

In and Around the Peninsula

Bnoth Zion Association.

A very enjoyable and well-attended meeting of the Gardens Branch was held at the residence of Mrs. Tocker, "Bertham Villa," Virginia Avenue, Gardens, on Tuesday evening, 11th December. Rabbi Morgenstern spoke on "Chanukah and its Significance for To-day." Mrs. Stella Salkow delighted the audience with her rendering of Yiddish songs, and Miss M. Bank with her piano-forte solos.

The meeting was extremely well attended and marked the close of the session of the Gardens Branch for 1945.

Zionist Socialist Party.

At a meeting of the Sea Point Branch, held on Thursday, 13th December, Mr. K. Zabow presided.

Mr. Moshe Baumgarten said that the end of the war marked a new epoch in Zionist history. The reaction of the Yishuv to the present crisis was fundamentally different from the despondency which seemed to be the prevalent mood amongst Zionists in South Africa as a result of Mr. Bevin's statement. This despairing mood was due to the fact that in the past Zionism here had been based mainly on fund-raising activities.

He dealt extensively with the reasons which made Palestine the only anchor for broken European Jewry. The crowning blow to the martyrdom of European Jewry had been dealt to it not by the Nazis, whose proclaimed policy was one of extermination, but by the Allies, who, seven months after V-E Day kept Jewry behind barbed wire.

Our reply to Bevin was to use all and every method to get more Jews into Palestine. The blow was heavy but would be borne with fortitude and determination by the Yishuv, which would outlive Bevin and the policy expounded by him.

The so-called Arab problem was largely fomented by the British, and were both sections left alone he was confident that they would live together in harmony.

Labour was the predominating factor in Zionism because it had been responsible for the constructive achievements in building what we had so far attained.

The Zionist Socialist Party in South Africa should intensify its efforts in the direction of making South African Jewry politically conscious. A personal Zionism which implied the immigration of South African Jews to Palestine would be the logical result of this policy.

Mr. Baumgarten's address was followed by discussion and questions.

Mr. Moshe Baumgarten addressed a very well-attended meeting of the Cape Town (Central) Branch at the Oneg Shabbat held on Friday, 14th December, at the Zionist Hall.

A large gathering of youth was present, many of whom participated in the discussions.

Cultural Evening at Wynberg.

At the Cultural Evening of the combined Wynberg Branch of the Bnoth Zion and the Zionist Society, which took place on Tuesday, 11th December, a film evening was held in the Communal Hall. The films shown, "A Day in Daganian" and "They Find a Home," proved both informative and interesting and were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The Chairlady, Mrs. Berelowitz, introduced the speaker, Cantor A. Immerman, whose talk on "The contribution of Eretz Israel to the Galuth" was most interesting. During the interval tea was served, and books of Jewish interest which were on sale proved a popular diversion. Mr. Feinberg proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker and also to Mrs. A. Shapiro and Mr. H. Rubin,

who so largely contributed to the success of the evening.

S.A. Ort-Oze (Cape).

Dr. L. Mirvish presided over a meeting of the Executive Committee of the S.A. Ort-Oze (Cape) on 19th December, when three visitors were welcomed and reported about Ort activities in other centres.

Capt. H. Freund said that in its endeavours to assist Jewish boys and girls into productive occupations the South African Ort had in the past concentrated on industries and trades. Now there were possibilities to widen Ort activities to include agriculture. On the one hand Vocational Guidance Bureaux had received applications from Jewish youths and ex-soldiers who wanted to take up farming, and on the other hand there were numerous vacancies for trained workers and managers on farms, Jewish and otherwise, in various parts of the country. Ort wanted to assist in opening up farming as a livelihood for Jewish boys and girls so inclined, and the Cape Town Committee was asked to consider supporting a scheme whereby a large farm in the Standerton area had been purchased to be developed as a training and farming centre for the South African Jewish community.

Mr. J. Glasser of the S.A. Ort Utility Company, himself a farmer, answered questions on the scheme and Dr. Neumark of the University of the Witwatersrand, who is in charge of agricultural instruction to the farm trainees, outlined the work done so far and its opportunities for the future of Jewish Youth.

After discussion it was unanimously decided to support the scheme and plans were drawn up to acquaint the Cape public more fully on its progress and possibilities.

Forum Luncheon.

The last Forum Luncheon of the present session was held on Wednesday, 19th December, when Major A. Z. Berman was the guest speaker.

Major Berman chose as his subject "Nazis I have met" and dealt not so much with the individual type as with the characteristics of the members of this group. He said that he had found in the course of his work as an interrogation officer for the Allied forces, in Italy and elsewhere, that very few of the Germans were dyed-in-the-wool Nazis; the majority were merely talking puppets who parrot-like repeated slogans and propaganda phrases on which they had been fed. Their ability to think or to speak as rational human being had been killed by this diet of propaganda. Many of them had been led to believe, and when taken still believed, that the plight of the world was due to Jewish domination and some were even of the opinion, knowing full well that Germany would lose the war, that post-war Germany would come under Jewish influence. One noticeable feature had been that invariably after a few days of captivity their ego had been sorely deflated and the captive was no longer the arrogant swashbuckler of a few days earlier. This led Major Berman to the conclusion that it would need a great deal of re-education to again make the German nation a people that it should be.

Mr. Arthur E. Abrahams proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker.

The next Luncheon of the Forum will take place on Wednesday, 6th February.

Great Synagogue Ladies' Guild.

At the first meeting of the newly-formed Committee of the Great Synagogue Ladies' Guild, held at the residence of Mrs. I. Abrahams on 10th December, the following ladies were elected to the Executive Committee:—

Chairman, Mrs. I. Abrahams; Vice-Chairmen, Mrs. M. Atkins, Mrs. B. Shwer; Treasurer, Mrs. A. Diamond; Secretary, Mrs. J. Friedman; Asst. Secretary, Mrs. J. Kotzen. Conveners: Knitting Circle, Mrs. S. Blusger; Sewing, Mrs. L. Roy. Representative, Synagogue Centre: Mrs. Y. Landsman. Teas, Mrs. I. Goldberg, Mrs. G. Benson, Mrs. S. Lemonsky, Mrs. A. Nurok.

Social & Personal.

Dr. Rahel Klompus, a member of the Palestine Executive, who is on her way to the Argentine in the interests of Wizo, has arrived in Cape Town, where she will spend several weeks.

Dr. A. Rosenfeld, General Secretary of the Brith Irith Olamith, has arrived in Cape Town on his way to the Argentine.

The engagement is announced of Anita, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Bader, of Krugersdorp, and Bennie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kessler, of Oranjezicht, Cape Town.

The marriage took place on Thursday, 20th December, at the Muizenberg Synagogue, of Rivkah, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Heyman, to David Vivian, second son of Dr. and Mrs. C. Resnekov.

The marriage of Anne Esther, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. Perkin, of Cape Town, to William (Willie) Bedil, of Johannesburg, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bedil, will be solemnised at the Vredehoek Synagogue on Sunday, 30th December, at 11.15 a.m.

Relatives Sought.

The Editor,
S.A. Jewish Chronicle,
Sir,

I am an ex-resident of Vilna, Poland. At present I am living in Florence, Italy.

I am looking for a relation of mine in South Africa, but I do not remember his name. When I was a child this relation of ours came on a visit to Vilna, from South Africa. It was between the years 1930-1932. His age was then about 48-50 years, and he was unmarried.

My name is Chaie Gorvitch. I am the daughter of Meyer and Ethel Gorvitch, and we lived in Vilna, at No. 44, Gellini Street. My father, Meyer Gorvitch, was born in Kotluyke, near Vilna. The name of his parents are Jacob and Bessie. My father had 12 sisters.

I trust that these details will enable you to trace my relations, and thank you in anticipation. —Yours, etc.,

GAIE GORVITCH.

Will anyone able to furnish any information concerning the following persons kindly communicate with the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies, Box 1180, Johannesburg, or call at 4th floor, Commercial House, Room 42, 124, Fox Street, Johannesburg, Phone 22-7369.

Alperowitz, Israel—sought by Ezekiel Jasqui.
Bacher, Karel, formerly of Springs.
Berger, Malka, born Salit—sought by A. Salit, Lodz.

Blumenthal, Mrs, late husband's name, Leibe—sought by Liebe Miller.

Dykman, Abel, and daughter Cila—sought by Estera Dykman.

Kantor, J., last address Claremont, C.P.—sought by Faivel Srulewitch and R. S. Rabin.

Kaftalowicz, Dr. Isak—sought by Zenia and Chana Schnipeliska.

Kacev, Alter, from Aniksht—sought by El Kaplan.

Kaplan, Hirsch and Michel—sought by El. Kaplan, Levin, Chatzkel—sought by Pnina Levin.

Press, Elic, Taylor—sought by cousin, Liebe Miller.

Rabinowitz, Hirshl and Cale—sought by Leizer Cuvian, Lodz.

Shiffman, P.—sought by Sara Fait and Josef and Sara Shiffman.

Shour, Michel.

Will anyone knowing the whereabouts of any of the following kindly communicate with the Relatives Department of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies, 413, Security Buildings, Exchange Place, Cape Town (Telephone 2-5066).

Julius Isak (Isaacs), believed to be in Cape Town—sought by Cypra Szczycka (daughter of Ida Szczycki, of Dzuloscyn, Poland), now a refugee in Sweden.

Afrain and Frida Sapiro, believed to have arrived in Cape Town from Riga in 1930—sought by nephew, Abraso Sapiro, now a refugee in Prague.

Bible Reading in Jewish Home.

The chapters to be read during the week commencing December 29th (25th Teveth) are Numbers 15 to 21.

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