

IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

Bnoth Zion Association.

"Betsannym," Virginia Avenue, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bank, presented an animated scene on Thursday last when members of the Charlaff Cultural Circle and friends gathered for the October meeting. In spite of rival attractions the attendance was good. Mrs. Tilly Sebba appeared in the double role of pianist and lecturer, her subject being "Prof. Schapira and the J.N.F." Mrs. (Rev.) Efron, a visitor from Maitland, gave some delightfully entertaining and instructive readings in Yiddish, and Mrs. R. Hirschsohn read an essay on "The Intrinsic Principles of Zionism."

After a delightful tea Mrs. Rabbi Kirzner addressed the gathering and Miss Miriam Bank entertained with a fine display of classical music at the piano. During the tea interval a cake presented by the hostess raised £2. Mrs. R. Rabinowitz, president of the branch, was in the chair.

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A combined meeting of the Observatory-Mowbray Branch of the Bnoth Zion Association and the Zionist Youth Society was held at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. C. Shapiro, Main Road, Mowbray, on Thursday, 28th October. This meeting was very well attended and proved a great success, judging by the large attendance and the enthusiasm displayed. Mrs. C. Shapiro presided and welcomed all present, including Mesdames Heneck (Executive), Meyer (Executive) and Philips (Sea Point).

The Youth were responsible for the entertainment, and after the activities of the branch had been briefly discussed, presented their first item, which was a play-reading entitled "Yesterday and To-morrow." This proved most interesting.

Mrs. L. Segal, chairlady of the Executive, was the speaker of the evening. She had chosen as her subject "Youth Aliyah," a subject of urgent import at present. She briefly outlined the formation of this organisation in 1933 and its main objects. According to the regulations of the White Paper there were still 30,000 certificates available for immigration into Palestine until April, 1944, and these would be used mainly for children. In order to make this possible they were asked to give financial aid. In working for Youth Aliyah they were working for a double purpose—saving a generation and helping to save thousands yet to come. At the conclusion of Mrs. Segal's inspired address a committee was formed in order to attend to Youth Aliyah in this area.

The interval followed, after which Miss Sybil Hoffbrand entertained at the piano, and the Youth then presented some Hebrew songs. Mr. A. Miller, chairman of the Youth, proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker, the artists, and the host and hostess for their gracious hospitality.

Massadah Association at Sea Point.

The newly-formed Sea Point Massadah Association continues to make good progress. At the inaugural function there were some 60 people present and the second meeting was attended by an even larger number. It was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Segal on Wednesday evening, 27th October. Mr. S. M. Levin, who presided, explained the committee's plans for the coming months, which included educational work, practical work and social and sporting activities. An exceptionally interesting news commentary was rendered by Miss H. Wolozinsky, after which Mrs. Segal gave a fascinating talk on Youth Aliyah. There was some discussion after the talk, to which Mrs. Segal replied. During the course of the evening songs were rendered by Mrs. Charlaff and Mr. Lison, and a vote of thanks to speakers and artists was moved by Mr. F. S. Robinson. A number of additional members were enrolled at the conclusion of the evening. Dr. Abraham Jonker will be the guest speaker at the next meeting which takes place on Monday, 8th instant.

Men's Mizrahi Organisation.

The second of the series of cultural lectures took the form of a lantern lecture by Lt.-Col. Sir Charles Rey, K.C.M.G., who spoke on "Abyssinia, its Peoples and Religions." Sir Charles gave a most instructive address on the country and the various tribes of Abyssinia, with special reference to the Fellashas, the black Jews of the country, who lived segregated from the rest of the population, restricting themselves to the mountainous territories. These people adhered to the Torah with all its laws, but some of their ritual has taken on the form of the peoples amongst whom they live. The address, which in itself was extremely interesting, was illuminated by the showing of lantern slides of photographs which the

speaker had taken during his various tours through Abyssinia. Sir Charles suggested that as a supplement to Palestine, Abyssinia with its ideal climate, vast uninhabited areas, and its nearness both geographically and historically to Palestine, would make a good home for the Jews.

Mr. J. O. Markovitz, who was in the chair, in thanking Sir Charles, referred to the anniversary of the Balfour Declaration. The magnificent achievements of the Jewish people in Palestine and their record of solid work has made it clear to the world that Palestine could become once again a land flowing with milk and honey. It was the duty of every Jew to work for the Land of Israel for the People of Israel, and until the time when the Balfour Declaration was translated into fact the Jews could not consider any other country as their National Home.

Mr. Harry Rabinowitz rendered some songs which were greatly appreciated by all present.

Yredehoek Cultural Circle.

The fortnightly function of the above Circle took place on Thursday, 28th October, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Benson. There was a very fair attendance. The speaker of the evening was Mr. S. M. Levin, who addressed the gathering on a most appropriate subject, "Organisation," which was very well received, the audience being highly interested.

After the lecture the function reverted to a general meeting of members. This was actually the first annual general meeting of the Circle. Mr. J. Talberg presented a report on the activities of the Circle during the past 12 months, and Mr. Benson laid before members a balance sheet covering the above period, both of which were adopted.

After Mr. Victor Friedman had expressed thanks to the outgoing committee for the good work done, the election of officers and members of the committee took place, which resulted in the following being elected: Mr. J. Talberg, Chairman; Mr. G. Laden, Vice-chairman; Mr. M. Glick, Hon. Treasurer; Mr. H. Benson, Hon. Secretary. The following were elected members of the committee: Mesdames J. Voloshen and M. Kaplan, Messrs. M. Astrinsky, B. Woolf and J. Elion.

The proposition to form a special committee to carry out a canvass amongst the residents of the above area in aid of the Youth Aliyah campaign was agreed to unanimously.

Muizenberg Massadah Association.

Mr. Z. A. Lison gave a most enlightening address on "Chassidism" at the last meeting of the Muizenberg Massadah Association held on Sunday evening, 31st October, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. Hayman, Royal Road, Muizenberg. The lecturer drew a vivid picture of the movement from its beginning, and what had previously been a mere word, "Chassidism," became to members a movement, playing a vital part in our past history. The legends, as told by Mr. Lison, helped greatly in making members realise the importance of the movement in the lives of the Jews.

In the first half of the programme Mrs. S. Gordon made a moving appeal for Massadah members to become "Youth Aliyah conscious" and to assist in whatever way possible in this great work. The fourth chapter of Genesis was ably read by Miss E. Ettman and explained by Mr. Levitt. The discussion which followed proved the interest of members in the Bible readings. Mr. Joe Opland read the news service. During the evening the chairlady, Miss Judith F. Cohen, welcomed Mr. M. Cohen, chairman of the Y.I.S., and Capt. D. Barron, who had been away on military duty. After the tea interval Capt. Barron proposed a vote of thanks to both speakers and the host and hostess. Once again Hebrew songs were included in the programme.

Hebrew classes and study groups are successfully held every Tuesday evening at the Talmud Torah Hall at 7.30.

At the next meeting to be held on Friday, 12th inst., Adv. Joseph Herbstein will speak on "Emancipation." This meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs. M. Natas, "Springfield," Clevedon Road, Muizenberg.

Union of Jewish Women.

Hard and enthusiastic work is being done by all work parties and members so as to ensure the success of the Avenue Garden Fair, which is to be held on Wednesday, 15th December next. His Worship the Mayor and Mayoress and the Deputy-

Social & Personal.

Rabbi and Mrs. I. Abrahams desire to convey their gratitude to all the kind friends who sent them greetings and good wishes on the occasion of the birth of their little daughter, Rosalind (Rachel Leah Chedvah, in Hebrew). They are deeply moved by the many warmhearted expressions of regard and affection that they have received and will endeavour to reply to each communication individually; but as this may necessarily take some little time, they will be pleased if their well-wishers will be good enough to accept this interim "thank you" through the press.

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Mrs. Dorothy Altschul has left to take up permanent residence with Dr. Ellen Altschul, Johannesburg. She desires, through the medium of the "S.A. Jewish Chronicle," to bid farewell to all friends and particularly to her late husband's Zionist colleagues, whom she was unable to contact personally.

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The marriage of Ethel, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Gamsu, of Muizenberg, to 2nd/Lieut. Jack Chait, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Chait, Johannesburg, will take place at the Muizenberg Synagogue on Sunday, 7th November, at 3 p.m.

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Mayor and Mayoress have extended their patronage and Mr. Nyman will open the Fair officially at 10.30 a.m.

There will be a great variety of well-stocked stalls and numerous entertainments including a Fancy Dress display for children, Punch and Judy show, Miniature Railway, Youth Brigade Band, Dance and Physical Culture Display, etc. Luncheon and teas will be served under the oaks. Lunch tickets 2/6 and 2/6 Voucher Books for use at the Fair can be purchased at the Union of Jewish Women Offices (Phone 3-1675).

Muizenberg and Kalk Bay Hebrew Congregation.

A very large percentage of the congregation attended the annual general meeting, held at the Talmud Torah Hall, Muizenberg, on Sunday, 31st October, to transact the business of the congregation. In recognition and appreciation of untiring services in the interests of the congregation over a period of 32 years, Mr. N. Endin was unanimously elected hon. life president. The following gentlemen were duly elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. Raphael Oblowitz, Vice-president, Adv. M. Barnett; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. S. Borok; Committee: Messrs. B. P. Phillips, I. Matz, D. L. Davidowitz, R. M. Rifkin, M. Mandelkorn, N. Trakman, R. Shaskolsky and M. Jankelowitz. Lieut. H. L. Stern was elected an ex-officio member of the committee.

At the conclusion of the meeting a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. B. P. Phillips in recognition of his many years' service on the executive and committee and the last two years as president. Mr. Phillips thanked his colleagues on the executive, the other members of the committee for the support they gave him during his term of office, and the members of the congregation for their co-operation.

Wynberg Hebrew Kindergarten.

A very successful and enthusiastic concert under the auspices of the Wynberg Hebrew Kindergarten was held on Sunday, 17th October, at the Communal Hall. Parents and friends of the institution were delighted to see the youngsters acquit themselves with great credit. Mrs. Potashnik was in charge of the kindergarten items which were produced most successfully. High praise was bestowed on her for her excellent work.

Other artists participating included Harry Rabinowitz, children of the Wynberg Hebrew School, who gave several items in Hebrew, Miss Minnie Nawarsky, and Mr. Asher, who delighted the audience with his original sketches and poems. Congratulations were extended to Mrs. B. Zimman by Mr. S. Galloon and Mr. S. M. Kaplan for her indefatigable efforts on behalf of the Kindergarten.

Cape Jewish Aged Home.

The Hon. Treasurer of the above Home gratefully acknowledges a bequest of £25 from the estate of the late Mrs. Sophie Antonis.

Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrahi: Sea Point.

The bottle of liquor donated by Mrs. Spitzglass was won by Mrs. Stern. Mrs. Spitzglass is thanked for her donation.