

## In and Around the Peninsula

### Bnoth Zion Association.

The monthly Wizo meeting of the Observatory-Mowbray Branch was held on Thursday, 18th July at the residence of Mrs. A. Tockar, Mowbray.

Mrs. C. Shapiro was in the chair, and welcomed the large number of members and friends present. She referred to the sudden death last month under tragic circumstances of Mrs. Minnie Saacks, who was a devoted and beloved executive member of this Branch for a number of years.

The Chairlady congratulated the members on their excellent effort for J.N.F. week, and particularly on the Rummage Sale which resulted in the gratifying sum of over £95. Mrs. Shapiro then outlined the proposed programme of activities for Wizo Month, and asked for the enthusiastic co-operation of all members in order to raise the quota expected of the Branch.

After the tea interval, Mrs. Harriet Levin gave an informal talk on "Life in Palestine to-day." In a most refreshing manner the speaker referred to many and varied aspects of Eretz Israel, and painted an intimate picture of the lives led by the majority of settlers and the more recent refugees.

Mrs. Levin briefly commented on the political situation, and emphasised that the acts of terrorism were instigated by a very small but unfortunately active band, and were deeply deplored by all official organisations.

The speaker referred in glowing terms to the wonderful Youth of Palestine, and also to the ideal relationship which exists between parents and children who of necessity are separated for many hours daily. She stressed the urgent need of the proposed new Mothercraft centre, in order to cope more adequately with present day requirements.

The Chairlady thanked Mrs. Levin for her absorbing talk, and expressed the hope that this Wizo Group would be privileged to hear more of her personal impressions of Palestine in the very near future.

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A most interest and enjoyable function was arranged for the members and friends of the Eleventh Branch on Monday, 22nd July, when a Cultural Afternoon was held at the residence of Mrs. J. Lewis.

Mr. S. M. Levin gave an account of his recent visit to Palestine and detailed the events culminating in the present critical position there. He stressed that no short address could fully convey the complex situation, but he described the feelings of Palestine Jewry when the Anglo-American Committee arrived and the feelings when their report was issued. He went on to emphasise the feeling of sustained tension at which Palestine Jewry were living. He concluded his remarks by stating that he was continually being asked to convey to South African Jews how welcome they were in Palestine and how eagerly Palestinians looked forward to more permanent South African Jewish settlers.

Mrs. Henry Harris proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker and to the hostess of the afternoon.

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At a committee meeting of the Gardens Branch held at the residence of Mrs. Reuben, 2, Maynard Street, Cape Town, it was announced that the competition for a large bottle of lavender for J.N.F. funds has been won by Mrs. Gersholowitz, 4, Avoca Villa, St. Quinton's Road (No. E.23449).

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The quarterly "At Home" of the Claremont-Rondebosch branch took place at the residence of Mrs. Hessen, Teddington Road, Rondebosch, on Thursday, 25th July.

The Chairlady, Mrs. Moss, extended a welcome to all ladies present, also to Mrs. Pimstone from the Oranje-

zicht branch. She announced that the sum of £800 up to date was collected for the Keren Hayesod by the Claremont branch. Mrs. Tuch read an interesting paper. After tea Mr. S. M. Levin delivered an address on "Palestine Jewry in These Critical Times." He gave a comprehensive and striking address, which created a deep impression. He stressed that the Jewish people in South Africa must not lose faith and must carry on in their attempts to achieve a Jewish State in Palestine.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks moved by Mrs. B. Freedman to the speaker and to the hostess.

### Cape Jewish Aged Home.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Cape Jewish Aged Home gratefully acknowledges a bequest of £428 11s. 6d. from the estate of the late Mr. Philip Satusky.

### Subscription Concert for J.W.A.

The first in the series of six subscription concerts arranged by Mr. Hans Kramer in aid of the S.A. Jewish War Appeal-Women's Campaign took place on Tuesday, 23rd July, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pinn, Avenue Normandie, Sea Point.

Helga Bassel and Hannes Uys, duo pianists, played music by Bach, Mozart, Chopin and Arensky. Alice Moolman, mezzo soprano, sang songs by Wolff, Grieg and Strauss, and by Cadman.

The three artists were warmly applauded by an appreciative audience. In moving a vote of thanks to the artists and the hostess, who provided delicious refreshments, Mr. Kramer announced the next concert would take place shortly and there were still a few season tickets available.

### Western Province Zionist Council.

At the first meeting of the newly appointed Western Province Zionist Council Dr. I. M. Hurwitz, one of the Vice-Chairmen, was appointed Acting Chairman during the absence in Eretz Israel of Mr. J. Gitlin. The other Vice-Chairmen are Messrs. H. M. Bloch and E. Kluk.

The following convenors of sub-committees were appointed: Political, Mr. H. M. Bloch; Information and Publicity, Mr. E. Charlaff; Organisation, Mr. A. Katz; Press, Dr. I. M. Hurwitz; Palestine Economic Affairs, Mr. J. O. Markovitz; Women's Societies, Mrs. F. Winokur.

### Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrahi Association.

The inaugural meeting of the Woodstock Branch of the above Association took place at the residence of Mrs. Kalminowitz, Booth Road, Woodstock. There was a large and enthusiastic attendance.

Rabbi Dr. E. W. Kirzner said it was their duty to build a strong Mizrahi organisation to strengthen the hands of those who had survived and to enable us to rebuild our homeland.

Mrs. E. Maissel, Chairlady of the Executive of the Association, outlined the aims and objects of the movement. Mrs. A. Kirzner, Hon. President of the Association, urged the need for women to organise themselves for the purpose of helping the work of building a truly Jewish homeland. Rev. Raran said that establishment of a strong Mizrahi was essential for the development of Judaism in this country.

The following Executive and Committee were elected: Chairlady, Mrs. Gans; Vice-Chairlady, Mrs. Baran; Treasurer, Mrs. R. Levin; Joint Secretaries, Mrs. Marcus and Mrs. E. Munitz. Committee: Mesdames A. Merkel, S. Marks, M. N. Marks, Kalminowitz, Munitz, Korodetz, Gross, Golshevsky, Davidowitz, Lipshitz, Berman, Katzeff, Kopelowitz.

Mrs. L. Berzack moved a vote of thanks to the hostess and the speakers.

### Kowno Hebrew Friendly Society.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society took place at the Zionist Hall on Wednesday, 24th July. There was a large attendance of members, over which the President, Mr. H. Lifson, presided. During the course of his Presidential Address, he briefly outlined the activities and progress of the Society during the past year and stressed the fact that, in spite of heavy expenditure, the Society has fulfilled its financial obligations towards the members, and also contributed towards local charitable institutions. He paid tributes to the committee for its efforts in maintaining the fine reputation which the Society enjoys. The Secretary, Mr. H. Katzen, then read the annual Income and Expenditure Accounts and Balance Sheet, which were unanimously adopted.

In order to proceed with the election of office-bearers and committee for the ensuing year, the Hon. Life President, Rev. N. Cohen, took over the chair from Mr. Lifson and called for nominations for the various offices, resulting as follows: President, Mr. L. Langman; Vice-President, Mr. N. Tobias; Treasurer, Mr. H. Lifson; Trustees, Messrs. I. Rosen and M. Goldberg. The Secretary, Mr. H. Katzen, was re-elected for the tenth time, and was warmly congratulated for his efficiency and devotion shown during the many years of his services in the Society. The following were elected to the Committee: Messrs. L. Kantor, S. Watkin, R. Milun, Ch. Schlosberg, L. Levin, J. Kantor, H. Bravo, Z. Musnick, H. Margolit, M. Levin and B. Ment.

The newly elected President, Mr. L. Langman, then took the chair, and in a short address thanked the members for the honour and confidence placed in him and congratulated the new Committee, which he hoped would devote much time to the progress and welfare of the Society.

### Massadah Association of Rondebosch.

On Monday night, 22nd July, Mr. S. M. Levin addressed the Massadah Association of Rondebosch at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. N. Cope. Mr. L. Berold was in the chair. Mr. Levin allowed himself more scope by not confining his subject within the boundaries of a title, and dealt most graphically with all the more important aspects pertaining to the present cultural and political life in the Yishuv. He stressed that, despite the present troubled times, our watchword for the future should lean towards a most justifiable optimism.

Owing to the imminence of Tisha B'Av, the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 14th August, and will take the form of a "Newspaper Evening," and all members will be expected to contribute towards its success. The venue will be the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Honikman, "Chatham," Oakhurst Avenue, Rondebosch.

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## Rabbi I. Abrahams.

At a pre-Conference committee meeting held in London, Prof. I. Abrahams, Chief Rabbi of the Cape Town Hebrew Congregation, was selected to read a paper on "Freedom" at the International Conference of Jews and Christians at Oxford from 30th July to 6th August.

Prof. Abrahams has been invited to preach in the Synagogue at Oxford during Conference week.

Prof. Abrahams has spent a week-end in Manchester. On his arrival he was met at the station by representatives of all institutions. He preached in the Great Synagogue (where he served for four years prior to coming to Cape Town) and attended a reception in his honour on the Sunday.

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### Society of Jews and Christians.

There was a very large attendance at the "Brains Trust" held at the Metropolitan Hall on Monday night.

Mr. A. Gordon Bagnall acted as question-master and those who took part in the discussions were Professor W. Hutt, Miss Sarah Goldblatt, Mr. Dudley R. D'Ewes, Rabbi Dr. A. T. Shrock, Mr. H. M. Bloch, K.C., and Dr. H. T. Simons.

Among the subjects discussed were whether the Jew were a race, a nation, a religion—or none of these; whether terrorism could ever be justified for securing political, racial or religious ends; Russia's attitude to the Jews; the advisability of making it illegal to libel a racial group as well as an individual, and whether it was good State policy to ban books on the ground that they attacked particular religious sects.

### Union of Jewish Women.

The Odeon Theatre, Sea Point, and the Curzon Theatre, Wynberg, were well filled on Monday night when Lester Cowan's presentation of Ernie Pyle's story of "G.I. Joe" was screened as a premiere under the auspices of the Union of Jewish Women, the total proceeds going towards the Hebrew University Hostel fund, which should benefit substantially.

The Committee desire to thank W.P. Cinemas (Pty.) Ltd. for the granting of the theatres and all those who helped to make the premiere a success.

### Function at Woodstock.

Under the combined auspices of the Woodstock and Salt River Cultural Circle, Woodstock-Salt River branch of the Bnoth Zion and Zionist Youth Society, a Herzl-Bialik Evening was held at the Talmud Torah Hall on Sunday evening. The guest speaker, Mr. Z. Avin, gave a most comprehensive talk on Herzl and Bialik, which was much appreciated.

Mr. A. J. Basker presided.

Mr. I. Merkel and Rev. E. Barron proposed a vote of thanks.

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