

In and Around the Peninsula

Merkaz Harav Talmudical Study Circle.

A very successful Siyum function took place at Curtis Street on Wednesday, 21st June. Mr. A. Lach, the chairman, presided over a large and representative gathering and welcomed the members and the guests.

A highly interesting and instructive Hadran was delivered by Rabbi E. W. Kirzner on certain legal principles maintained by R. Josi throughout the Talmud establishing a logical link between such principles and the strict line of justice vindicated by the prophet Elijah.

Eloquent addresses on other Halachic and aggadic aspects were also given by Rabbi M. Morgenstern, Rev. A. Kauffman and Rev. J. Paktor. Mr. Kriger brought greetings from the Maitland Talmudical Society and conveyed best wishes to the Merkaz Harav.

The Green and Sea Point Chevra Lomdei Torah was represented by the President, Mr. Mordecai Lach, the Parow Hebrew Congregation by Rabbi I. Lipshitz, and Goodwood Hebrew Congregation by Rev. B. Dorogov.

Songs and musical items were very well rendered by Cantor L. Baron of the Woodstock Hebrew Congregation, Cantor A. Immerman, Mr. I. Overbuch and Mr. M. Sudat.

Soon after the Hadran on Sanhedrin the Hatafah was made of Tractate Baba Bathra which will be continued every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at 4 Curtis Street, Gardens.

Cape Jewish Aged Home.

A very pleasant function took place at the above home on Sunday morning, 25th June, when the German immigrant community entertained to tea the former Immigrant Reception and Assistance Committee in appreciation of the great help and kindnesses received from that committee. About eighty guests were present. The opportunity was also taken to congratulate Mr. Raphaely who had recently celebrated his 75th birthday.

Mr. Lieberman thanked Mr. Raphaely, the senior member of the former committee, and his colleagues for their untiring efforts on behalf of the immigrants when they came into this country, and Mr. Leyser as a mark of appreciation by the German community presented Mr. Raphaely with a cheque for £450 which Mr. Raphaely handed to the Chairman of the Aged Home to be used in any manner thought fit by him and his committee. Mr. Breger presented a photograph of Mr. Raphaely.

Mr. H. Rosen, Chairman of the Home, welcomed the present and said he was very glad to see such a large gathering to pay tribute to the former Reception Committee and particularly to Mr. Raphaely who had definitely been a good friend to them in a time of their greatest need. He was very happy to see that the immigrants were associating themselves in every branch of social and charitable endeavour. In thanking Mr. Raphaely for the cheque of £450 Mr. Rosen mentioned that he would add this amount to £250 already received on a previous occasion from members of the German community and the total sum would be utilised in connection with the new building now nearing completion. Mr. Rosen then congratulated Mr. Raphaely on attaining his 75th birthday and on behalf of all members of the committee and all present wished him very many happy returns of the day. Mr. Rosen said that he had received apologies from Rabbi and Mrs. I. Abrahams, Mr. and Mrs. Max Sonnenberg and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Alexander, who regretted their inability to be present.

Mr. Gradner, as chairman of the former Reception Committee, associated himself with Mr. Rosen's remarks and said that that morning was a very happy occasion for him. He was happy to have the opportunity of wishing Mr. and Mrs. Raphaely every good luck and he was also pleased to see that members of the German community had not remained a separate entity but had successfully merged with the community of Cape Town.

Mr. Raphaely replying, thanked everyone present for their many good wishes and for the great kindness shown to him that morning. He said it was a real pleasure for him to be present and to feel that the little he had done had borne such good fruit. Very briefly Mr. Raphaely outlined the work done by the former Reception Committee and whilst he said that the whole committee were responsible for the good achieved he felt he should particularly mention the name of Mr. Jacob Gitlin whose experienced organising ability had greatly facilitated the work of the committee. Mr. Gitlin had worked with energy and gladly gave up much of his time to help those who had come to this country to find a new home. On

behalf of himself, his wife and family, Mr. Raphaely thanked everyone present for the honour given him that morning.

Zionist Socialist Party.

A special Conference of the Zionist Socialists of the Western Province was held at the Zionist Hall on Sunday, 25th June. There was an appreciable attendance of delegates from the Province and representatives of the Cape Town Party and Youth groups. The Conference was called for the special purpose of deliberating on problems and issues to be dealt with at the forthcoming S.A. Zionist Socialist Conference to be held in Johannesburg.

Mr. S. Abel was in the chair and extended a cordial welcome to those present, mentioning briefly some of the problems and resolutions to be presented before the South African Conference.

Mr. E. Kluk introduced a discussion on "Our Party's Orientation in S.A. Political Life." He said that it was the obligation of members as Zionists and Socialists to participate in local affairs and line up with the forces of progress in their fight against reaction everywhere. They could no longer be content with merely preaching Socialism; they had to do something practical to achieve it. It was paradoxical for Zionist Socialists to support Capitalist parties in local affairs. Reviewing the South African political scene, Mr. Kluk analysed the programme and policy of the major political groups and said that the time had come for the formal affiliation of the Zionist Socialist Party to the South African Labour Party with whom, despite possible shortcomings of the latter, the movement was ideologically and politically inextricably bound up.

A lengthy discussion followed, in which the following participated: Messrs. Melmed, Sadowsky, Goldin, Kaplan, Kagan, Pachter, Singer, Abel, Handler and Bank and Misses Blumberg and Milun. Mr. Kluk replied to the discussion.

Mr. U. Birnbaum introduced the discussion on "The Present Position of the Party in Palestine" and reviewed the facts leading up to the final split.

Messrs. Achron, Melmed and Sadowsky participated in the discussion.

Maitland Jewish Cultural and Social Society.

A meeting was held on Sunday, 18th June, at the Talmud Torah Hall, under the chairmanship of Dr. J. Jackson. An address was delivered by Cantor A. Immerman. A violin solo was rendered by Mrs. H. Cohen, accompanied by Mr. Koorland, and a piano solo was rendered by Miss Rachel Rabinowitz. Little Miss Priscilla Lessem entertained the audience with a tap dance and song. Mr. D. Bloch thanked the speaker and artists.

Great Synagogue Forum.

Mr. Harold Hoffman presided at the last meeting, which was addressed by Mrs. Antebi, a visitor from Palestine. Before calling on Mrs. Antebi, Mr. Hoffman availed himself of the opportunity of wishing Rabbi Abrahams, who was leaving on a short trip to Rhodesia, God speed and a safe return.

Mrs. Antebi, in a short talk which was aptly named "Your Life rather than Your Money," made a forceful appeal to those present not to be merely satisfied by a monetary contribution to the Zionist Cause. In vivid terms she described the spiritual life of the Yishuv, proving how, in a true Jewish atmosphere, salvation had been found and spiritual satisfaction achieved by those who had settled in Eretz Israel.

Mrs. Antebi urged her listeners to remember that the Jewish heritage was something to be proud of, something to cherish, and, in fact, it was something worthy of greater sacrifice than mere purse string contribution.

Mr. Rechtman proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Antebi.

Bnoth Zion Association.

There was a large attendance at the last cultural meeting of the Wynberg Branch held on Thursday, June 22nd, at the residence of Mrs. I. Gordon. Mrs. E. Berelowitz presided and welcomed all members and their friends. Miss Green played two delightful piano solos, after which Mrs. Antebi delivered an inspiring and instructive address. Many questions were asked to which Mrs. Antebi suitably replied. Tea was then served, after which there was a recitation and a humorous reading. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the speaker, artists and hostess.

A very well attended and successful cultural and monthly meeting of the "Eleventh" Branch was held at Mrs. M. Wolman's residence, "Rosyth," Highwick Avenue, Kenilworth, on 20th June.

Mrs. Henry Harris presided and extended a welcome to visitors and Committee members of the Wynberg and Rondebosch-Claremont Branches.

The Chairlady introduced Mrs. Gross, Convener of the W.I.Z.O. groups in Cape Town, who gave

Social & Personal.

Friends of Mr. Jack Alexander, who retired last year from the General Secretaryship of the S.A. Zionist Federation, will be interested to learn that he has now taken up residence in Palestine. His address is P.O. Box 1332, Jerusalem.

Mrs. Mary Segal is returning to-day from Rhodesia, where she launched the Youth Aliyah Campaign.

The engagement is announced of Naomi, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Hersman, of Tamboers Kloof, to Dr. Abe Katzeff, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Katzeff, of Sea Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnet L. Fine are being congratulated on the birth of a son.

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After tea Rabbi I. Abrahams gave an address on "Historical Judaism—an Analysis." The ethics and symbols of the Jewish religion were very ably and instructively condensed into an hour's talk, and the audience showed keen interest and appreciation.

Mrs. Thalia Jackson thanked Mrs. Gross and Rabbi Abrahams for their addresses, and the hostess, Mrs. M. Wolman, for her hospitality.

An innovation in the venue of meetings for adult Zionist Societies was made by the Gardens Branch on Thursday, 29th June, when Mrs. M. I. Cohen was "At Home" to members and friends at "Rosecourt." The choice proved a happy and popular one, the hall looking homely and attractive, and the attendance, in spite of the inclement weather, quite good. After the reading of interesting extracts from recent Zionist publications, Miss Minnie Goldberg delighted the gathering with pianoforte solos. Miss Lily Futeran followed with some humorous recitations. Little Shirley Stein of Harrison's Studio was much applauded for some highly artistic and beautifully finished dancing. She was accompanied by Mr. Perl.

After the tea interval Mrs. Helena Lieberman gave a most instructive and well-planned address. If the Allies were concentrating on three points of attack, she argued, it was the business of the Jews to concentrate on four: apathy among their people, ignorance among them, ignorance among the general public, and disunity in their own ranks. She did not consider the division of their people in Palestine into parties, disunity. Diverse ways of thinking was natural among folk who had been dispersed in all corners of the globe. If they were alive, they should vary in their conception of things and the best means of attaining their goal.

A vote of thanks to all who participated was proposed by Mrs. M. Zuckerman, Life President of the Bnoth Zion Association. Mrs. V. Friedman, the Gardens' new president, presided.

Sea Point Massadah Association.

A meeting took place on Monday, July 3rd, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. Sacks. Mr. H. Vogelman, vice-chairman, presided.

After Miss Z. Globus had given a news commentary, the guest speaker, Mr. J. Dwolatzky delivered a thought-provoking and informative address on "South African Jewry—a Critical Analysis." The lecturer's remarks aroused considerable interest, and discussion ensued, continuing until a late hour. A vote of thanks to the speaker and host and hostess concluded the proceedings.

Formation of Rondebosch Massadah.

There was a large gathering of residents of the Rondebosch area at a social evening held on Monday, July 3rd, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. L. Berold. Mr. Berold after welcoming those present, explained that it was proposed to establish a society to cater for young people in Rondebosch. Eloquent addresses on the present situation and the need for strengthening organised Zionism were given by Mr. S. M. Levin, Secretary of the W.P. Zionist Council, and Mr. E. Charlafl, Chairman of the Massadah Association. After brief discussion—both on Zionist ideology and questions of organisation—it was unanimously resolved to form a Massadah Association of Rondebosch. The following provisional committee was elected: Chairman, Mr. L. Berold; Vice-chairman, Mr. N. Cope; Hon. Secretary, Mr. B. Newstead; Treasurer, Mr. S. Fine; additional members,

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Messrs. R. Back, E. Charlafl, F. S. Robinson, R. Rosenberg, Dr. V. Resnekov, Mesdames N. Cope and I. Yudelman.

During the evening Miss Rachel Rabinowitz rendered two piano solos which were warmly appreciated.

Northern Districts Zionist Guild.

On the 27th June Mrs. Antebi addressed a gathering at the residence of Mrs. B. Berold, Parow. She gave a very illuminating and inspiring address dealing with life in Palestine. A few questions were asked to which Mrs. Antebi adequately replied. After tea Dr. M. Reznek moved a hearty vote of thanks to the speaker.

Union of Jewish Women.

The Union of Jewish Women has decided to start a depot for second-hand clothing at their offices, 148 St. George's Street, Cape Town. This clothing is to be distributed amongst the needy in Cape Town and gifts of clothing may be left at the U.J.W. offices, 148 St. George's Street.

There is also an urgent appeal for magazines for military hospitals, and books of a good standard for the Sixth Division. These can also be sent to the office.

Observatory-Mowbray Hebrew Congregation.

The Congregation records with deep regret the death of one of its oldest members, Mr. Ben Chapman, who rendered loyal service.

Somerset West Tanach Study Circle.

A meeting was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. Ginsberg on 4th July. Rabbi A. R. Abrahamson gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on "God Works in His Mysterious Way" (Isaiah, chapter 19, 1). A lively discussion followed to which Rabbi Abrahamson replied. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. W. Miller to Rabbi Abrahamson and to Mr. and Mrs. M. Ginsberg for their kind hospitality. The next meeting will be held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. Kruss.

Pnina Saltzman.

Pnina Saltzman, the brilliant Palestinian pianist, will give a concert, together with the Cape Town Municipal Orchestra, at the City Hall, Cape Town, on Wednesday, July 19th, at 7.45 p.m. in aid of the Palestine Symphony Orchestra. She will perform the Schumann A minor and the Beethoven C minor concertos.

The brilliant triumph of Pnina Saltzman at her recent concerts in Cape Town has shown that the Palestine school of music trains not only virtuosi but also highly cultured musicians for whom the technical hurdles serve only one purpose, namely, to reveal the composer's artistic idea. Many Cape Town musicians, particularly pianists, were very interested in the school that had created such a musician.

Pnina Saltzman's success is explained by the conditions under which young musicians work in Palestine, that is, the great solicitude shown them. Others believe that the high level of musical culture in Palestine is connected with the tremendous interest in the Palestine Symphony Orchestra and art generally displayed by the population at large. Tel-Aviv is one of the most musical cities in the world. The love and interest in music is great and sincere.

Revisionist Charges against Youth Aliyah Disproved.

MEETING IN BENONI.

At a meeting in Benoni on Monday night Mr. Joshua Leibner and Mr. A. Abrahamson, acting Secretary of the S.A. Zionist Federation, effectively disproved the charges previously made in Benoni by Mr. A. Abrahams, the N.Z.O. emissary, that Youth Aliyah work was at a standstill. Mr. Abrahamson cited a cable from Miss Henrietta Szold stating that between February, 1934, and September, 1939, Youth Aliyah had received in its care 4,886 children from Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland. Since September, 1939, 6,400 children had arrived from twenty-eight countries. Four hundred more arrived in the last quarter, including 119 from Transdnistria and 64 from Italy. Three thousand four hundred children were at present undergoing training in 51 settlements and 30 institutions.

A cable was received from Mr. Ben Zvi, Chairman of the Vaad Leumi, stating: "I confirm that the reports being spread in South Africa that there is no Youth Aliyah are utterly baseless. Groups of children are being rescued in various ways and brought to Palestine where the Youth Aliyah continues to maintain and educate them."

Mr. Abrahamson submitted Youth Aliyah accounts showing that the total revenue to the end of 1943 was £1,269,505 and the total expenditure £1,230,069.

Mr. Leibner described his personal observations of Youth Aliyah children in Palestine. They had 32 at Ain Hashofet and there were groups in 50 other settlements.

The meeting highly appreciated the facts and figures given which entirely disproved the Revisionist charges.

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Monday, 17th July, 1944

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Parents who cannot call personally are kindly requested to **Phone 2-1648.**

Forthcoming Events.

Commemoration of 40th Anniversary of Death of Herzl.

A meeting to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the death of Dr. Theodor Herzl will be held at the Zionist Hall on Thursday, July 13th, at 8 p.m., under the auspices of the Combined Zionist Societies of Cape Town. The speakers will be distinguished visitors from Eretz Israel, Mrs. Yehudah and Mr. Joshua Leibner. Adv. Alexander, K.C., M.P., will preside. All welcome.

Herzl-Bialik Commemoration Meetings.

A Herzl-Bialik Memorial Meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 11th, at 8 p.m., in the Community Hall, Piers Road, Wynberg. Mrs. F. Gross and Mr. S. M. Levin will address the meeting. Cantor M. Katzin will intone the Hazkora.

At the request of the Western Province Zionist Council, other Herzl-Bialik commemoration evenings have been arranged as follows:—

Monday, July 10th—Claremont; speakers, I. M. Hurwitz and Mr. S. H. Rechtman.

Tuesday, July 11th—Stellenbosch; speakers, Miss H. Wolozinsky and Mr. E. Charlafl.

In addition meetings will be held in the following week at Woodstock, Muizenberg and other centres.

S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies (Cape Committee).

A meeting of Deputies of affiliated bodies of the Cape Committee of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies will take place in the Board Room of the Board's offices, 413/418 Security Buildings, Exchange Place, Cape Town, at 10 a.m. on Sunday, 16th July.

Union of Jewish Women.

The speaker at the next monthly meeting, to be held on Tuesday, 11th July, at the Zionist Hall at 2.45 p.m., will be Mr. B. A. Levitas, F.S.M. F.I.O. (Lond.), F.O.A. (S.A.), who will lecture "Trade Unionism." There will be reports on the opening of the creche and on the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies, and it is hoped there will be full attendance of members and friends.

Jewish Cultural Society.

Mr. I. Charlash will deliver a lecture in Yiddish at the Zionist Hall on Monday, 10th July, at 7.30 p.m. on "The Allies, the War and —?" On Wednesday, 12th July, at 7.30 p.m. sharp, he will lecture on Sholem Asch's book "The Romance of Jesus Christ."

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