

## In and Around the Peninsula

### Bnoth Zion Association.

A very successful meeting of the Observatory-Mowbray Branch was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. L. Hodes, Rhodes Avenue, Mowbray, on Monday, 22nd May, at 8 p.m. Mrs. Hodes was in the chair and welcomed the large number of members and friends present. Miss Patz, of Cape Town, gave a pianoforte solo and a song which were much appreciated. Mrs. Antebi, a visitor from Palestine, gave a talk on life in Palestine and in an interesting manner described the work of the various institutions. After the tea interval Mr. G. Laden gave two topical humorous readings which were enjoyed to the full. The work of the branch for the next two months was then briefly outlined by Mrs. C. Shapiro, and Miss Patz again gave two delightful songs. A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. Shattenstein to the speaker, the artists, and the host and hostess.

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The "Eleventh" Branch held its cultural and monthly meeting on Tuesday afternoon, 16th May, at the residence of Mrs. Naomi Allschwang, "Shangri-la," Oak Avenue, Kenilworth. There was a good attendance over which Mrs. M. Wolman, vice-chairlady, presided. Mrs. H. Harris was unable to attend owing to a sad bereavement in the family. Mrs. Wolman opened the meeting and extended a welcome to all visitors. She asked the ladies to rise and pause a few minutes in memory of the late Mrs. Rose Harris.

After the business of the branch, Mrs. Naomi Allschwang gave a beautiful violin rendering of the Prelude Allegro by Fritz Kreisler, accompanied by Miss Sara Gordon at the piano. As an encore Sarasate's "Gipsy Airs" was played, and these items were very much applauded. Miss Sara Gordon played very daintily Bach's "Fantasy" at the piano, and this was much appreciated.

Tea was then served, after which Mrs. Wolman welcomed the speaker, Mr. S. M. Levin, and Mrs. Levin. Mr. Levin's talk on "The Revisionist Issue" was very elucidating and was much appreciated. The ladies present hope that Mr. Levin will come and speak to them again in the near future. Mrs. M. Hammerschlag thanked the speaker for his constructive talk, also the artists and the hostess, Mrs. Allschwang, for her hospitality.

A very successful card party was given by Mrs. Bertha Berezowski at her home in Kenilworth for the "Eleventh" Branch, which raised about £21 for the J.N.F.

### Hyman Liberman School for Higher Hebrew Education.

On Thursday, 11th inst., at the Talmud Torah, Cape Town, Mr. Pinchas Neaman, Director of Jewish Education in the Argentine, addressed senior pupils on "The Role of Jewish Youth." Dr. A. Birnbaum was in the chair and in introducing the speaker expressed his pleasure at hearing Mr. Neaman before his departure for Palestine.

After expressing his pleasure at the opportunity, the first afforded him in this country, of speaking to young boys and girls in Hebrew, Mr. Neaman dwelt on the enthusiasm of youth and confidence in its own powers to achieve every possible, and very often impossible, goal, knowing no bounds, recognising no barriers. He recalled how in many countries youth had come together, left university and high school, position in shop and office, and offered themselves to their country's cause in its hour of need, many of them making the supreme sacrifice. Youth, organised youth, was an invincible power, for good or for evil.

Nor had Jewish youth fallen short of this devotion to people and country. The Biluim, the pioneers of the second Aliyah, the Chalutzim and Chalutzoth who followed them, were drawn from the ranks of the young people. He had seen them in Palestine, boys and girls, some having left comfortable homes and indulgent parents, breaking stones to make roads for new immigrants to tread. The young people had drained the swamps and turned Nahalal and the rest of the Emek into flourishing settlements. Young lads, in spite of insurmountable difficulties, had undertaken the job of watchmen, where death lurked behind every bush and hillock. For the numbers that fell by bullet or malaria others were ready to take their place.

Now, however, the source of all this flow of young life was dried up for a long time to come. Poland, Lithuania, Bessarabia could not for many years supply a continuous stream of Chalutzim. Where, then, was Eretz Israel to look for builders? In his opinion it was no mere

chance that South African Jewry had been spared the horrors that befell their brethren overseas. Because "the eternity of Israel will not fail," this remnant had been left to carry on the work.

### Great Synagogue Centre.

On Tuesday evening, 9th May, a well-attended meeting was held in the Talmud Torah Hall. Mr. Harold Hoffman, who was in the chair, welcomed all present and gave a short resume of the work of the Centre to date. A constitution which had been drafted was discussed and adopted. The elections in terms of the constitution took place. Rabbi I. Abrahams was elected Honorary Life President and the following were appointed to the Committee: Messrs. Harold Hoffman, A. V. Jacob, A. R. Cohen, D. Rabie, B. W. Hoffmann, J. Bobrov, S. L. Schach, M. Posniak, J. Penkin and Miss M. Rosen.

After the tea interval Rabbi Abrahams gave a short talk on some aspects of the work of the Centre; with particular reference to the Forum, the Answer Study Circle, the Hebrew Group, the Ladies' Guild and the Ahad Ha'Am Circle. In the ensuing discussion the possibility of a debating circle was discussed.

At a meeting of the committee held subsequently the following office-bearers were elected: Chairman, Mr. H. Hoffman; Vice-chairman, Messrs. A. V. Jacob and A. R. Cohen; Treasurer, Mr. D. Rabie.

The next meeting of the Answer Study Circle takes place on Sunday, 4th June, in the Talmud Torah, at 8 p.m., when Rabbi Abrahams will give a talk on "The Old and New Testaments."

### Jewish National Fund.

Two weeks ago a list was published of Golden Book inscriptions received by the beginning of this month at the local office of the Jewish National Fund. The list included only individuals. In addition the following inscriptions have been received through Talmud Torahs: Green and Sea Point Hebrew School, Rev. B. Lipshitz and pupils of the Parow Talmud Torah, late Mr. Maurice Rosen and late Mrs. Sarah Leah Cohen—inscribed by pupils and teachers of the United Hebrew Schools.

### Bris Milah.

The Bris Milah of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Sulcas took place on Saturday, 20th inst., and was attended by a large gathering of relatives and friends. Rev. Michelson, Mr. H. J. Stodel and Mrs. S. Gordon proposed the various toasts. Mrs. Gordon announced that to mark the occasion the parents were inscribing the name of their son in the Golden Book.

### Maitland Jewish Cultural and Social Society.

The first official meeting was held on Sunday, 14th May, at the Talmud Torah Hall, and was well attended. Rabbi I. Abrahams delivered an illuminating address. Entertaining items were rendered by Mr. G. Laden and the Misses Belle Singer, E. Derman and E. Freedman. A very enjoyable evening concluded with a vote of thanks to the speaker and artists by Rev. Efron.

### Union of Jewish Women.

Mrs. M. Levitas, Vice-chairman of the Cape Town Branch, and Mrs. R. Cohen, Joint Convenor of Knitting Groups, were the guests at a meeting of the Woodstock Jewish Ladies' War Knitting Group (Convenor Mrs. I. Merkel) combined with the Woodstock Wizo Group (Convenor Mrs. C. Resnekov), held on Monday night, 15th instant. Mrs. Levitas prefaced her address by detailing each clause of the constitution of the organisation, specifying its aims and objects. The fine record of the Cape Town Branch over the past years covered a story of great activity to which the twenty-three work parties had largely contributed. Letters of appreciation are constantly being received from men of the Forces who had visited the Zionist Hall Canteen. The present joint drive for the Red Cross War Distress Relief Fund and the Prisoners of War Fund, for which the Woodstock group was also working, was being enthusiastically supported. The Organisation was providing workers and funds for every effort towards the Allied cause. It was the object of the Union that every member should become an active member and thus share in the up-building of a better state and nation, its comprehensive scope presenting a concrete programme for post-war rehabilitation. The Union hoped to establish a centre for the community and to bring about a co-ordination of work.

The Cape Town Branch was making a fine contribution towards the Hebrew University in Jerusalem by an annual grant of £350, and provided an annual scholarship to the Maritime League for a student at the Haifa Nautical School. The Woodstock group had helped, together with all other work parties, in making the Youth Aliyah campaign a great success. Mrs. Z. Galloon pro-

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## Social & Personal.

Rabbi M. C. Weiler, President of the South African Union for Progressive Judaism and Rabbi of the Johannesburg Reform Congregation, has returned to Johannesburg after spending several weeks in Cape Town, where he addressed a number of meetings in the interests of Reform Judaism. During Rabbi Weiler's stay in Cape Town information was received that he had been honoured by his alma mater, the Hebrew Union College of Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S.A., foremost Reform Jewish Seminary in the world, who had bestowed on him a Doctorate of Divinity.

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The engagement is announced of Helen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Lewis, of Bloufontein, to Lieut. Ellis Spektor (S.A.A.F.), eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Spektor, of Muizenberg, Cape.

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The engagement is announced of Cyla, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Z. Dobrin, and Gerald (George), youngest son of Mrs. and the late A. Maze, both of Cape Town.

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posed a vote of thanks to the speaker and to the hostess, Mrs. Bunn.

### Zionist Socialist Party.

There was a fair attendance at the annual general meeting which was held at the Zionist Hall on Thursday, 18th May. Mr. S. Abel submitted the chairman's report, which covered the activities of the committee for the past 15 months. Steady progress was recorded in all spheres. The committee met regularly and 15 public functions were held during the period under review. A new feature in the work was the inauguration of full-time office and secretary for the party. It was hoped that this will act as a great impetus to the work. The party was represented at the South African Zionist Conference and is active on the Western Province Zionist Council, in the formation of which it played no mean part. Contact was maintained with the country, and specially at Paarl a branch has been very active. The Youth group has made great strides forward. A branch was established in Sea Point and preparations are afoot for the establishment of similar branches. An animated discussion followed on past work and future activities, in which the following participated: Messrs. Ben Arie, Achron, Kluk, Padovani, Bitnun, U. Birnbaum and Melmed. At the close of the discussion the report was accepted. The financial report was submitted by Mr. M. Astrinsky which also revealed an improvement in the financial state of the organisation. The following were elected to the committee: Messrs. Abel, Kluk, Zabow, Bitnun, Achron, Kagan, Astrinsky, Melmed and Mrs. Decktor. A discussion followed on the forthcoming Zionist Socialist Conference and the following were elected to represent the Cape Town Party: Messrs. Kluk, Abel, Bitnun and Mrs. Decktor.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to the distribution of Keren Hayesod cards among all those present and the preparation for a very intensive canvass in conjunction with the forthcoming campaign.

### Chevrah Tehilim and Linath Hatzedek.

A large gathering of members, representative of local Hebrew congregations and boys and girls participating in the Shabbos children's service, attended the annual Chevrah Shabbos service and reception of the Chevrah Tehilim and Linath Hatzedek held in the Roeland Street Synagogue on Shabbos Parsho Emor. The President, Mr. H. Lonstein, welcomed all present. Mr. I. Abramowitz, the Hon. Vice-president of the Chevrah Tehilim was in the chair. After refreshments were served Hebrew songs were rendered by the boys and girls of the Children's Service, which were highly appreciated by the gathering. Inspiring addresses were delivered by Rabbi Dr. E. W. Kirzner, Rabbi M. Morgenstern, Rev. I. H. H. man, the Magid Hashiur of the Chevrah, Mr. C. Zion and Mr. I. Shucl. Mr. Lonstein announced that the prize-giving to the boys and girls of the Children's Shabbos Service will take place in the synagogue on the first day of Shevuoth after morning service.

### Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrahi Association.

On Tuesday afternoon, 16th May, the Cape Town Branch held a most successful meeting at the Zionist Hall. Mrs. Berzack was in the chair and introduced Mrs. Antebi who spoke in Yiddish and gave a most inspiring account of life in Palestine. Mrs. Freed, the secretary, read a letter received from Palestine expressing thanks for money.

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clothes sent. Cantor Immerman proposed a  
 of thanks to Mrs. Antebi.

#### Association of Yredehoek.

In spite of the inclement weather there was a  
 attendance at the last meeting held on May  
 at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Goldin,  
 Road. Mrs. Antebi, the guest speaker,  
 welcomed by Mr. J. Bobrov, who was in the  
 and gave her listeners a graphic and vivid  
 description of life in Palestine. An animated and  
 lively discussion followed in which most of those  
 present participated. Mr. S. Verblun proposed a  
 of thanks to the speaker, and Mr. J. Hanson  
 thanked Mr. and Mrs. Goldin for their hospitality.  
 the beginning of the evening Mrs. M. Hanson  
 read an interesting article by the late Richard  
 Antebi.

#### Hebrew Schools.

The Secretary regrets that the name of Mr.  
 Wolman has been inadvertently omitted  
 from the list of officers and committee published  
 in the Annual Report of the United Hebrew  
 Schools.

#### Jewish Aged Home.

The Hon. Treasurer of the above Home grate-  
 fully acknowledges a bequest of £25 from the  
 estate of the late Mrs. S. R. Horwitch.

### First all-Palestine Choral Festival.

Jerusalem.

Although marred by an accident in which  
 four persons were injured and about 20 others  
 slightly hurt with the sudden collapse of the  
 open-air platform, the first all-Palestine  
 choral festival, held on the evening of April  
 22 at Ain-Harod, pioneer Keren Hayesod  
 settlement in Emek Jezreel, marked a mile-  
 stone in Palestinian musical life. It was the  
 greatest rally of singers ever known here, with  
 some 1,200 singers from almost 30 settle-  
 ments and workers' choirs participating be-  
 fore an audience of 8,000. Their songs ranged  
 from ancient melodies, Renaissance madri-  
 gals, and Bach chorales and cantatas to opera  
 and oratorio and works by contemporary com-  
 posers, both European and Palestinian, all in  
 Hebrew. The R.A.F. Male Voice Choir gave  
 a programme of English, Scottish, Irish, and  
 Welsh folk-songs. "The Song of Songs," an  
 item prepared especially for the festival by  
 Sarah Levi, talented Yemenite musician of  
 Ramat Hakovesh, had to be cancelled at the  
 last moment because of the damaged stage.

### I. L. O. Declaration.

Philadelphia.

Delegates to the International Labour Office  
 Conference, representing 21 countries, issued  
 a declaration urging the United Nations to  
 keep Palestine open to Jewish immigration.

The declaration also asks that the United  
 Nations repeat their warnings that retribu-  
 tion would be exacted from the Nazis and  
 their satellites for atrocities committed  
 against the Jews; that Jews remaining in  
 Europe should be granted the same status as  
 prisoners of war, and that free ports be estab-  
 lished in the United States for the admission  
 of refugees.

The delegates sent their greetings to the  
 Jews of Europe and saluted the Warsaw  
 Ghetto heroes.

Mr. Murray, President of the Committee of  
 Industrial Organisation, disclosed that the or-  
 ganisation had sent a letter to President  
 Roosevelt supporting the demands for the  
 creation of free ports for refugees.

### Jewish Young Women's Residence

The above Home is now completely  
 renovated and refurnished and the Com-  
 mittee will be glad to receive applications  
 from intending residents.

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## שבת

Shabbath commences on May 26th at 5.26 p.m.  
 and ends on May 27th at 6.13 p.m. Portion  
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 Portion of the Prophets: V'haiah Mispar,  
 Hosea 2.

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