

# IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

## Union of Jewish Women.

A very large attendance marked the monthly meeting of the Cape Town Branch of the Union of Jewish Women on Tuesday, 12th May.

Mrs. Movsovic, in the chair, welcomed those present and the forty new members who had joined during the past month. In enumerating the month's activities, the Chair laid particular stress on the Zionist Hall Canteen. The canteen had attracted more than a thousand men every day when it had been open recently for eight days consecutively. The work had evoked thanks and praise from men and officers, and much credit was due to the Convenors, Mesdames Mirvish, Blumberg and Benson, as well as to all their helpers.

The Victory Knitting Group had promised a monthly contribution, and many other donations were coming in. The activities of the canteen had evoked the co-operation of the Board of Deputies, so that they had recently made a grant of £250 towards it, apart from their existing subsidy of £10 per day at convoy time. It was decided to send to the Board of Deputies a special message of thanks from this meeting of members. Among other donations and letters received was an appreciative letter and contribution from Mrs. I. Abrahams.

After the financial statement had been presented by Mrs. Mandelbrote, the meeting was asked to endorse the allocation to various funds and institutions from the proceeds of the recent Card Drive, to administration and to the Milk Depot work. The expenses of the Society had increased in proportion to its rapid growth, and full-time paid assistance had become necessary, as well as the purchase of office equipment. It was also proposed to expand the work of the Milk Clinic into a creche for coloured children in the Kensington district.

The following resolution was passed by the meeting, having been proposed by Mrs. Alice Kahn and seconded by Mrs. Levitas: "That while wholeheartedly supporting the Jewish Board of Deputies in its effort to educate the Jewish public to refrain from ostentatious celebrations in wartime, the Cape Town Branch of the Union of Jewish Women strongly protests against the action of the Board at Johannesburg (as reported in the April issue of "Jewish Affairs") in urging on all congregations the resolution 'that no congregation should permit weddings or barmitzvahs in its synagogue except on the assurance that no public reception would be held'—as such action implies a dictatorial interference with the rights of the individual." Mrs. Clouts, Mrs. Maisel and Mrs. Bernstein took part in the discussion in the matter.

The guest speaker was Mr. Rene Shapshak, painter and sculptor, of Johannesburg, who delivered an interesting and erudite lecture on "Art in Public Buildings." Mr. Shapshak traced the history of murals from ancient times, beginning with the work of the Bushmen painters,

through the art of ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome, and the art of the Renaissance period, to the work of the modern artist. Dealing with the decoration of public buildings, as exemplified in America and in Soviet Russia, Mr. Shapshak said that a style that was merely decorative and descriptive was not one that would go down in history as art of a great creative epoch. The modern artist tries to convey his commentary on what the development and betterment of mankind should be by a critical presentation of the present, so that the beholder might stop and ponder the problem of life. To present life truly was to create beauty. Such art was also educative in the best sense.

*Medical Aid for Russia Fund.* A further sum of £72 now collected and sent to this fund brings the total amount sent in through this Society to £429 3s. 1d.

*Zionist Hall Canteen.* The Canteen was opened last Saturday night and was run for a number of days. Many hundreds of service men were fed and entertained every day.

*Street Collections.* The Union was in charge of the Long Street area for the S.A.W.A.S. street collection on the 20th instant.

*Red Cross Collection.* The Union will convene St. George's Street and Queen Victoria Street areas for this collection on the 27th instant.

## Massadah Association.

A very successful combined meeting of members of the Massadah Association and the Zionist Association of Students took place in the Zionist Hall on Sunday night, the 10th inst.

The meeting opened with a piano solo ably rendered by Miss Glazer. This was followed by a news review delivered by Mrs. S. L. Gross.

Miss F. Arens then gave a most interesting lecture on the life of Heinrich Heine who, despite his conversion, at no time completely relinquished his Jewishness and in the end sought and found peace and solace in the religion of his Jewish forbears.

The lecture of the evening entitled "India was Right," was delivered by Mr. C. K. Friedlander, who gave an exhaustive and illuminating survey of the historical position in India, showing how that country was torn by a constant series of wars and disturbances. He felt that although the British Government's offer of Dominion Status subject to certain safeguards have been bona fide, the offer was made too late, and the Indian people were justified in turning it down.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Reitstein.

## Zionist Socialist Party.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Zionist Socialist Party of Cape Town held recently the following Committee was

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## Social & Personal.

The marriage of Lily Rebecca, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Miller, of Cape Town, to Dr. Isaac Rabinowitz, of Roodepoort, second son of Rev. and Mrs. N. M. Rabinowitz, of Cape Town, will take place on *Isru Chag Shevuoth*, 24th May, at 2.30 p.m., at the Roeland Street Synagogue, Cape Town.

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The engagement has been announced and the marriage will take place shortly in London of Mr. Irving Zieve, F.R.C.S. (London), eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Zieve, of the Gardens, Cape Town, and Miss Judith Horn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Horn, Alyth Gardens, Golders Green, London.

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The engagement is announced of David (Dave), youngest son of Mrs. Moss and the late Mr. I. Moss, of London, to Minnie, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Max Spiro, of the O.F.S., and niece of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Spiro, of Green Point.

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Dr. and Mrs. Dorik K. Ludwin (née Genia Glaser), of Bechuanaland, are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter on the 12th May.

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elected: Messrs. G. Telem, I. Bitnun, E. Kluk, B. Padowich, M. Slusznys, E. Derman, S. Abel, M. Astrinsky, M. Ben Arie and Mesdames R. Dektor and M. Lewin; Dr. G. Gitlin who is on active service, and Messrs. G. Laden and Z. Kagan were co-opted to the Committee.

At its first meeting held shortly thereafter the Committee constituted itself as follows: Chairman, Mr. E. Kluk; Vice-Chairman, Mr. M. Ben Arie; Treasurer, G. Telem; Secretariat, Messrs. I. Bitnun, S. Abel and Mrs. M. Lewin.

The Party has since engaged a permanent Organising Secretary in the person of Mr. G. Peimer. An office has been taken at 705, Commercial Union Buildings, 88-90, St. George's Street, Cape Town, which will serve as the headquarters of the local organisation. The telephone number for all communications is 2-8604 and the postal address remains P.O. Box 1156, Cape Town.

Messrs. E. Kluk, G. Telem, I. Bitnun and G. Peimer left on Wednesday evening as delegates to the Party's Conference, which will take place in Johannesburg over the long week-end. Mr. M. Kentridge, M.P., and Dr. G. Gitlin will be the other delegates.

## Rabbi Abrahams at Rondebosch.

On Sunday evening, the 17th May, Rabbi I. Abrahams addressed the Young Peoples' Society of the Rondebosch Congregational Church on Jewish Customs and Festivals, he explained their historical significance and emphasised the spiritual values that inform them.

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On Wednesday morning, the 20th May, Rabbi Abrahams addressed a gathering of children at the Bijou Theatre in Salt River on Goodwill.