

In and Around the Peninsula

Great Synagogue Ladies' Guild.

The Monthly Meeting was held on 5th September in the Synagogue Board Room. Mrs. I. Abrahams presided over a well attended gathering of ladies of the Congregation and their friends. The meeting opened with a prayer by Professor Rabbi Israel Abrahams. The Rabbi then read and interpreted Chapter IV of Genesis, pointing out the inner meaning and moral significance of the passage. An interesting discussion followed.

After the tea interval and the reading of various announcements, Mrs. L. Diamond reported on the arrangements in connection with the Synagogue Centre's forthcoming Simchat Torah Ball, and asked Guild members for their help on that occasion. As a result of a competition, with hand-knitted socks as the prize, Mrs. Fanny Levy, of Muizenberg, realised £10, which she asked the Guild to disburse, £5 was allocated to the S.A. Jewish War Appeal and £5 to the Red Cross. The winner of the socks was Mrs. Frances Levy, 2 Melrose Mansions, Muizenberg.

The next meeting will take place on the third Tuesday in October (17th) at 2.45 p.m. As this is not the usual day of the month on which the Guild meets, ladies of the Congregation are kindly requested to make special note of the date.

Rabbi Abrahams Addresses University Students.

Professor Rabbi I. Abrahams gave the third lecture of his series to the Jewish residents on Thursday, 14th September. His subject, by request, was "The Origin of the Hebrew Scriptures." The lecturer described the traditional viewpoint as recorded in the Talmud, Josephus and the second Book of the Maccabees. He then explained the Higher critical standpoint and showed that, though it had thrown much light on the history and interpretation of the Bible, it was yet in many respects totally unscientific and left us with a decided debit side which was increased by the extensive popularisation that the critical theories had received. Finally, Professor Abrahams dealt with the more recent trends in biblical interpretation based on archaeological discoveries and researches into the general literature of the Orient. The lecture was followed by a most interesting discussion that ranged over many topics of both a philosophical and religious nature.

Gardens Talmudical Society.

A very interesting function took place on 13th September at the residence of Rev. and Mrs. S. Kassel, when the Sefer Torah presented by Mr. Altschul to the Talmudical Society of the Great Synagogue was accepted by the Executive officers. A very representative gathering was present and Mr. D. Rechtman presided. Rabbi I. Abrahams sent apologies for his absence.

Amongst the speakers were Rabbis Mirvish and Morgenstern, Dr. C. Resnekov, Mr. Friedland, Rev. N. Cohen and Rev. S. Kassel; they all emphasised the great love of learning which has been so characteristic of Mr. Altschul and the profound influence the name of Altschul has had in communal circles. A very enjoyable evening was spent and the gathering expressed great appreciation for the hospitality of Rev. and Mrs. Kassel.

Union of Jewish Women.

The monthly members' meeting took place at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday, September 12th. Mrs. Rose Movsovic was in the chair and apologised for the absence of Mrs. S. R. Sloman, who was indisposed and therefore unable to report on the Johannesburg Conference of the Jewish War Appeal.

During the past month the activities of the Union had included the usual duties at the Mayor's Garden Canteen and the Soldiers' Club. Street collections had been convened in aid of Norwegian Relief Fund, Holland Week, Children of France, and the Invalid Children's Aid Society. A very successful stall was convened by Mrs. Engers and Mrs. Van de Kar for the Holland Clothing and Relief Fund and £170 was raised.

Mrs. D. Harris spoke to the members on the coming Victory Fete which will be held in the City Hall on December 12th and the Mannequin Parade which will be held on December 15th. The proceeds of the Mannequin Parade will be divided between the Jewish War Appeal and the Gifts and Comforts Fund. Mrs. L. Frank reminded members that the Union would run a miscellaneous stall in Adderley Street on November 3rd in aid of Children's Day and that the Children's Day Concert would also take place on this date.

After tea Mrs. Movsovic introduced the speaker, Rabbi Dr. M. C. Weiler, who chose as his subject the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He spoke eloquently on the work and the aspirations of the University. He said that the University had succeeded in becoming a lighthouse for Judaism and that its work in providing cultural facilities and help for the Jews in Palestine had a significance for Jews throughout the world. Mrs. H. Blumberg proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker.

Vredehoek Women's Mizrahi Association.

The inaugural meeting was held on Tuesday afternoon, 5th September, at the residence of Mrs. J. Talberg, "Herzlia," Yeoville Road, Vredehoek. Mrs. A. Kirzner was in the chair and expressed great satisfaction at the interest displayed by the women of the district; she hoped their labours would be appropriately rewarded.

Mrs. Maissel, Chairlady of the Mizrahi Executive, welcomed the new Society and then addressed the gathering on the definition of the word "Mizrahi." Miss Freda Rabinowitz rendered two piano items which were greatly appreciated by all. Mrs. Berzack, Chairlady of the Cape Town Mizrahi Association, extended a hearty welcome to the sister branch, and wished them success in all their endeavours.

The following Committee was elected: Chairlady, Mrs. B. Broide; Vice-Chairladies, Mesdames B. Goodman and A. Gottschalk; Secretary, Mrs. L. Lifson; Treasurer, Mrs. E. Lifson; Committee members, Mesdames M. Shorkend, M. Freed, H. Reingold and J. Jankelowitz.

Histadruth Ivrit.

A Sicha on "New Tendencies in Hebrew Literature" took place at the Moadon on Sunday, 10th September, and was well attended. Mr. Z. Avin initiated the Sicha over which Mr. M. Ben Arie presided. A number of those present participated.

J.N.F. Bazaar at Sea Point.

The following are the results of the competitions in connection with the J.N.F. Bazaar held at the Sea Point Town Hall on 9th August: Bottle whisky, Mrs. L. Segal; bed jacket, Mrs. Sass; set of pots, Mrs. Ayres; basket of flowers, Mrs. R. Cohen; Madeira tealoth, Mrs. Spiro; turkey and two suitcases, Mrs. Isaacs; bag, Mrs. R. Klein; glace fruit, Mr. Wilk; bottle whisky, Mrs. Levy.

Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrahi Association.

A very successful afternoon took place on Thursday, 7th September, at the residence of Mrs. P. Marks, 27 Avenue Le Sueur, Sea Point, in aid of the Yomtov Market. Thanks are extended to Mrs. Bernitz, Normandie Grove, Avenue Normandie, Sea Point, for donating an article for competition, which was won by Mrs. R. Robinson, Sea Point.

Cape Hebrew Helping Hand Association.

The Secretary of the above Association acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the sum of £10 from the estate of the late E. C. Mankowitz.

Jewish Sick Relief Society.

At the first meeting of the newly elected Committee Mr. Hermann Cohen was elected President, Mr. N. Bloch, Vice-President, and Mr. C. Sher, Hon. Treasurer. Mr. Sol Schach has been appointed Honorary Life Member, not Mr. M. Schach as reported last week.

Great Synagogue Special Friday Services.

To-night (Friday), 22nd September, Rabbi Abrahams will commence a short but comprehensive series of history talks. Each address will be complete in itself and deal with a specific period of our history. But the talks will be linked together in regular sequence so as to give a complete bird's eye view of the story of our people. Special emphasis will be laid on the deeper significance of the outstanding trends and events of Jewish history. The rest of the service will remain as heretofore.

Durbanville Hebrew Congregation.

The annual general meeting was held at the Synagogue on Tuesday, 12th September, at 8 p.m., with Mr. H. Emdin in the chair. The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, Mr. H. Schus; Treasurer, Mr. S. Swerling; Secretary, Mr. N. Scher; Committee, Messrs. H. Emdin, C. Lipschitz, H. Sacks, J. Eisen, M. Scher and J. Scher.

Bible Reading in Jewish Home.

The chapters to be read during the week commencing Saturday, 23rd September (6th Tishri) are Isaiah 37 to 43.

Social & Personal

The marriage between Anne, daughter of the late Mr. Benzion S. Hersch, to Joe, both of Johannesburg, will take place on 1st October, at 11 a.m. at the Wolmarans Synagogue, Johannesburg. No cards.

The engagement is announced of Max, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Sachar, of Cape and Eileen, youngest daughter of Mrs. R. L. Stein and the late Mr. A. L. Lichtenberg, Johannesburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rabinowitz, of W... are being congratulated on the birth of a...

Lieut. and Mrs. H. L. (Bertie) Stern are congratulated on the birth of a daughter.

Forthcoming Events

Ort-Oze General Meeting.

The first General Meeting of the South Ort-Oze (Cape) will take place at the Hall on Sunday morning, 1st October, at 10 a.m. All members and intending members cordially invited to be present. Dr. L. ... will be in the chair and reports on the ... of the Ort and the Vocational Guidance ... will be presented.

Histadruth Ivrit.

A Sicha will take place at the Moadon on Friday, 24th September, at 8 p.m. All ... speaking people are welcome.

A Succoth Chagiga will be held at the Hall on Wednesday, 4th October, at 8 p.m. A very interesting programme is being arranged.

Massadah Association of Vredehoek.

A meeting of the Study Circle will be held on Friday, 22nd September, at 8.30 p.m. at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. Sebba, 96 Maynard Street. The subject for discussion will be, "Are the Jews a Nation?"

Sea Point Massadah Association.

Dr. Louis P. Bosman, M.P., will address the next meeting on Monday, 25th instant, at 8 p.m., at Millroy Hotel, Three Anchor Bay. Subject: "Post-War Problems of Jewry." All are welcome.

A Wizo evening was held by the Women's Zionist League (Wizo) at the residence of Mrs. J. Rabinowitz on 5th September. The sale of home-made pastry and cheese brought in by Mrs. Weinberg and D. Levin swelled the funds of the event.

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