

## Habonim (S.A.) Western Province.

There were well over 100 campers at the Annual Western Province Habonim Camp held on Mr. Hodes' Farm, Simonidium between the 24th December to the 4th of January. Throughout camp a very high standard of discipline and gadget-making was maintained. Both the Bonim and Bonot tents were situated in the shady oak groves at the farm, near the Berg River. Mr. Sollinger (Piepschen) was the Rosh Hamahane and Mr. J. Bloom (Yo-Yo) was the quartermaster. One of the most gratifying aspects of this year's camp was the excellent health which campers enjoyed from beginning to end, as well as the true Habonim spirit which prevailed at all functions and camp fires. The Kashrut officer and Minyan convenor was Eddie Bloch. The traditional shul, one of the most attractive gadgets of camp, was again built this year. The Friday night and Saturday morning services were most impressive and enjoyed by all campers. These services were conducted by Harold Levetan, Hymie Perkin, Rubin Goodman, Mosie Silbert with the help of an excellent choir, which compared very favourably with any pukka shul choir.

Sunday, 31st December, was visitors' day. In spite of the difficulties of conveyance there was a very large number of visitors. From the comments it was obvious that they were very well impressed by the camp and its spirit. A number of them remained there for the camp fire at night. Monday, 1st January, was Roks' Day, a day during which the camp is run entirely by the Roshei Kvutzot. Jack Schneider acted as the Rosh Hamahane. The day passed without any hitches and was, in general, even an improvement on Roks' Day last year.

There was a noted increase of cultural work this year. In addition to the lectures on scouting, there was a lecture on "The Constitution of Palestine" and on "The Kibutz in Palestine." This lecture was followed by a competition in the construction of model Kibutzim. All the models were of a very high standard and displayed an intimate knowledge of the structure of the Kibutz. The best models were made by the girls and the Paarl Gedud. On Wednesday night the last camp fire of this year's camp was followed by a treasure hunt, ending in a midnight feast. The following morning campers rose early to prepare the camp for breaking-up.

There was a very impressive closing ceremony. In remembrance of the late Doc. Volly the flag was lowered gradually and with solemnity. A vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. and Mrs. Hodes and Mr. and Mrs. Mofsson for their faithful assistance with camp. Prizes were presented by Piepschen to the following Bonim and Bonot: best girl Kvutza, Hilda Shapiro; best Bonothok, Edna Heneck; best Bonah, Hilda Way-

nick. Darom: Best Kvutza, Israel Glick; best Rok, Jack Berman; best Bonah, Victor Reiser. Tzafon: Winning Kvutza and best Rok, R. Goodman (Puppit); best Bonah, A. Hoffman.

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