

Zionist Youth Activities.

A well-attended meeting of the **Woodstock-Salt River Zionist Youth Society** took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Marks on Sunday, 14th instant. Mr. V. Resnekov was in the chair. The news service was presented by Mr. M. Sher and Miss M. Gans, who spoke on the forthcoming Keren Hayesod campaign and the Revisionists, respectively. Questions were ably answered by Messrs. R. B. Egert and V. Resnekov, and Mr. Ben Arie who was visiting the society. The guest speaker was Mr. R. B. Egert, who, speaking on "What is Zionism?", dealt with the non-Zionist Jewish groups and urged the youth to wake up from their lethargy and apathetic attitude to the troubles of Jewry and do their utmost to add a brick to the upbuilding of the Jewish Homeland. Apart from the community singing, two Hebrew songs were very ably rendered by Miss Frieda Levin, who was accompanied by Miss M. Gans on the piano.

The annual general meeting of the **Zionist Association of Students** took place at the Zionist Hall, Hope Street, on Sunday, 21st instant. Mr. Beitstein, the retiring chairman, delivered his Chairman's Report and there was lively discussion from the floor. Mr. Egert, Chairman of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive, delivered a short speech emphasising the necessity for a strong student group and gave a few useful suggestions which he hoped the incoming committee would consider introducing into their programme of activity. Dr. Victor Resnekov, the first Chairman of Z.A.S., who was one of the prime movers in starting the Association, then addressed the students. He outlined the plans that the organisers of Z.A.S. had in mind when the Z.A.S. was launched and emphasised the necessity for a separate student association which could do useful work amongst Jewish students. If the S.J.A. had ceased to function it was the duty of the Z.A.S. to revive it—Jewish students were entitled to and must have an official platform at the University.

The elections followed these two short speeches and the results were as follows: Chairlady, Miss Nellie Cohen; Vice-chairman, Mr. Stanley Kaplan; Treasurer, Mr. Ernest Kaplan; Secretaries, Mrs. Charlotte Kaplan and Miss Ruth Cohen; Men's Residence Representative, Mr. Kaplan; Women's Residence Representative, Miss Lily Katz; College House Representative, Mr. R. Sedlowitz; Day Students Representative, Mr. P. Gans; additional members, Messrs. L. Lichtenstein, M. Goldwasser, C. Reitstein and Misses B. Tik and S. Inspektor.

The **Cape Peninsula Zionist Socialist Youth Conference** was held at the Cape Town Maon on Sunday, 14th May. Proceedings lasted throughout the day and the large gathering included several visitors. Greetings were received from the Johannesburg Party and Youth Group and from the Cape Youth Executive. Mr. Sam Levin brought greetings on behalf of the Western Province Zionist Council and Mr. Abel on behalf of the Cape Town Zionist Socialist Party. Various reports and programmes were discussed and it was gratifying to see that Chalutzim found a prominent place in every discussion, and that definite plans for the working of the Chalutz group as a Chalutz group in the true sense of the word were introduced and accepted. A central committee was elected. All communications with the various groups will now be conducted through the Central Committee.

The weekly meeting of the **Zionist Socialist Youth Group of Cape Town**, held on 12th May, was opened with the singing of Hebrew songs, after which Chavera Myra conducted twenty minutes of Hebrew speech practice; questions of general interest were asked and answered in Hebrew. Chavera Mercia then gave a review of Zionism from its inception to the days of Pinsker. She pointed out the circumstances and environment that gave birth to the idea of a final solution to the Jewish problem, and explained how all attempts other than Zionism had failed in the past, and are doomed to fail whenever attempted, because they are not positive solutions. Moses Hess was the first one to give a positive and coherent ideology, but the Jews were not ready for his message and he only influenced a small group of intellectuals. "Auto-emancipation" by Pinsker was the first publication to have any results in that it influenced the Bilu immigration and the early colonisation of Palestine. Chaver Harry gave a very interesting news service in which he mentioned the latest important events of the world in general, with special stress on happenings in Eretz Israel.

An impromptu meeting of the **Worcester Junior Zionist Society** was held on Sunday, 14th May. The society was given a special pre-view of four

Palestinian films to be shown to the senior society. Messrs. Shochat and Smith are to be thanked for assisting with the screening of the films. The next item was a hat debate, in which practically every member took part. A "Brains Trust" then followed.

A very successful meeting of the **Cape Town Zionist Youth Society** took place at "Rosecourt" on Sunday, 14th inst. The first item on the programme was the news service delivered by Chaver Levenberg, after which there was a Hebrew song. The guest speaker was Mrs. Antebi from Eretz Israel. She delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture on Eretz Israel to-day and touched on a number of problems confronting the Jewish people in Palestine. After the speech a number of questions were asked to which Mrs. Antebi replied.

An extremely successful meeting of the **Cape Town Hashomer Hadati** was held on Saturday, 13th inst., at "Rosecourt." After the Chairman had welcomed the large gathering present, the news service was ably delivered by Jack Meyerowitz. Vivian Resnekov delivered an extremely

interesting talk on "What it means to be a Jew," this being the first of a series of lectures on this subject. The society was divided into Kvutzot which immediately set to the task of finding suitable names for each group and of learning Hebrew songs, the Hora, and matters concerning Judaism and Zionism. A very enjoyable evening closed with Hatikvah. Notice was given by the convenor, Wulf Sebba, that during the coming meeting a Hebrew-speaking session would take place, the subject being "The Restaurant." All wishing to apply for membership may obtain entry form from the chairman, Solly Kessler.

FORTHCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES.

The next meeting of the **Jewish Children's League** will be held at "Rosecourt" on Saturday, 27th, at 3 p.m. All welcome.

Combined Junior Societies of Cape Town.—A **Grand Oneg Shabbat** and **Oneg Shavuoth** will be held at the Minor Zionist Hall on Friday, 26th May, at 8.15 p.m. Mrs. Antebi will be the guest speaker. A varied and interesting programme has been arranged. All members of Junior Societies are cordially invited to attend.

The pamphlet "**Our Common Enemy**," a review of which was published last week, is now available at all branches of the Central News Agency, as well as at other booksellers. The pamphlet can also be obtained direct from the Committee for Rescue from Nazi Terror, P.O. Box 2588, Johannesburg.

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