

## In and Around the Peninsula

### Bnoth Zion Association.

A very successful social was held by the Vredehoek Branch at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. I. Kurgan, 3 Rugley Road, Vredehoek, on Wednesday evening, 31st October.

The Chairlady, Mrs. Victor Friedman, welcomed the many visitors present.

Mr. Issy Fatz rendered some most enjoyable songs; Miss Banks accompanied him, after which she entertained the gathering with a few Hebrew songs on the piano.

Mr. Z. Avin delivered a most interesting address in Yiddish which was very much appreciated by all present. Mr. G. Ladén entertained the gathering with some of his witty Jewish monologues.

Mrs. Ch. Cohen, Hon. Life President, thanked Mr. Avin for his excellent address, and Mrs. Goldberg thanked the host and hostess for their generous hospitality.

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A monthly members' meeting of the Tamboers Kloof branch was held on Monday, 29th October, at the residence of Mrs. G. Sive, 25 Burnside Road. The guest speaker was Mrs. M. Epstein who gave a very vital resume of the growth of Zionism, which was much appreciated by all present. Mrs. Epstein also gave some very helpful ideas on programmes for meetings.

A box of chocolates was raffled and won by Mrs. Epstein.

Mrs. Jacob, in the chair, thanked the speaker for her very interesting address and Mrs. Sive, the hostess.

### Massadah Association of Sea Point.

"The British policy towards Palestine is justifiable under present conditions" was the subject of a debate at a meeting held on Monday, 5th November, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Barron, of Sea Point. Mr. H. Israelstam moved the motion and Mr. H. Joffe seconded it. Mr. H. Faclier opposed the motion and Mr. I. Gilinsky supported him.

A lively discussion followed from the floor in which practically everyone participated. The motion was put to the vote and was lost by a very large majority. The meeting closed after a vote of thanks was moved by Mr. A. Hanson to the host and hostess.

### Goodwood Zionist Society.

The first annual General Meeting was held in the Communal Hall on 25th October. In the absence of Mrs. Ezer, Mrs. Selikowitz presided.

Mrs. R. Bloch, the secretary, presented the annual report, revealing a year of successful financial and social activities. Cultural evenings were held at various homes when guest speakers addressed the gathering and special thanks were recorded to Miss Marcia Gitlin for her instructive address on "Progress in recent years in Eretz Israel." During the year £135 was donated to the J.N.F. and on the occasion of Dr. Weizmann's 70th birthday the Society inscribed his name in the Golden Book. Sewing circles were held by the Society regularly once a week when members pro-

vided their own material for garments and 100 articles of clothing have been sent to the Bnoth Zion. The Society has also collected funds for the Jewish War Appeal and the J.N.F. collection in the area was very successful.

The guest speaker at the meeting was Mr. S. M. Levin, who congratulated the Society on their excellent progress in their first year of existence, which he pointed out had commenced in time of war and ended in time of peace. He spoke eloquently on the great tasks which confronted all Jewry in their present struggle and their hopes of the realisation of a National Home in Palestine.

The election of office-bearers resulted as follows: Chairman, Mrs. B. Freedman; Vice-chairman, Mrs. I. Selikowitz; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. B. Rabinowitz; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. R. Bloch and Mr. M. Lewin; Committee: Mesdames Dorogow, Lewin, Rubin, Kagan, Richman, Wolman and Mallach.

### Bellville-Parow Women's Zionist Society.

At an informal members' meeting, held at the residence of Mrs. A. Noves, Alexander Road, Parow, on Monday, 5th November, the Acting Chairlady, Mrs. I. Kaplan, welcomed the guest speaker, Mrs. M. Epstein, Convener of the Sea Point Wizo and Cultural Society. Mrs. Epstein's interesting talk on the beginning of the history of Zionism was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

### New Hebrew Congregation Ladies' Guild.

Members spent a very enjoyable afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Kirzner, 4 Curtis Street, Gardens, on Monday, 5th November. The attendance was excellent. Aspects of various activities were discussed and suggestions adopted for carrying on the important work regularly.

### S.A. Jewish War Appeal—Women's Campaign.

The following are the winners in the nylon stocking competition: 1st, Mrs. L. Gordon; 2nd Mrs. Acutt; 3rd, Mrs. L. Koopman.

The sellers of the largest number of tickets were Mrs. D. Chanock and Mrs. S. Jacobson.

### Claremont Jewish Youth Guild.

There was a large attendance at the first meeting of the above Society held at Claremont Talmud Torah Hall on 4th November. The meeting started with a beetle drive, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Captain Ralph Rechtman delivered an interesting and instructive talk on the various sections of Jewry he had met in North Africa. Refreshments were then served and dancing took place.

## שבת

Sabbath commences on 9th November at 7.1 p.m. and ends on 10th November at 7.48 p.m. Portion of Law: Toldoth Yitzchak, Genesis, chapters 25 to 28. Haftorah: Maso Dvar, Malachi chapter 1.

## Bible Reading in Jewish Home.

The chapters to be read during the week commencing 10th November (5th Kislev) are Exodus 35 to 40.

## A BIBLICAL PAGEANT.



Mrs. Rose V. Kahn, Wardrobe Mistress to Biblical Pageant. Mrs. Kahn has rendered invaluable services in securing materials for costumes.



Mrs. Evelyn Wallace, Hon. Organiser of the Pageant.

## Zionist Conversazioni

### ADV. G. GORDON ON "THE DANGERS OF FASCISM IN S. AFRICA"

Adv. G. Gordon gave an interesting address "The Dangers of Fascism in South Africa" Conversazione at the Zionist Hall on Monday night. Mr. J. M. Weinreich was in the chair.

Mr. Gordon said that his own definition of Fascism was "a system of government which violent means denies both political freedom and economic progress to all except a select few." In Great Britain there was one of the best examples of political freedom that had ever existed anywhere in the world; this was the greatest contribution she had made to civilisation. As regards economic progress, ever, Britain had been static for generations. Labour Government was now paying lip service to the doctrines of economic progress but these had to be put into effect. In the U.S.S.R. compared with conditions under the Czar, there was economic progress, but there was no political freedom.

In a Fascist state violence was used to deny both political freedom and economic progress. This was what had happened in Germany, where government was built up which was totalitarian. This meant an absolute blind worship of the Führer and the establishment of the "Fuehrerprinzip." Italy was strongly socialistic before the war. When lip service was paid to the slogan of socialism, there was a danger of the masses being led to Fascism which worked in two ways—negatively and positively. Fascism was only a term; it existed before Mussolini even in democratic countries.

Fascism issued a myth by which it could emotionally appeal to the masses. In Germany it was race superiority, in Italy the resurgence of the Roman empire, in Japan the divinity of the Emperor. The most dangerous myth as far as the Jews were concerned was that of race purity. The seeds of the danger were present in Africa in laws regulating the lives of the Europeans. It was easy to adopt the measures for other sections of the population, the machinery already existed. Anti-semitism a useful source of inspiration for the Nazis. Nazi Germany was a model. In South Africa there was a mass of phobias. There was the fear of the black menace; there was a "colour problem" and a "Jewish problem." It was feared that violent methods would be used to deny democratic rights. The Labour Party in South Africa stood for an aristocracy of white men. Sections of the United Party were anti-semitic. Mussolini had built up a corporate state with slogans of socialism. Fascist Italy was based on the theories of syndicalism; it had a semblance of socialism but was really capitalism divorced from all democratic rights.

The trick of the Fascist regime was to push one group against another. In South Africa there was a division already and the soil was fertile for Fascism. There was a danger of the masses being dragged into Fascism by socialist slogans. The only answer to this was to push democracy forward. It was worth; to stand up for the rights of all to make democracy a living thing. We must not, however, lose our sense of perspective. South Africa would be conditioned largely by what happened in Europe and America, but within the limits of our own capacity we must dedicate ourselves not to a moribund democracy but to a live democracy which cherishes freedom for all.

Messrs. B. Mirvish, H. Turok, B. Rosen, Kagan and B. Hoffman took part in the discussion, to which Mr. Gordon replied.

## CORRECTION.

In the report of S.A. Zionist Youth Conference under the heading "Habonim and Politics" a resolution moved by Mr. G. Wilk was withdrawn. It was agreed that the Moatzah and representatives of the Youth Council should meet at the Conference. The resolution was not put forward as a recommendation as stated.

A very successful bring and buy sale was held by the Paa'fi Wizo Group on Sunday, November 4th. The Chairlady, Mrs. J. Friedman, presided over a very representative gathering, thanking the donors for the splendid help and co-operation. Mrs. Gross of Cape Town, after a brief but interesting address, opened the sale of work. The Paa'fi Youth Society ably helped with the morning tea. The sum of £165 was realised. Thanks are due to the Committee and helpers for their work in making the sale a success.