

In and Around the Peninsula.

Bnoth Zion Association.

A large gathering of members, Youth of the area and friends attended an "At Home" of the Observatory - Mowbray Branch at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. C. Shapiro, Main Road, Mowbray, on Tuesday evening, 25th August. Visitors from other branches included Mesdames Wolff, Arens, Levin, Rubin, Marks, Munitz and Hirschon. Mrs. C. Shapiro presided and welcomed all present.

The artist of the evening was Miss Cecilia Fainsinger, the well-known pianist, who delighted the audience with two beautifully performed solos.

Miss F. Arens, the speaker, chose as her subject "The Child of the Ghetto—and Today," and kept the audience spellbound. The child in the ghetto had only its family life to help it, but grew up into unhealthy life with no outside interest except that of study. To-day the child grew up in very different surroundings, but the effect of the ghetto was still felt by most children, except perhaps in Palestine, where the child felt and knew himself to be free and settled.

Even in South Africa this effect was still felt, due to home conditions, environment and anti-semitism. In order to solve this problem it was necessary for the child to be brought up with a true knowledge of Jewish history and its great achievements; the child must learn Hebrew eagerly as his own language and be taught to look upon Palestine as his own land and the children of Palestine as his counterpart. Miss Arens was warmly applauded at the conclusion of her address.

The tea interval followed, after which the Zionist Youth Society presented a play-reading entitled "Chaiele" which the audience thoroughly enjoyed.

Greetings were conveyed by Mrs. Wolff (Executive) and Mrs. Marks (Woodstock), and the meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks by Mr. Lichtenstein of the Youth to the artist, the speaker, and the host and hostess for their kindly hospitality.

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A Cultural Evening under the auspices of the Wynberg-Kenilworth Branch, was held at the residence of Mrs. I. Zinman on Sunday, 16th August. The speaker for the evening was Mr. A. Z. Lison, who delivered a lecture on "The Social and Moral Values of Judaism," from the Egyptian era. The subject proved a very interesting one and numerous discussions took place. Mrs. Feinberg, who proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker, said she hoped that Mr. Lison would be able to deliver a series of lectures on cultural subjects in the near future.

Obituary.

Sergt. MAX BLUMBERG.

The news of the death of Sergeant Max Blumberg as the result of an accident on Tuesday has come as a great shock to a wide circle of relatives and friends.

The late Sergeant Blumberg had served for two years up North and recently returned home on leave. He was to have been married next week to Miss Yvonne Kramer.

The military funeral on Wednesday afternoon was attended by a very large



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gathering. Rabbi I. Abrahams and Capt. S. Kassel officiated.

The sincerest sympathy is extended to his parents, brothers and fiancée in their great loss.

An Appreciation.

"And he had a son, a stalwart young man and a goodly."—(Samuel I, ix.)

Like the young man of whom the above simple description is given in the First Book of Samuel, so he, too, the late Max Blumberg, was a young stalwart, full of youthful vitality and vigour, of a happy and cheerful disposition and with an eagerness to serve. Young Blumberg, too, was a goodly one, a good son, a good friend, a good citizen and a good and loyal son of his people.

He was a good citizen, and when the Union of South Africa entered the present world war, young Blumberg, though an assistant engineer of some years standing in the service of the Cape Town Corporation, looked for no honours or rank, but joined up as a private in an anti-aircraft unit. He saw service in that unit in East Africa, Aden and Egypt, and later as a sapper in the Middle East.

He was a good and loyal son of his people, for right at an early age we find him a keen and active member of the Zionist Youth movement. But as the same Biblical stalwart young man, tradi-

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Social & Personal.

Adv. A. Alexander of Cairo, who recently spent a short time in Cape Town on a visit to his brother, Adv. M. Alexander, K.C., M.P., has arrived in England to join Mrs. Alexander and their children who are at school there.

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Mr. Leo Cherniavsky, the eminent violinist, is leaving next Monday on a tour of N. Rhodesia and the Belgian Congo. He will be away for about two months.

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Sergeant-Major and Mrs. Hymie Miller (nee Helen Aronson) are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter.

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The engagement is announced of Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Cohen, of Wellington, to Harry Wainer, of Roodepoort, Tvl.

Accommodation for Jewish Soldiers on High Festivals.

The Cape Committee of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies will be pleased to hear from Jewish servicemen and women stationed or on leave in the Cape Town area, who wish to be accommodated for the Jewish New Year and Day of Atonement, both for the Synagogue services and for entertainment.

The Secretary ('phone 2-5066) or Capt. Rev. S. Kassel ('phone 3-1423) will be pleased to put men in touch with the nearest Synagogue and with those persons desiring to offer the hospitality of their homes.

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tionally so well known as a "Nechbah el Hakeilim," young Blumberg, too, was rather reserved and diffident, and it was this extreme diffidence only that prevented him from becoming a front rank leader among his contemporaries in the Zionist Youth movement.

The late Max Blumberg was one of the very few South African born young men I know who felt a strong urge to go up and take part in the rebuilding of our ancient Homeland. Had it not been for some considerable obstacles, known to me, I feel sure young Max would have been among our Chalutzin in Eretz Israel.

It was while on active service in the Middle East that he got the opportunity so long and so much longed for, that of seeing Palestine and the Yishub. His fine and exalted description of his impressions of what he saw and felt there reflects the depth of his love and of his devotion to his people and to their ancient land.

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