

## Holiday Conversazione at Muizenberg.

### STIMULATING TALK BY MRS. K. BLUMENFELD.

There was a large crowd at the Talmud Torah Hall, Muizenberg, on Tuesday evening, 18th instant, when another of the regular weekly conversaciones organised jointly by the Zionist Council and Muizenberg societies took place. Mr. J. O. Markovitz presided.

After enjoyable songs had been rendered by Cantor Goldwasser and recitations by Mr. M. Asher, Mrs. Kurt Blumenfeld, who has recently arrived from Palestine, delivered an interesting survey of "Aspects of Palestine Life." She dwelt mainly on Palestine industrial development, referring to the industrialisation of kibbutz life. She also examined educational and other communal problems, stressed the strong bond felt by the Yishuv with the rest of world Jewry, and dealt with Palestine's war effort and hospitality to refugees. Mrs. Blumenfeld answered a number of questions put to her by members of the audience.

After tea Mr. Markovitz cordially thanked Mrs. Blumenfeld for her informative talk.

### MR. HARRY LEVIN TO ADDRESS NEXT MEETING.

The next in the series will be held on Tuesday evening, January 25th, at 8.30 p.m. The speaker of the evening will be Mr. Harry Levin, the well-known writer and broadcaster on the Middle East. Mr. Levin will speak on "Is Arab Federation Feasible?" The talk promises to be one of unusual interest and a cordial invitation is extended to everyone to be present.

## APPLICATIONS FOR BURSARIES.

Applications are hereby invited on behalf of the Trustees of the **CECILY and SOLOMON HARRIS TRUST** from those who have been pupils for not less than three years of the United Hebrew Schools of Cape Town, or of the Liberman School for Higher Hebrew Education for bursaries of £50 per annum available for five years under the above Trust.

Applications are to be addressed to the undersigned and full particulars of the applicant's future intended studies are to be given.

Further particulars can be obtained from the undersigned.

Applications must reach the undersigned not later than the **28th January, 1944.**

For the **TRUSTEES,**

**GEO. LADEN,**  
103, Hope Street, Cape Town.

## CAPE BOARD OF JEWISH EDUCATION.

### Hebrew Classes for Adults.

**THE CAPE JEWISH BOARD OF EDUCATION** intends opening Classes in Hebrew for adults (beginners as well as advanced) as from the beginning of February, 1944.

Prospective pupils should enrol with—  
**The Secretary, P.O. Box 2578, Cape Town,**  
who will also give all particulars.

## WANTED

By Young Lady Student, board and residence in respectable Jewish home, if possible near University. Phone 2-6951.

## Bnoth Zion Association.

### VISITORS' SOCIAL.

The Executive and Central Committee of the Bnoth Zion Association were "At Home" to visiting women Zionists and members at the Muizenberg Pavilion on Wednesday afternoon, 12th January. The Chairman, Mrs. L. Segal, extended a cordial welcome to all present, including Mrs. Kurt Blumenfeld from Palestine, Mrs. Saphra from Johannesburg, Mrs. S. R. Sloman, Miss Marcia Gitlin and visitors from at least eighteen different centres.

Mrs. Kurt Blumenfeld conveyed a message of greetings from Palestine and pointed out that the main task for Zionist women was not only to build institutions in Palestine, but to gain influence in the shaping of public life there. Developments in Palestine were now reaching a turning point; many problems will have to be faced and our duties will become bigger. We must strengthen our organisation so that we and the Yishuv will be able to build up Palestine which will be a pride to Jews and the whole world.

Mrs. L. Segal addressed the gathering. She said that the world was planning rehabilitation and reconstruction. Jews had been told that they would receive the same treatment as others, but Jews cannot be dealt with in the same way as others as they had no land or home to return to. There were rumours that Jewry will be offered part of Palestine as a National Home. This was not the first time that partition was offered to the Jewish people. It was offered in 1937 and rejected at Congress, but a resolution was passed that negotiations could be gone into for further territory. Since then catastrophe had overtaken Jewry. Those Jews left in the free countries realised their responsibilities and contributed towards the upbuilding of Palestine. During four years of war the Jews bought one-third of the land they possessed.

Before 1937 colonies were established on the coast line; now they were being established on the fringe of the desert, on the Syrian border and the eastern border. Parts of Palestine had been made fertile not only by physical forces but by the sweat and blood of the Jewish people. Through Jewish effort in Palestine health had been improved, infantile mortality had been lowered and the country had become a good neighbour to neighbouring Arab states. They could talk about Palestine in a spirit of gratitude, not pride. After 19 centuries they had the privilege of going back to their homeland. Children were given the most precious of all things in Palestine—their childhood. The acquirement of a homeland must add to the dignity of the Jew wherever he lived. Their people had shown that they could build a country and create a new way of life. They were not put off by White Papers or elated by Balfour Declarations and in that spirit they would build a Homeland.

During the afternoon the film in technicolour, "A Day in Daganian," was shown by Mr. Sacher.

Miss Marcia Gitlin in proposing a vote of thanks on behalf of the visitors, said that from the film and the message of Mrs. Blumenfeld a breath of Palestine had been received. Mrs. Segal with force and vigour had put the case for Zionism. The next few months would be a difficult period for Zionism and there would be a lot of difference and cleavages in their own ranks. We would be called upon to show greater faith than in the past and to create greater achievement. We would not lose heart when things became difficult. Jews were equal to the task facing them. The women had the necessary qualities of persistence and tenacity which went into the formation of the Bnoth Zion Association, which had a fine record of achievement. We would be called upon to exercise these qualities in the months to come. In times like these all sorts of new solutions for the Jewish problem appeared, but there was only one solution for this problem, and that was in a Jewish National Home which could only be in Palestine.

## Social & Personal.

The marriage took place at Muizenberg on Monday, January 11th, of Mona, daughter of Mrs. the late Mr. J. Friedberg, of Douglas, to Captain Saul Durbach, S.A.E.C., son of Mr. and Mrs. Durbach, of Fort Beaufort.

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The marriage took place on Sunday, 16th at the Great Synagogue of Pilot-Officer I. Flax, youngest son of Mr. and the late Mr. Flax, and Heien, youngest daughter of Mrs. the late Mr. A. Berman.

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The marriage of Enid, daughter of Mr. P. Mrs. H. Daitsh, of Sea Point, to Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. M. Mendelsohn, of Wynberg, be solemnized at the Sea Point Synagogue Sunday, January 30th, at 3 p.m.

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The Oranjezicht Branch of the Bnoth Association have inscribed the names of Mr. Mrs. M. Berelowitz, of "Menorah," Hugo Avenue, Oranjezicht, in the Golden Book on occasion of their Silver Wedding. Mrs. Berelowitz, who is the Vice-President of this Branch has been a devoted worker in all spheres of Zionist activity.

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Mr. and Mrs. Israel Shen, of Jerusalem (Rebecca Gurland) are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Levy (née H. Blowitz) are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter.

## Barmitzvah Celebration

Mark and Isaac, the twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bagrain, celebrated their Barmitzvah at Woodstock Synagogue last Sabbath. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Klaff, of Knysna.

In honour of the occasion, Mr. J. O. Markovitz, uncle of the Barmitzvahs, gave the address. He took as his text from the Sedra of the "Now there arose a new King over Egypt who knew not Joseph" and said that the realisation of the yearnings of the Jewish people eventually culminate in the acquisition of Israel as a Jewish Commonwealth. The alternative life in the Goluth was unthinkable, tragedy was too profound. He pleaded for orientation of the heart and mind amongst the Jewish people, to facilitate and intensify Jewish work amongst the masses in the free countries of Palestine.

At the reception held on the following day at the Zionist Hall, Mr. J. O. Markovitz presided. In the absence of the Chairman of the Board of Education, he presented the certificate of Hebrew knowledge and study awarded to Barmitzvah boys and congratulated them on receiving the first class award. The toasts proposed by Rabbi Dr. E. W. Kirzner, stressed the importance of the continuation of Hebrew study and education. The Barmitzvah boys suitably replied. Mr. J. Newman, the helpful Master of the Lodge Goede Verwachting, Councillor Barnett and the Rev. Kassel also spoke. The Chairman announced that the names of the boys were inscribed in the Seifer Barmitzvah.

## BARMITZVAH.

**HORWITZ.**—Dennis Frank, only son of Mr. Mrs. E. J. Horwitz, of Paarl (present address Commodore Hotel, Johannesburg), will read a paper on the Law and Mafair at the Beth Hamed Hagadol, Johannesburg, on Saturday, the 22nd January, 1944.

## WANTED.

Young Jewish woman with small baby desired for board and residence with respectable Jewish family, Cape Town or Suburbs; can provide own furniture.

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