

## In and Around the Peninsula

### Bnoth Zion Association.

The Annual General Meeting of the Tamboers Kloof Branch was held at the residence of Mrs. Meltzer, 36, Warren Street, on Monday, 11th March.

Mrs. Jacob was in the chair and welcomed Mrs. H. Lieberman and Mrs. Joan Comay, the guest speaker. The last session saw the tail-end of the war, she said, and we hoped this year would be one of reconstruction and peace, and the up-building of Palestine. She expressed her satisfaction at the Branch's progress during the year and thanked members for their co-operation.

Mrs. Rabkin read the financial statement, which showed a record year. Mrs. Blumberg, in moving the report, hoped the incoming Committee would relieve the older members of some of the responsibility. Mrs. Sakinofsky seconded. Mrs. Ackerman gave an encouraging report of Wizo activities.

The following Committee was then elected: Chairlady, Mrs. A. V. Jacob; Vice-Chairladies, Mrs. Blumberg and Mrs. J. Reading; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Simson; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. M. Rabkin; Committee: Mesdames Oppenheim, Gordon, Zuckerman, Sive, Sakinofsky, Helman, Meltzer and Simonson.

Mrs. Lieberman, on behalf of the Central Executive, welcomed the new Committee and wished the Branch every success. She urged the Branch to make every effort in the Keren Hayesod Campaign. After tea a presentation was made to Mrs. Rabkin of ten trees on the occasion of her son's marriage.

Mrs. Joan Comay gave a very absorbing talk on her experiences in and impressions of Palestine.

Mrs. Jacob thanked Mrs. Comay and wished her every happiness in her future home in Palestine. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mrs. Meltzer, the hostess.

The stinkwood novelty prize in the competition run by the Vredehoek Branch for the J.N.F. has been won by Master Basil Shapiro, 25, Rugley Road, Vredehoek Estate. The winning number was No. 7713. The prize will be presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Branch, which is to be held on Thursday, 21st March, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Benson.

The Card Party organised by the Woodstock and Salt River Branch in aid of the J.N.F. was held in the local Communal Hall on Sunday evening, 17th March, and proved an outstanding success.

### United Hebrew Schools.

A very impressive service took place at the "Minyan Joseph" of the United Hebrew Schools on Saturday, 16th March, at which a very large gathering of pupils of all branches of the schools were present. The service was conducted by various pupils, as well as past-pupils.

During the service, Mr. Z. Avin, the Principal, addressed the children on the importance of the Minyan as part of the curriculum of the school, and he stressed the fact that the Minyan was 20 years old and that it carried the name of the founder, the late Mr. Joseph Homa. That day, the 13th of Adar, was the yahrzeit of Mr. Homa, and it was therefore fitting to remember the name of the man who did so much to put the school on to its modern footing. He asked the children to rise in memory of the deceased Principal.

After the service an Oneg Shabbat took place at the Zionist Hall, at which about 400 children packed the room. Mr. Louis Smith, a past-pupil of the school and the Chairman of the Minyan Joseph Committee, presided. Amongst those present were Mr. J. Gitlin, Chairman of the United Hebrew Schools, Dr. J. Harte, Chairman of the Education Committee, and Messrs. J. Bernstein, A. Aronson and L. Kantor, as well as the teaching staff and the Secretary, and many parents.

After Cantor A. Immerman had recited the Kiddush, Mr. Harry Bank, also a past-pupil of the school, addressed the children on the "Significance of Purim as a National Holiday." He traced the story of Purim, and related how it was celebrated in different periods of Jewish history as well as in Palestine at present, and stressed its importance as a national holiday.

Cantor Immerman then led the community singing. Mr. J. Bernstein, the Grand Old Man of the Committee, who was inscribed in the Golden Book by the pupils of the Talmud Torah, took the opportunity in a neat little speech of thanking the children for this very fine gesture.

During the course of the morning Judith Zinman recited a poem in connection with Purim, and the children of Sub-A Class of the afternoon school staged a little sketch under the direction of Miss Ruth Resnik, which was very much applauded. The children then partook of refreshments.

### Kowno Hebrew Friendly Society.

The annual Purim Evening and Dance took place at the Zionist Hall on Sunday, 17th March. There was a large gathering of members and friends, over which the President, Mr. H. Lifson, presided. In opening the function he welcomed all the guests present, particularly all the delegates of the other Friendly Societies.

Rabbi E. W. Kirzner, who proposed the toast of the Society, stressed the significance of Purim and its application in present days. He emphasised that in spite of the fact that the Society had its obligations and duties to fulfil towards its own members, it had widened its spheres by undertaking such tasks as rendering relief to fellow brethren in distressed parts of Europe.

Rev. S. H. Michelson proposed the toast of the kindred Societies. He appealed to the delegates of the various Societies to take an example from the various activities of the Kowno Society, whose fine record and splendid achievements are well known in Jewish circles. After a brief and eloquent address on the festival of Purim, he urged the other Societies to unite all their efforts and work in harmony with the Kowno Society, whose aims and objects are much similar to theirs.

Mr. P. Gordon, of the S.A. Hebrew Dividing Benefit Society, Mr. B. M. Hurwitz, of H.O.D. Lodge, and Mr. N. Berman, of the Sons of Israel Society, responded on behalf of their Societies and expressed their delight at being present.

The Vice-President, Mr. L. Kantor, who replied to the toast of the Society, paid fine tributes to the Secretary, Mr. H. Katzen, for his untiring efforts and great interest taken in the welfare of the Society. He thanked the Past Presidents and members of the Committee who were responsible for organising the function and providing the fine dinner which was served.

The Hon. Life President, Rev. N. Cohen, moved a hearty vote of thanks to the speakers and the delegates. He hoped that the innovation of having representatives of other Societies present at this function would further the relationship and the friendly understanding between all the other Jewish Societies.

Miss Rae Kantor delighted the guests with her fine singing of some Hebrew songs, which were much applauded. Dancing continued till a late hour.

### Beth Hamedrash Hachodosh.

A very enjoyable Purim Function under the auspices of the Youth Oneg Sabbath took place at the Beth Hamedrash Hechodosh, Vredehoek Avenue, on Sunday morning, 17th March.

Mrs. S. M. Averbuch presided over a large gathering of boys and girls, including a party of children from the Cape Jewish Orphanage, as well as adults, who were treated to well-laid tables with refreshments, admirably served by members of the Vredehoek Ladies' Guild. The Chairman, in the name of the Youth Oneg Sabbath, extended a hearty welcome to all present, while Mr. J. Talberg, on behalf of the Congregation, greeted the gathering, and in a few short remarks spoke with reference to Purim celebrations, compared the two Hamans of ancient time and modern; with praise and thanks to the Almighty, the Jewish people had overcome and survived both.

Rev. S. H. Michelson gave a most interesting address on the significance of Purim, drawing a parallel between our Festivals and other nations' Festivals, and the inspiration we can derive from them in our own time.

Cantor Immerman delighted the audience with beautiful Hebrew songs.

### Massadah Association of Rondebosch.

A very successful meeting was held on Monday, 11th March, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. Cohen. Mr. L. Berold was in the chair and introduced the speaker, Adv. L. Rubin, who recently returned from active service.

Mr. B. Gordon delivered a most interesting news service.

Adv. Rubin took as his subject "How Public Opinion is Created." He stressed the part that newspapers played in this sphere. Most people were influenced by the papers they read, and the mass of information poured out at the instance of certain groups who had the main interest in these newspapers was to put out to the public only what they themselves thought fit for the public to know.

He discussed the scientific approach to human behaviour, and stressed the importance of the stereotype and how valuable it was to the propagandist. He gave lucid examples of everyday stereotypes he had met. He warned the audience of undesirable propaganda which was being levelled unknowingly against the Jewish people; as we have been victims of seditious propaganda we are still exposed to its effects, and

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## Social & Personal.

The marriage will take place at the Gardens Synagogue on Tuesday, 26th March, at 4.30 p.m., of Leonard Henry, eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. B. Starfield, of Johannesburg, and Joan, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Sonnenberg, of Muizenberg.

The names of Rachel Tuch and Robert Röss were inscribed in the Golden Book by relatives on the occasion of their marriage, which took place on 10th March.

The engagement is announced of Lily, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Kellner, of Virginia Avenue, Cape Town, to Eddie Segall, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Segall, of Stellenbosch.

The engagement is announced of Ruth Clare, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Abrahams of Sea Point, to Elie, youngest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. I. Hurwitz, of Cape Town.

The engagement has been announced between Zelda, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Sher, of Bulawayo, and Barney, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miller, of Bellville.

Capt. Gershon Gitlin returned to Cape Town on Tuesday from Europe where he was seconded to the U.K. Forces.

To mark the occasion of the marriage of Renee Benson and Jack Levy, which took place on the 10th inst., the uncle of the bride, Mr. Harry Maisel, inscribed the names of the young couple in the Golden Book.

Mr. and Mrs. Solly Rechtman (nee Frieda Fogelman) are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Karpas, of Parow, are being congratulated on the birth of a son.

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A very interesting discussion took place, Mr. Rubin replying to the many questions asked. Mr. Charlaff proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker for his interesting address.

The Chairman expressed the thanks of the meeting to the host and hostess for their kind hospitality.

### Estate of Late Dr. H. W. Altschul.

Mr. I. V. Altschul, father of the late Dr. Heiman Woolf Altschul, has made donations out of the estate of his late son of £10 to each of the following institutions: Habonim; Dorshei Zion Association; the Cape Jewish Orphanage; the Hebrew Benevolent and Helping Hand Association; the United Hebrew Schools; the Cape Jewish Aged Home; the Jewish Sick Relief Society; the Cape Jewish Board of Guardians.

### Claremont Jewish Ladies' Benevolent Society.

The Annual General Election took place on Thursday, 7th March, at the Communal Hall, Grove Avenue, Claremont. The following were elected: Life President, Mrs. H. Gorfinkel; Chairlady (re-elected), Mrs. B. Katz; Vice-Chairlady, Mrs. S. Abramowitz; Secretary, Mrs. E. Adleman; Treasurer, Mrs. B. Beekman; Committee: Mesdames Luck, Roberts, Rubin, Greenblatt, Zeller, Tobias, Harris, Goodman and Shapiro.

It was approved that a gift be presented to the outgoing Treasurer, Mrs. Silber (absent through illness) in appreciation of her long and loyal services.

### Claremont Hebrew Congregation.

The annual general meeting was held on Wednesday, 27th February in the Talmud Torah Hall, Claremont.

Mr. S. Scher was in the chair and at the outset paid tribute to the memory of the late Adv. M. Alexander, K.C., M.P. and Dr. J. H. Hertz, Chief Rabbi of the British Empire.

In his review of activities, he said substantial progress had been made during the year under review; however, there was still a lot of room for improvement. He appealed to the community to take a greater interest in the affairs of the Congregation than hitherto. He said that he wished to place on record his thanks for the assistance given by his executive committee and to express sincere thanks to Rev. Szwarc on behalf

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