

Zionist Youth Activities.

Members of the **Muizenberg Y.I.S.** cast aside all political scruples and gladly entered into the spirit of a Mock Conference held on Sunday, 5th May. For purposes of "conference," members had been grouped in "parties" and "non-party groups," roughly in accordance with the relative numbers of the real groups at Conference. The gathering was opened by the Chairman, Mattie Cohen, who went on to read congratulatory telegrams received from prominent Zionist personalities. Then, despite strong protests from non-party societies, a political session was held. A Zionist Socialist motion calling for aid for progressive forces everywhere was passed by 18 votes to 16, but a U.Z.P. motion which aimed at the liquidation of the Galuth and consequent setting up of a Jewish State in Palestine could not survive the effects of a number of amendments. A feature of the debate on the Mizrahi recommendation of a religious basis for Zionist education was a number of speeches made in Hebrew. A non-party organisational motion was passed in a few clauses, the main effect of which was to provide for the establishment of the small group as a basis for Zionist work. Due to the lateness of the hour, no opposition was encountered by Hashomer Hatzair delegates, who advocated the establishment of an all-party Hachshara farm in the Cape during 1946.

A meeting of the **Hanoar Bialik** was held at the residence of C. B. Prisman, the chairman, on Friday, 26th April. Chaver Prisman delivered a lecture on "Why Palestine is the only National Home possible for the Jew." This was followed by a news survey by J. Daitsh. R. Judkowski then gave a lecture on "Education in Palestine" and disclosed many facts which could set an example to the South African educational system. After this the society relaxed into some general discussion and then adjourned. The society agreed to allow the committee to draw up a constitution before it left.

The Annual General Meeting of the **Woodstock-Salt River Z.Y.S.** was held at the Talmud Torah Hall, Woodstock, on 14th April. Colin Traub gave a very interesting talk on the Palestine Maritime League, after which the general election was held with Colin Traub presiding. The following committee was elected: J. Levin, Chairman; A. Merkel, M. Silber, L. Shumacher and A. Siedel.

FORTHCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES.

On Friday night, 10th May, an Oneg Shabbat will take place in the Minor Zionist Hall. It will take the form of a Brains Trust with prominent senior and youth speakers as the participants. All Zionist Youth are welcome.

Conference.

Conference will begin on Saturday, 10th May, at 8 p.m. Rabbi Israel Abrahams will officially open Conference. Next session starts 9.30 Sunday morning.

Gedud Tel Aviv.

Flannel Dance at the Claremont Talmud Torah Hall, Grove Avenue, on Sunday, 19th May.

Gedud Tel Yosef are holding a Grand Variety and Games Evening at the Old Shul, next to Gardens Synagogue, on Saturday night, 18th May, com-

Owing to pressure on space some "YOUTH ACTIVITIES" items have been held over until next week.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Navias and daughter Lillian of Muizenberg, desire through this medium to bid good-bye to their numerous friends whom they have been unable to see personally before their departure for their new home in Bloemfontein.

Forthcoming Events.

United Zionist Party (Western Province Branch).—Mr. B. Gering (Vice-Chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation and President of the United Zionist Party of South Africa) and Mr. H. M. Bloch, K.C., will address a public meeting of the Zionists of the Cape Peninsula on the forthcoming Congress elections on Monday, 13th May, at 8.15 p.m. at the Zionist Hall, Hope Street. Dr. I. M. Hurwitz will preside.

Claremont and Wynberg Zionist Society.—Mr. B. Gering (Vice-Chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation and President of the United Zionist Party of South Africa) will speak on the "Forthcoming Congress Elections" at a reception in his honour to be held at the Claremont Talmud Torah Hall, Grove Avenue, on Sunday, 12th May, at 8 p.m.

Union of Jewish Women.—The next monthly meeting of members will take place at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday, 14th inst., at 2.30 p.m.

Miss Sallie Kussel, the Organising Secretary of the Union of Jewish Women of South Africa, who recently returned from an extensive tour of the Union, will give an account of her work.

There will also be a discussion on the Questionnaire sent to members and their replies, and a report of the Interim Meeting of branches of the U.J.W. recently held at Bloemfontein will be given by Mrs. A. L. Movsovic and Mrs. H. Mandelbrote. Under the Civics section Mrs. Fanny Gross will give a talk on "The Incidence of Divorce." Members, visiting members and friends are urged to attend.

Combined Mizrahi Organisation.—Rabbi Ch. M. Bronroth, the acting Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv, will deliver an address at the Zionist Hall, Hope Street, Cape Town, on Wednesday, 15th May, at 8 p.m. All welcome.

Bnoth Zion Association.—The W.I.Z.O. meetings of the "Eleventh" branch will be held every Wednesday morning this month at the residence of Mrs. Allschwang, "Shangrila," Oak Avenue, Kenilworth, and not at the residence of Mrs. Nathan, as previously advertised.

Massadah Association of Rondebosch.—An important meeting will take place on the evening of Monday, 20th May, when Adv. J. Herbststein, K.C., will discuss the Anglo-American Report on Palestine. The venue will be announced later through the medium of this paper and by circular.

Oranjezicht Massadah.—The next function, a Symposium, will be held on Monday, 13th May, at 8.15 p.m. at the home of Misses E. and V. Turest. Members and friends welcome.

New Hebrew Congregation Ladies' Guild.—The next meeting will take place at the residence of Mrs. J. Yankelowitz, 63, Upper Mill Street, on Monday, 13th inst., at 2.30 p.m.

Woodstock and Salt River Tanach Circle.—A meeting will take place on Friday, 10th May, at 8 p.m. at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Seidel, 38, Hares Avenue, Woodstock. Rev. Baron will lecture on Amos, chapter 4.

Vredehoek Synagogue—Youth Oneg Sabbath.—Mr. R. B. Egert will be the speaker on Saturday, 11th May.

Muizenberg Chana Krikler's Tzodoka Society.—The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 14th May, at 2.30 p.m. at the Imperial Hotel, Alexander Road, Muizenberg. Hostess: Mrs. Kirschner, Jnr. Visitors, members and friends cordially invited.

J.N.F. Essay Competition.

Under the auspices of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive and the Education Sub-Committee of the Western Province Jewish National Fund Executive, a Youth Essay Competition has been arranged, consisting of the following sections:—

10 and under: Subject: What the J.N.F. does [10-15 lines].

13 and under: Subject: The importance of the J.N.F., or Fund-raising methods of the J.N.F. [about 20 lines].

15 and under: Subject: The importance of the J.N.F. in the up-building of the Jewish nation [about 30 lines].

16 and over: Subject: The ideology of the Jewish National Fund [no restriction].

The closing date of this competition is 30th June, and there is no entrance fee. Essays, which should be neatly written, can be sent to the Cape Zionist Youth Executive office, Chames Buildings, Barrack Street, Cape Town, or P.O. Box 1588. The manuscript should carry the name and age of the entrant.

There will be many prizes in each section, chiefly in book form. It is hoped that all Jewish youth will avail themselves of this opportunity to win a prize in a Zionist manner, while contributing to increased knowledge of the Keren Kayemeth and its aims.

On Monday last a Mock Trial was held by the **Paarl Women's Zionist Society, Literary Section**, at the residence of Mrs. J. Shoolman, Verster Street.

The presiding Judge was Mr. B. Zetler, with Mr. A. J. Volks as Public Prosecutor and Mr. M. Minitzer as Defending Counsel. The Court Orderly was Mrs. Ethel Marcus, and Mrs. A. Levy and Mrs. R. R. Kaplan acted as Assessors.

About sixteen accused pleaded not guilty, and their defence was most interesting and amusing.

The convenor of the Literary Section, Mrs. Levinsohn, thanked the hostesses, Mesdames J. Shoolman, E. Marcus, A. Davis and R. Kaplan, the Judge and the Defending and Prosecuting Counsel, and all the accused, who had helped to make the evening a very enjoyable and interesting one.

The **Worcester Study Circle Group** met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Brenner on Thursday, 2nd May.

After the Chairman, Mr. Wolpe, heartily welcomed all members and many visitors, he asked Rev. Stein to speak on the report of the Palestine Commission. Many members discussed and commented upon the different clauses of the report, but as time was limited it was decided to close the discussions, which will be continued at the next meeting.

Mr. B. Sacks spoke on "Some Aspects of the Release of Atomic Energy" and Mr. D. Shrand on "The British Empire," giving a brief outline of its history.

Questions were asked and a very interesting discussion followed.

A hearty vote of thanks to the speakers and host and hostess was moved by Dr. Sagor and seconded by Mr. Wolpe.

Bloemfontein Function.

As there have been insistent requests held on Wednesday evening, 17th April, in the Bloemfontein Communal Hall. The Hall was filled to capacity, and many of the public, who numbered close on 500, were compelled to stand.

The function was organised under the auspices of the Bloemfontein Zionist Socialist Party, the Jewish Cultural Circle and the Habonim Youth Movement. Mr. A. Lewis, who was in the chair, opened the function with a welcome, after the Habonim choir rendered an inspiring version of "Hatikvah."

Rabbi Dr. Romm gave an address on the significance of Passover, followed by kiddush by Rev. S. Hadassin. Later in the evening Rev. Hadassin recited the poem "Hamatmid" and also rendered a few Yiddish folk songs, with piano accompaniment by Miss A. Cartoon.

Mr. B. Levinsky gave an address in Yiddish, stressing the importance of Jewish culture in the Diaspora.

Further addresses were given by Mr. R. Berger and Mr. D. Davidson, appealing to the parents to equip their children with Hebrew education, and to make use of the local Cheder. Mr. Pencharz, Chairman of the O.F.S. Zionist Council, congratulated the organisers on the excellent evening, outlined the aims of Zionism in our present time, and pleaded for a combined effort of Zionist activities.

Mr. D. Cramer very impressively recited two poems, "The Homeless Child"—a poem composed in the ghetto of Shavel—and the "Mother," composed by A. Lev. The Habonim, in gay spirit, rendered some Hebrew songs and danced the Hora.

After the interval a Tableau was presented by Habonim, which was written by them and produced with the aid of Miss Doris Kimmel. The Tableau depicted the story of the Jewish people, since the exodus from Egypt till the building of Eretz Israel to-day. Music and singing in the background added in making a most impressive feature of the evening.

During the course of the evening the four "kashes" were asked and toasted. The first was given by Mr. Julie Lewis in a stimulating address on the new Jew in Eretz Israel. Later in the evening Mr. Lewis entertained the crowd with humorous impersonations and jokes.

The next toast, questioning the existence of a Jewish Culture, was answered with Bialik's poem "The Last Word," recited by Miss P. Friedland.

The third question, "Why Palestine?" was answered eloquently by Mr. Solly Harris, and the last toast, to Chalutzit, through the medium of the Tableau, was proposed at the end by Mr. Jack Fletcher.

Mr. E. Chien, cultural convenor of the Zionist Socialist Party, supervised the successful programme, and Mr. E. Baron very ably conducted the evening as Toast Master and announcer.

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