

# in and Around the Peninsula

## Union of Jewish Women.

"At Home" to all members and workers of the Victory Fair and Mannequin Parade given at the Zionist Hall last Tuesday evening. The guest speaker was Miss Marcia Gitlin, who recently returned from Palestine. The opportunity was also taken to welcome Miss Sally Kussel, the newly-appointed Executive Secretary of the Union of Jewish Women Headquarters.

M. Levitas presided. She welcomed a number of visitors and new members as well as representatives from societies. Mrs. H. Broide gave the monthly financial statement.

P. M. Clouts made an appeal for support for the War Appeal and urged members to promote their canvassing for donations.

Levitas submitted the Executive's recommendation that £1,000 be contributed to the War Appeal from Union funds. This was ratified.

Levitas reported on a period of great activity. The Union participated regularly at the Women's Club and Mayor's Garden. They had canvassed to take an interest in Astra and were making regular hospital visits. The Winderberg Creche and Soup Kitchen were receiving continued support and they had participated in a number of street collections. Contributions were sent to the Hebrew University and the League. A letter was read from the Union bursary holder at the Haifa Nautical Club.

Levitas announced that it had been recommended that the Union set up a sub-committee under its aegis to establish a number of Hebrew gardens in the Peninsula.

D. Harris reported on the Fair that had been held at the City Hall last December. As a result, she thanked all who had helped to make the event an unqualified success.

C. Raphaely reported in detail on the Mannequin Parade which was held on 15th December. It was also announced that a series of War Shops were contemplated and the first of these, a flower shop, would be opened at Samson's premises in Burg Street, and would be under the patronage of Mrs. Raphaely.

President then introduced Miss Sally Kussel very warmly and stressed the good fortune of the Union in having appointed a person so well versed in Jewish, civic and governmental affairs. Miss Kussel in her reply appreciated the tone of encouragement given to her. She congratulated the Cape Town Union on their splendid work and stressed the great need there would be among the Jewish people for post-war reconstruction and security workers. She felt that homes, national and social questions were discussed and have the right influence on their children. Miss Marcia Gitlin took as the subject of her address "Palestine in War and in Peace." At the outset she congratulated Miss Kussel on her appointment and also congratulated the Union Headquarters on their happy choice of an Executive Secretary.

Miss Gitlin spoke of the work she had seen at the Hebrew University where she had also spent some time in Dr. Adler's laboratory which was endowed by the U.J.W. It was a laboratory where research was being watched by scientists abroad. It was so right that there should be a Hebrew University on Mount Scopus, as it stood out as a symbol of the Jewish moral claim to Palestine—the symbol of the home-coming of the Jewish people.

Palestine is the place where past and present meet together and give one the feeling of unity and continuity. Zionism was not just another movement, but the natural development coming from the past. In the field of Humanities something was being done in Jewish life, research of great value was being conducted, and a new conception of equality, freedom and the dignity of labour evolved.

Palestine one was conscious of the new culture, but the highest manifestation of it was through the soil itself. The war had brought people to Palestine and among them were men from all parts of the Allied world. Many came away deeply impressed with what they had seen, particularly with the life in the rural and social settlements. The Jewish people offered real hospitality to visiting troops, and of whom made real and lasting friendships.

Miss Gitlin then spoke of the work done by the Magen David Adom and of the Haifa Nautical Club where numbers of our men were trained and who joined the Royal Navy. Palestine made provisions of food supplies and medicines. Industrially the country developed very quickly. She hoped that the Jewish effort would become recognised at the close of the war and they would not remain "the forgotten ally."

Mrs. Sperber proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Gitlin.

## J.W.A. Flower Shop.

The Union of Jewish Women are opening a Flower Shop at Sam Newman's, 30 Burg St., on Friday, 23rd March. Cut flowers, novelties, etc., will be obtainable every Tuesday and Friday mornings. Deliveries will be undertaken to all suburbs and all proceeds will go to the War Appeal.

## Green and Sea Point Wizo Circle.

Members of the Circle met on 7th March at the residence of Mrs. A. Feitelberg. Mrs. F. Winoker read an interesting paper on Achad Ha'an, members participating in the discussion which ensued. Mrs. J. Penkin gave an exhaustive news commentary, which covered practically every phase of Jewish life. A reading from Maurice Samuel's "The World of Sholom Aleichem" terminated an interesting meeting.

Members are reminded that the next meeting takes place on Wednesday, 21st March, at the home of Mrs. A. Feitelberg, 66 Kloof Road, Sea Point, at 10.30 a.m.

## Sea Point Massadah Association.

At a meeting held at the Craigmore Hotel on Monday evening, 12th March, Mr. S. Belfort of the Press Gallery, Parliament, was the guest speaker. In a very informative address, he traced the position of South African Jewry relative to party politics in South Africa, and showed that although anti-Semitism was supposed to be confined to the Nationalist Party, it was, in fact, prevalent in every party. He deplored the complacency of South African Jewry, and stated that they would largely be to blame for any future unpleasantness that may arise. He stressed that Jewish Members of Parliament were doing much more towards improving the position than they were receiving credit for, and that, in his opinion, they were doing very fine work.

In response to a request, Mr. A. Goldberg, M.P., who was present, addressed the meeting briefly. He stated that when Jewish questions arose in Parliament all the Jewish Members of Parliament united to refute any accusations, and that personal contact with non-Jewish members of the House was a very important aspect of their work.

## Vredehoek Women's Mizrahi Association.

A meeting took place on Tuesday afternoon, 6th March, at the residence of Mrs. J. Jankelowitz. Mrs. H. Broide was in the chair. She took the opportunity of thanking her hard working Committee for their untiring efforts for the concert, which proved to be an overwhelming success.

An appeal for more knitted garments and second-hand clothes was made, and the response was very gratifying.

Mr. R. B. Egert then addressed the gathering on "Forgotten Claims." He stressed the fact that the Mizrahi had one of the finest reasons for wanting Palestine as our National Home—the religious claim—a claim that was very often forgotten by Zionists when making demands to Britain. His lecture proved most interesting and elucidating and he was thanked by the Chairlady.

A pair of stockings, kindly donated by the hostess, was won by Mrs. Sher. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Mrs. S. Jankelowitz for her very warm hospitality.

## Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrahi Organisation.

A highly successful concert was held by the Vredehoek Branch on 4th March. The artists included Messrs. J. Meyerowitz, A. Liff, I. Patz, Bonim of Gedud Tel-Hai, members of Hapoel Hamizrachi, Cape Town, Misses R. Rabinowitz, D. Lazar, R. Freidman, Mr. Patz, Mrs. Charlaff, pupils of Rosalyn Vilensky School of Dancing.

The comperes were Mr. B. Carden. There were approximately 500 people present and the concert proved a financial as well as a social success. Mr. J. O. Markovitz, Chairman of the Men's Mizrahi, moved a vote of thanks to the artists and to the organisers.

A Purim Bring and Buy Sale was held by the Sea Point Branch on 26th February at Sea Point. A large variety of Purim delicacies were on sale and this function proved a huge success.

## Muizenberg-Kalk Bay Hebrew School.

On Wednesday evening, 28th March, the pupils of the School were entertained at a traditional "Purim Seuda" at the Talmud Torah Hall. Mr. E. Levite, the Principal of the School, addressed the children on the subject of Purim. The children performed a Purim Spiel very ably. "Homen-

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Hyman Bress, the talented young Jewish violinist, who is to perform with the Cape Town Municipal Orchestra under the direction of Dr. Wm. J. Pickerill at the City Hall on Saturday evening, 31st March.

## Social & Personal.

The engagement is announced of Esther (Essie), daughter of Mr. E. Gordon and the late Mrs. Gordon, of Bulawayo, to Lazarus (Lasé), only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Salber of Muizenberg.

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Mr. and Mrs. Zvi Lipkin (nee Rhoda Gesundheit) of Jerusalem are being congratulated on the birth of a son.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hanson (nee Maisie Schnapps) are being congratulated on the birth of a son.

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Mr. and Mrs. Israel Yankelowitz (nee Jessie Singer) are being congratulated on the birth of a son.

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Mr. and Mrs. N. Glaser (nee Bessie Yutar) are being congratulated on the birth of a son.

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Tashen" were served, and the children sang Purim songs. A most enjoyable evening was spent by the many parents present.

## Muizenberg Jewish Ladies' Sewing Circle.

The competition for the bedjacket organised by Mrs. Perkins of Johannesburg, was won by Mrs. Nurick, 32a 10th Avenue, Mayfair. The wool was donated by Mrs. Lehrman and knitted by Mrs. Kritz, both of Sirrel Mansions, Alexander Road, Muizenberg.

A meeting was held by the Worcester Wizo on 6th March, at Mrs. W. Heller's residence. After welcoming the ladies, the Chairlady paid tribute to the late Henrietta Szold.

Instead of holding a rummage sale as decided, all clothing is being collected for relief in Europe.

Miss Joyce Volks was proposed as a member and accepted.

## CAPE MIZRACHI ORGANISATION.

### A LITERARY EVENING

will be held under the auspices of the Combined Mizrahi Societies in the ZIONIST HALL.

on Sunday, 18th March, at 8.15 p.m. sharp.

DR. A. BIRNBAUM will speak on his experiences in Palestine.

MR. M. ARONSON will report on the S.A. Mizrahi Conference held recently in Johannesburg.

MR. G. LADEN will read his original Jewish compositions.

Musical Items will be rendered.

ALL WELCOME.