Branch of the Bnoth Zion Association was held on Tuesday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. B. Sterner. Mrs. P. Press presided.

Adv. H. M. Bloch gave a stimulating address on the condition of Jewry in present times and the problems that beset it. The problems could be regarded as external and internal—those belonging to the former category were easy to define and had become obvious. The internal problems found within the ranks of Jewry itself could not be so easily classified. In those earlier days when Jews were confined to Ghettos, though in different countries, they nevertheless presented a more or less uniform type, but with the decay of the Ghetto walls external influence had so changed the life of the Jew that it was almost impossible to find any uniformity among Jews, scattered through the various countries of the world. To-day there was a movement, chiefly concentrated in America, to attempt to introduce some measure of uniformity into Jewish life by the introduction of Jewish schools and the revival of Jewish culture.

At the close of this address Mr. Bloch was asked questions and a lively discussion ensued. A vote of thanks to the speaker was proposed by Mrs. L. Mirvish.

Miss Rosa van Gelderen read excerpts from a paper pamphlet on the Balfour Declaration, supplemented by a description of her visit to Palestine. Her talk proved very interesting.

During the afternoon Miss Hilda Schwalke gave a piano solo.

Mrs. M. Rubin proposed a vote of thanks to the hostess, Mrs. B. Sterner.

### Tamboer's Kloof Branch.

A social will be held next Tuesday at 3.15 p.m. at 29, Belle Ombre Road. Mr. A. Z. Berman will deliver an address.

### Bnoth Zion Association.

The monthly meeting of the Rondebosch Branch of the above Society will take place on Monday, 29th October, 1934, at 4 p.m., at the residence of Mrs. B. Matz, Durban Road, Wynberg. Miss Ray Matz will speak on "My Personal Impressions of Palestine."

### Cape Town Herzlia.

The next meeting of the above Society will take place in the Old Synagogue, Gardens, on Sunday, 28th inst., when a debate will be held on the subject "That Zionism owes its existence to Jewish national feelings rather than to anti-Semitism." The Maitland Junior Zionist Society will oppose the motion.

### Concert at Atlantic Hotel, Muizenberg.

An appreciative audience gathered at the Hotel Atlantic, Muizenberg, on Saturday evening last to enjoy the local talent displayed at a juvenile concert given in aid of the Hospital, the Fresh Air Funds. The proceeds were divided as follows: Simons-town Hospital, £2 2s.; "Cape Times" Fresh Air Fund, £2 2s.; "Jewish Chronicle" Seaside Fund, £2 2s.

The pupils of the False Bay Dancing Studio, together with the pupils of Miss Judith Goodman's Dancing Academy, received a well deserved ovation. Master Maxie Canard excelled himself in his song "Shuffle off to Buffalo," Miss Enid Ettenman was well applauded in her recitation number, while Miss Zena Freedman delighted with her characterising of "The Frenchman's account of Adam's Fall." An outstanding and unique item in the form of a whistling solo was rendered by Miss Charlotte Leeb.

Special thanks are due to the generosity of the proprietress, Mrs. Leeb, to the accompanist Mrs. Guttwoch, Mrs. De Mudie and Mrs. Herstein and to all other ladies who so willingly assisted and contributed. Mrs. Canard and Mrs. Goldberg were the organisers and are to be congratulated on the result.

### South Peninsula Jewish Club, Muizenberg.

Dr. A. Rosenfeld and Adv. A. Shacksnovis were the speakers at a *Conversazione* in the Talmud Torah Hall, Muizenberg, last Monday evening. Mr. Phineas Lewis was in the chair.

Both speakers outlined the growth and aims of the Maccabi movement, and plans for the Second Maccabiah to be held at Tel-Aviv in 1935, at which South African Jewry would be represented. A cinema film showing the opening of the Hebrew University in 1925, and the first Maccabiah in 1932, was enthusiastically received. The meeting resulted in the formation of a strong local Maccabi Committee, under the Chairmanship of Adv. M. S. Comay. All interested, please communicate with the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Lionel Berman, c/o Mountain View Hotel, Muizenberg.

On Tuesday, October 30th, a Bridge and Rummy evening will be held in the Talmud Torah Hall, Muizenberg.

### Hebrew Teachers' Association.

Mr. M. Natas addressed the Association last Sunday on "Reward and Punishment in the School." The lecturer said that juvenile crime was largely due to hidden and unconscious motives and could not be eradicated by punishment. The child should be

left to himself to ponder over his difficulties in his own way or to suffer the natural consequences, and thus learn to choose between good and evil himself.

A lively discussion followed in which Mr. A. Levin, Mr. A. Sive and Mr. Ch. Berezinsky participated.

### Woodstock-Salt River Jewish Cultural Circle.

"The Deterioration of Zionist Idealism" was the subject of a lecture delivered by Dr. H. W. Altschul on Thursday night last at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Schein, Woodstock.

Dr. Altschul first dealt with those ideals which were current in Europe at the time modern Zionism was born. Their ideas brought about the "Back to the Land" movement and a demand for economic and cultural freedom. Then arose the feeling that the fulfilment of their ideas could be reached only in a free and autonomous nation.

The lecturer then dealt with the recent immigration into Eretz Israel which he divided into two categories: capitalists and labour, and voiced his protest against land speculation.

After the lecture a discussion took place in which a number of members participated. Dr. C. Resnekov was in the chair and a vote of thanks to the lecturer was proposed by Rev. S. Kassel.

### C.T. Jewish Girls' Association.

In view of the celebration of the twenty-first anniversary members and past members are asked to attend afternoon service at the Gardens Synagogue on Saturday, 27th inst., at 3.20 p.m.

### J.N.F. Concert.

The concert held in the Zionist Hall last Sunday night under the auspices of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive, was a great success, and the National Fund should benefit by a substantial sum. There was a large audience present, and the various items, especially those of Jewish interest, were very much enjoyed. Mr. Felix de Cola and Mr. W. Liebeck rendered pianoforte and violin solos, respectively, and songs were rendered by Messrs. Bloom and Lipshitz. The ballet by the pupils of Miss Pearl Lazarus, depicting different stages of Jewish history was most interesting and enjoyable. Two sketches by the pupils of the Woodstock Hebrew Kindergarten were delightful and the sketch, "The Builders," by the Woodstock and Salt River Zionist Society was also very successful.

The Chalutz Choir rendered a number of Hebrew songs and greatly added to the enjoyment of the evening.

### Green and Sea Point Jewish Guild.

An inter-function with the Maccabee will be held at the Zionist Hall next Sunday at 8.15 p.m.

This will take the form of a debate and social, and members are invited to attend.

### Histadrut Ivrit (Hebrew Circle).

Dr. A. Rosenfeld will speak on the Brit Ivrit Olamit at the Zionist Hall next Saturday evening at 8.15 p.m.

### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL — — —

The marriage of Doris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Levin, of Cape Town, to Harry, son of Mr. S. M. Levin, of Rechovoth, Palestine, will take place at the Langham Hotel, Johannesburg, on Monday, 29th October, at 10.30 a.m.

## Zionist *Conversazione*.

ADDRESS BY  
Dr. A. ROSENFELD.

Dr. A. Rosenfeld was the speaker at the last fortnightly *conversazione* held at the Zionist Hall last Tuesday night. Dr. S. E. Kark acted as host and welcomed Dr. Rosenfeld and Mrs. Yetka Levy-Stein, who was also present.

Dr. Rosenfeld took as his subject "The Fight for Jewish Rights," and dealt with this in an eloquent and interesting manner.

Dr. Rosenfeld began by analysing the prevalence of anti-Semitism all over the world, and came to the conclusion that it was due to no rational cause but to the "Will to hate" which is inherent in the primitive soul. History, he said, was full of stories of persecution of great and good people. The nineteenth century was a new era, an era of liberalism, and the Jewish people were better off than they had ever been before and doubled their numbers. Now, however, that age was over and the twilight of Liberalism had come. The disappearance of individual liberty was a greater tragedy, said Dr. Rosenfeld, than the danger of a world war. The Jews had always been the victims of reaction, and the question was how to fight against the wave of anti-Semitism and hatred. One way was through politics—we must not tire in our demands for rights for the Jews. Our tragedy, said Dr. Rosenfeld, had not yet reached its zenith, and only by appealing to public opinion could we still save something. Our appeal should be directed chiefly so as to crush German anti-Semitism which works with the scientific accuracy characteristic of the German race. The boycott against Germany was one of the strongest weapons we had, said Dr. Rosenfeld, and should on no account be relaxed. The other weapon was Eretz Israel, which placed us in a new light before the other nations of the world. It was possible to improve the whole outlook of world Jewry through Eretz Israel, both morally and economically.

What was lacking in the Jewish race to-day, said Dr. Rosenfeld, was discipline and organisation; the Jews were not prepared in their fight for their own rights. The fear complex was characteristic of the Jew, and that was the reason why the Jewish Congress had failed. If there were unity it would be easier to overcome anti-Semitism. The attitude of indifference on the part of many Jews to the problems of their people, was another hindrance. All Jews should be responsible for one another.

The youth, said Dr. Rosenfeld, must have courage and discipline, and that was one of the chief problems of education; pride and courage was lacking in our fight; if we had that, even the Germans would have more respect for us. A heroic youth must be brought up, whether to win or to lose in the struggle.

Adv. A. Shacksnovis, Dr. J. Sachs, Mr. Mirvish and Mr. W. Rubik took part in the discussion and Dr. Rosenfeld replied.

During the evening Miss M. Bliden rendered a pianoforte solo and Mr. M. Natas gave a humorous reading. The news was read as usual.