

IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA.

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Barmitzvah Celebration.

The Barmitzvah of Percy, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Bruss, was celebrated at the Wynberg Hebrew Communal Hall on Sunday, 21st October. A large gathering of friends was present to offer felicitations. Mr. S. Galloon presided. The toast of the Barmitzvah was proposed by Rabbi Dr. Kirzner, followed by Messrs. A. M. Matz, Chairman of the Congregation, S. M. Kaplan, Vice-chairman, I. Zimman, Chairman of the Hebrew School, Rev. Ch. Gordon and Mr. Z. A. Lison. The Barmitzvah suitably responded.

In the course of the evening his parents announced the inscription of the Barmitzvah in the Sefer Ha-Barmitzvah, and the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kavnat, Rugley Road, Cape Town, inscribed him in the Golden Book.

Zionist Socialist Party.

A Chaverim evening was held on Friday, 19th October, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. Decker, 15 Kensington Crescent, Oranjezicht.

Mr. Leo Tager in reviewing the recent World Zionist Conference, stated that there was no doubt that Ben Gurion was the most forceful personality who had the confidence of the Yishuv. He also reviewed the World Conference of the Zionist Socialist Party held at the same time in London. He deplored the efforts which had been made in certain quarters at this critical juncture to reintroduce political strife with bitterness when unity of purpose among all sections of South African Zionism was of paramount importance. His address was followed by discussion among those present.

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Mr. Tager addressed the Sea Point Branch on Wednesday, 17th October, in the Talmud Torah Hall, Sea Point (Mr. K. Zabow presided), and the Vredehoek Branch at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. Glick, "Kadimah," Vredehoek Avenue, on Sunday, 21st October (Mr. H. Benson presided).

Muizenberg Jewish Ladies' Society.

The report of the annual General Meeting of the above Society was published last week inadvertently under the heading "Muizenberg Jewish Ladies' Sewing Circle."

Correction.

In the report of Mr. L. Tager's address to the Zionist Conversazione, published last week, his reference to American Jewry was inadequately reported. It should have read "American Jewry was not prepared to discharge the function of serving as the centre of Jewish life, notwithstanding its ability to do so."

Jewish Sick Relief Society.

The Secretary of the Jewish Sick Relief Society gratefully acknowledges the sum of £1,071 8s. 7d. bequeathed to the Society by the late Mr. Harry Bernitz.

Sefer Haya'el Inscription.

At the Bris Melah of the infant son of Dr. and Mrs. B. Swil, the name of the child was inscribed in the Sefer Haya'el by his grandfather, Mr. J. Swil.

Chevrah Ein Yaakov.

A large gathering of members and supporters attended Shabbos Service and a Brocho reception after service arranged by the Chevrah Ein Yaakov at the New Hebrew Congregation, Roeland Street, Cape Town, on Saturday, the annual Shabbos of the Chevrah, 20th October. The President of the congregation, Mr. L. Kantor, was in the chair and extended a hearty welcome to all present. After refreshments were served addresses were delivered by the Magid Hashiur, Rev. I. Hoffman, Mr. I. Shuel, Rabbi M. Morgenstern and Rabbi Dr. E. W. Kirzner.

Relief Parcels to Europe.

Parcels via the J.D.C. in Teheran can be sent to Lithuania, Latvia, Poland and Russia through the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies. Parcels can be sent direct to individuals in Russia and Poland, but not Lithuania and Latvia.

THANKS

LEVINTOSH.—Miss Fay Levintosh thanks all relatives, friends, directors and staff, Woolworths, Cape Town, St. John Cape Town Nursing Division, S.A.W.A.S. Central, doctors and nurses, Groote Schuur B1 and C7 Wards for their kindness to her during her illness.

New Hebrew Congregation.**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

There was a large attendance of members of the New Hebrew Congregation at the annual General Meeting held on Sunday, 21st October. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from the Hon. Life President, Adv. M. Alexander, K.C., M.P., and from the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. S. R. Back.

The president, Mr. L. Kantor, in delivering the annual report gave a detailed account of the committee's activities for the last ten months. He said that it was his main ambition to promote mutual understanding and good relationship between the congregations concerned and its spiritual leaders. Although he was confronted with obstacles which he did not anticipate, he however did not spare his time and energy to find some reasonable compromise or solution to this unhappy and unhealthy state. He regretted that he was not at this juncture in a position to report any favourable result, but he did not give up the hope of seeing in this town a strong and united Jewish community.

Referring to the affairs of the congregation, he expressed his pleasure at the substantial increase in membership and at the sound financial position. He congratulated members on their devotion to the congregation which was shown in a very practical manner, and expressed the hope that this will continue in the future. The Chairman thanked the hon. treasurer and committee for their whole-hearted co-operation in every sphere of the committee's activities. He paid tribute to the various activities of the Rabbi, commended the secretary and his assistant for the good work done by them, expressed his and the committee's good wishes for a speedy recovery to good health to the second Chazan, Rev. D. Friedgood, praised the work of the beadle, and then dealt at length with the fine services rendered in the synagogue by the newly appointed Chazon Rishon, Mr. P. Braitman, who attracted worshippers in a most satisfactory manner. The conscientious and well planned work of the choir-master, Mr. W. Sher, and the excellent performances of the entire choir were highly appreciated by the committee and members. The Chairman thanked on his and the committee's behalf the Ladies' Guild for their numerous activities for the benefit of the congregation and community. He concluded by thanking the auditor, Mr. H. Geft, B.Com. He then moved the adoption of the income and expenditure account and balance sheet which was carried unanimously.

Mr. I. Shuel was elected hon. life committee member. The following Executive and Committee were elected: Mr. L. Kantor, President; Mr. L. Klein, Vice-president; Mr. S. R. Back, Hon. Treasurer; Mr. W. Beinart, Asst. Hon. Treasurer; Mr. H. Lifson, Director of Funerals; Committee: Messrs. I. L. Back, L. Leiserowitz, J. Cohen, E. Dick and H. Brauds.

LISTS OF SURVIVORS

Several lists of Jewish survivors in Camp Bergen-Belsen have been received at the office of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies, 413 Security Buildings, Exchange Place, Cape Town.

At the general meeting of the Stellenbosch Branch of the Union of Jewish Women held at the Talmud Torah Hall on 2nd October, the following executive and committee were elected: Mrs. M. Horwitz, Chairlady; Mrs. P. Tollman, Vice-chairlady; Mrs. A. Geffen, Hon. Treasurer; Mrs. N. Osrin, Hon. Secretary; Committee: Mesdames, J. Carp, F. Zetler, B. Spiro, L. Perel, I. Goldberg, H. Gelb, H. Senitzky, I. Javetz, B. Marcus. The new executive and committee are resolved to increase their activity for the coming year as well as to create a greater interest in cultural work.

The branch records with deep regret the passing of three of its older members, Mrs. Zetler and Mrs. Polonsky, and Mrs. Greenstein of Muizenberg, a past chairlady of the society.

At the September meeting, Rev. Paktor delivered an inspiring address on the Yom Tovim and his talk was of great interest to all.

With Rev. Paktor and the Zionist Society an Oneg Succoth was arranged. Hebrew poems were recited by pupils of the Talmud Torah and songs were sung. Mr. Katz, a visitor, gave an interesting talk on his impressions and experiences in Palestine and the Middle East while he was on active service. An article was read by Mr. M. Lazarow. Rev. Paktor spoke on "Succoth." Mr. A. Senitzky proposed the vote of thanks to those responsible for the function.

CHILDREN'S CHAGIGAH AT WYNBERG.

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same purpose in South Africa and would result at every Chagigah. Mr. Gitlin added that the flag had arrived at a most critical time; obstacles were being placed in the path of the Jewish land and the Jewish people, but with resolve and determination to carry out the aims of the Zionist movement would be realised. This Degel Yerushalayim would give inspiration to the schools and South African Jewry as a whole to increase its efforts on behalf of the Keren Kayemeth. By their ever increasing efforts the Jewish people would eventually be deemed through the Keren Kayemeth L.

PRIZE AWARDS.

Mr. Bitnun then called upon Mrs. E. H. one of the Vice-Chairmen of the Western Province Jewish National Fund Executive, to present prizes to the winners in the various competitions. The following were the results:—

Relay race: 1, United Hebrew Schools, Muizenberg; 3, Maitland.

75 Yards (under 13): 1, Gerald Shapiro, Muizenberg; 2, Wynne M. Rigal, United Hebrew Schools; 3, Harold Berger, Maitland.

100 Yards (over 13): 1, Samuel Jaffe, Hebrew Schools; 2, Raoul Barenblatt, Strand; 3, Leslie Mair, Cape Town.

100 Yards (under 13): 1, Wynne M. Rigal, United Hebrew Schools; 2, Gerald Shapiro, Muizenberg; 3, Sedrick Mandelbaum, Oranjezicht.

A special word of thanks is due to members of the Habonim Council, led by Mr. W. S. who were in charge of the sports, and also to the Special Chagigah Committee of the J.N.F. Executive consisting of Mr. I. Bitnun (Convener), E. Heneck, Misses R. Kramer, C. Lampe, Rabinowitz and R. Resnick, Dr. A. Birnbaum, Messrs. J. Blesovsky and R. Egert.

Bloemfontein Hebrew Speaking Circle.

Dr. D. W. Senator delivered an interesting Hebrew lecture on the Hebrew University and various faculties, especially the Institute of Jewish Studies, on Friday, 19th October, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Berger. Mr. M. zinsky presided over a large audience.

A keen discussion followed in which the following participated: Dr. M. Block, Mrs. Hildesman and Messrs. D. Davidson, E. Chien and W. Wolozinsky.

Rev. D. B. Kuperberg rendered two Hebrew songs. Rabbi Dr. M. Romm thanked the host and Dr. M. Block proposed a vote of thanks to the host and hostess.

A cable addressed to Labow Kiva Bros, Town, has been received by the Russian Consulate from Chatzkel Bertha Sabeshof, Leningrad. Tents of cable may be obtained from the Jewish Chronicle, P.O. Box 2000, Cape Town.

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